

The Quest

An Academic Institution Seeks
to Honor Native Americans



March 11 & 12, 2010

HOSTED BY MCMURRY UNIVERSITY
Abilene, Texas

Honoring Native Americans is organically important to McMurry University, reaching well beyond the issue of an athletic team mascot. This major symposium will explore how an academic institution, along with individuals who take seriously the respect and dignity due all persons, can appropriately honor Native American peoples and cultures.

Event Schedule

Thurs., March 11

- 5:30-7:00 p.m.** Registration-- Mabee Room, Campus Center
- 7:00 p.m.** Plenary Session
- 7:30 p.m.** Keynote Presentation
Social and Cultural Challenges—*Dr. Richard King*
- 8:30 p.m.** Small Group Discussions
- 9:30 p.m.** Adjourn

Fri., March 12

- 8:30 a.m.** Coffee and Opening Comments
- 9:00 a.m.** Keynote Presentation
Theological and Ecclesiastical Challenges—*Dr. Thom WhiteWolf Fassett*
- 10:00 a.m.** Small Group Discussions
- 11:00 a.m.** Keynote Presentation
Institutional Challenges for an Academic Institution—*Dr. Gordon Bronitsky*
- 12:00 noon**—Lunch on Your Own
- 1:15 p.m.** Small Group Discussions
- 2:30 p.m.** Panel Discussion--Including all presenters
- 3:30 p.m.** Wrap-Up

Conference Details

This event is hosted by McMurry University and is funded through donations. There is no registration fee; however, space is limited, so participants should register in advance. Meals on Thursday evening, March 11th and lunch on Friday, March 12th may be purchased on campus. For hotel accommodations, visit www.abilenevisitors.com.

Directions and Parking

McMurry University is located on the southwest corner of the South 14th and Sayles Blvd. intersection. The physical address is 1400 Sayles Blvd. The Garrison United Methodist Campus Center is located in the center of campus with access on Sayles Blvd. south of Radford Auditorium. For detailed directions, visit www.mcm.edu/newsite/web/enrollment/location.htm.

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Keynote Speakers



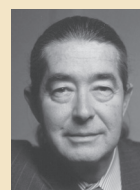
Dr. C. Richard King

A resident of Pullman, Washington, Dr. King is the chair of the Department of Comparative Ethnic Studies at Washington State University. He has conducted research and written extensively on the racial politics of culture, sport, and the Native American mascot controversy. He has written several books including *Team Spirits: The Native American Mascot Controversy*, *American Athletes in Sport and Society* and *The Encyclopedia of Native Americans and Sport*.



Dr. Gordon Bronitsky

A long-term resident of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Dr. Bronitsky was exposed early to the extraordinary richness and history of the indigenous peoples across the Southwest. He received a PhD in anthropology from the University of Arizona and his early research and explorations laid the foundation for his ongoing career and the establishment of Bronitsky and Associates, an international cultural marketing firm, with offices in Albuquerque and Breisach, Germany.



Dr. Thom WhiteWolf Fassett

As emeritus General Secretary of the International rights organization of the United Methodist Church, the General Board of Church and Society, Dr. Fassett works in the field of faith, politics and issues of justice. Among his many appointments, he served as Special Assistant to the United States Senate and House of Representatives conducting investigations into Federal/Indian policy. A resident of Hector, New York, Dr. Fassett is an internationally recognized champion of human and civil rights.

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