Ethnic Studies Colloquium Series

An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States
Book Release
Dr. Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz

October 29th, 3:30-5:00pm
Cross-Cultural Center Comunidad Room

Followed by a reception in the CCC Library
Copies of the book will be available for sale

Today, in the United States, there are more than five hundred federally recognized indigenous communities and nations comprising nearly three million people. These individuals are the descendants of the once fifteen million people who inhabited this land and are the subject of the latest book by noted historian and activist Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz. In An Indigenous Peoples’ History of the United States, Dunbar-Ortiz challenges the founding myth of the United States and shows how policy against indigenous peoples was genocidal and imperialist—designed to crush the original inhabitants. Spanning more than three hundred years, this classic bottom-up history significantly reframes how we view our past. Told from the viewpoint of the indigenous, it reveals how Native Americans, for centuries, actively resisted expansion of the US empire.

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