

The UC San Diego Department of Ethnic Studies Presents:

Jim Crow's Red Children: Tribal Self-Determination, Race, and Gender in a 20th-century Southeastern Native Community

Jacki Thompson Rand

Friday, December 2, 2016

3:00 – 4:30 pm

Cross-Cultural Center

Reception to follow

Jacki Thompson Rand will discuss her research on violence against Native women in the era of federal Self-Determination policy which promised American Indian tribes greater autonomy in governance. A cohort of visionary leaders ushered the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians out of abject poverty and racial oppression through a strategic exploitation of resources that came available under the War on Poverty and subsequent unflinching claim on new tribal powers during the Nixon administration. The 1970 rape and death of a Choctaw girl in Neshoba County, just outside the reservation border, establishes a point of reference for consideration of gender at the intersection of self-determinative governance, anti-tribalism, and race.

Jacki Thompson Rand (citizen, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma) is an Associate Professor of History at the University of Iowa. She also serves as the co-coordinator of the American Indian and Native Studies Program. Rand teaches courses in federal Indian law and policy, American Indian history, museum studies, and public history. Her research follows two paths. She is currently writing a book on violence against Native women in the self-determination era. Her work looks at the intersection of race, gender, and tribalism in the mid-20th century Deep South. She is also the faculty advisor to History Corps, a graduate student public history project, and PI for “Iowa Native Spaces: A Digital Mapping Project” which explores the movement of American Indian tribes through the Mid-West as a consequence of settler expansion and federal Indian policy.

