

24th Annual
Wisconsin American Indian Studies Summer Institute
July 27 – July 31, 2020 | Virtual Online Institute
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Initial Early Bird Registration Deadline is Friday, June 5, 2020 – REGISTER NOW

About the Summer Institute

The annual Wisconsin American Indian Studies Summer Institute is an active, highly participatory, week-long workshop designed to increase participants' understanding of issues related to the history, culture, and tribal sovereignty of the American Indian nations and tribal communities in Wisconsin.

The goals of the summer institute relate to both American Indian Studies and the education of Native American students. The summer institute aims to improve teaching and learning and to enrich student services, resulting in becoming more culturally responsive. Participants will learn how to adapt or develop new techniques best suited to their unique circumstances.

Who Should Attend

Anyone with a personal or professional interest in American Indian Studies and/or Native American education is welcome to attend. Past participants of previous summer institutes have included the following:

- District Administrators and Principals
- Classroom Teachers
- Curriculum Specialists, Directors of Instruction, and Library Media Specialists
- School Counselors, Social Workers, and Psychologists
- Cooperative Educational Service Agencies (CESAs) Administrators/Staff
- Tribal, Community, and School Liaisons (Home-School/Title VI/Johnson O'Malley Coordinators and Staff)
- Tribal Education Directors and Staff
- Head Start and Preschool Staff
- College and University (especially Schools of Education) Students, Faculty, and Staff

*****Any others with an interest in American Indian Studies and education of Native American students.**

Registration

All participants are required to [REGISTER](#). Registration includes printed materials related to American Indian Studies.

The initial early bird registration fee is \$100 per person if registered by **Friday, June 5, 2020**, early bird registration fee is \$125 if registered by **Wednesday, July 1, 2020**, and regular registration fee is \$150 if registered by **Monday, July 20, 2020** and \$200 post deadline registration.

Discounted group rates (3 or more) are also available. Contact Judy Ross at judyr@cesa12.org or 715-685-1837 if you have three or more people registering from the same district or organization to receive the discount code.

Due to the nature of this event, registrations for only a portion of the summer institute are not available. Space is limited, so please [REGISTER](#) early.

Note: This institute will meet statutory license stipulations for "Wisconsin American Indian Tribes and Bands", which is often referenced as Wisconsin Act 31. Individuals will need to attend each daily session during the summer institute along with completing additional instructional assignments.

Activities and Programming

Classroom sessions use a variety of teaching methods and provide opportunities for both presenters and participants to share information, resources, best practices, and model programs. Rich discussions allow everyone to share their insights and reactions.

Perhaps most importantly, participants will have the opportunity to work in small groups to develop an action plan to teach others what they have learned. Events will include a celebration of the relationships we have made and the things we have learned at the summer institute.

Staff and Presenters

Our staff and presenters come from a variety of academic and personal backgrounds. These individuals serve as resources and mentors, and they assist in facilitating daily small and large group sessions designed to help participants process what they have learned and develop an action plan that extends their learning to others.

Questions

Contact David O'Connor, American Indian Studies Consultant, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction at david.oconnor@dpi.wi.gov or (608) 267-2283 for questions about the summer institute programming.

Contact Judy Ross, Program Assistant III, CESA #12 at judy@cesa12.org or 715-685-1837 for assistance or issues with registration.

*Note: Refunds must be requested **in writing** before Monday, July 20, 2020. (A \$50 administrative fee will be deducted from the amount refunded. No refunds will be granted for non-attendees.)*

Agenda and Daily Activities (Tentative)

Monday, July 27, 2020 (9:00 am – 12:00 pm)

- Welcome, Opening, and Introductions
- American Indian Studies & Wisconsin Act 31
- Introduction to Wisconsin American Indian History, Culture, and Tribal Sovereignty
- Small Group Discussion

Tuesday, July 28, 2020 (9:00 am – 12:00 pm)

- Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa History and Culture
- Understanding Tribal Sovereignty
- Small Group Discussion

Wednesday, July 29, 2020 (9:00 am – 12:00 pm)

- Responsive Teaching for Self-Determination
- Small Group Discussion

Thursday, 30, 2020 (9:00 am – 12:00 pm)

- Development of Action Plan Statements and/or Related Project
- Other Follow-Up Activities

Friday, July 31, 2020 (9:00 am – 12:00 pm)

- Individual Presentations
- Small Group Discussion Sessions
- Closing and Next Steps

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Comments from Past Summer Institute Participants

“ . . . [T]he best educational experience I have had in a few years. . . . An awesome week of education. I look forward to seeing this institute go on, as an annual event, for many years and decades to come.” (1997)

“I plan to make the AISSI a yearly tradition.” (1998)

“Very worthwhile 5 days! I will advocate for and recommend the institute.” (1999)

*“All aspects of it were enjoyable and enlightening to us all. We will certainly recommend it to our colleagues. Thanks!”—
Team of Middle School Teachers (2000)*

“What an eye-opener! An experience I will long remember. I learned so much. Thank you.” (2001)

“Many of the things I experienced at the institute have not only impacted my professional endeavors but, moreover, my personal life has been positively transformed.” (2002)

“This is the only workshop/institute in which I’ve been immersed in the culture I’m learning about.” (2003)

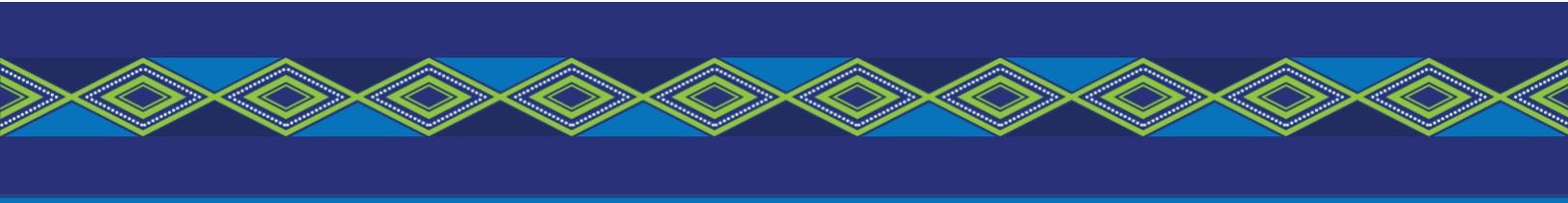
“. . . (D)efinitely one of the best classes in which I’ve participated! Authentic, accurate information was shared in non-threatening small and large group presentations. Additionally, this institute was a ‘minds-on,’ hands-on’ experience!” (2004)

“It was wonderful to see and experience everyone’s growth and change over this week. The projects were wonderful culminations of our learning. I can’t wait to go back and start my planning for the fall. Thank you for being a catalyst in my growth and change.” (2005)

“The most useful learning experience I’ve ever participated in during my 16-year professional career.” (2006)

“This was an incredible experience! It expanded my knowledge base on sovereignty, treaties, and Wisconsin statutes. It also increased my understanding and appreciation to examine my own attitudes, biases, and perspectives. I learned a lot about being a more sensitive, empathetic teacher. A great program!” (2007)

“I have gone to many, many conferences/workshops, etc. over many years and this is the best one to really educate—not just the mind, but the heart and soul. It is a true honor to be part of this experience and a phenomenal opportunity for learning growth and wisdom.” (2008)



Comments from Past Summer Institute Participants (continued)

"It contributed to my understanding of tribal culture that is directly related to my curriculum, personal interest and my community. The wide variety of activities and knowledgeable instructors made for an interactive and memorable experience. I especially loved my small group discussions and emphasis on sharing of resources." (2009)

"This experience was wonderful. I leave here with a lot more knowledge about culturally responsive, appropriate education. Sovereignty, . . . now I feel like I can explain it. All the staff members were so helpful and accepting and non-judgmental to our sometimes ignorant questions." (2010)

"Learned so much which added tremendously to my understanding of Native American culture, resources, food, etc. The more I can learn, the more I can share with others. Wonderful group of Native and non-Native participants and free atmosphere to ask questions I might otherwise have been hesitant to ask." (2011)

"I participated, listened, learned, and took notes! So many good minds come together at these Institutes, enrichment for pay it forward!" (2012)

"Thank you for all the info, community, guidance, and encouragement to continue the important work of educating our students and others in the community about the history and culture of all Wisconsin Indian Nations." (2013)

"Provided support & other resources & info to move towards my team goal. Thank you all again for such a great week! I won't forget many of the great things I've learned & people I've met." (2014)

"Love this institute! It is vital to keep it going! #20?" (2015)

"Excellent week. Great people, great resources!" (2016)

"I am so happy I came up here and took this class. It's helped me grow personally and professionally, and as an educator" (2017)

"A week to always remember..." (2018)

"A new learning opportunity each and every single day!" (2019)

