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Colloquium

From Henry Roe Cloud to Henry Cloud: Ho-Chunk Strategies and Colonialism

Friday, February 15, 2013
3:00- 4:30pm,
Social Sciences Building, room 107

Renya K. Ramirez

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Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

Renya K. Ramirez's talk examines the gendered settler colonial aspects of Henry Roe Cloud's relationship with his informally adoptive "mother," Mary Roe. It argues that Cloud, my Ho-Chunk grandfather, an intellectual, activist, and policy-maker, defied colonial reality by appropriating the white notion of the self-made man, and by relying upon his Ho-Chunk masculinity, his partnership with his wife, Elizabeth, his Christian identity, and Ho-Chunk-centric hubs. Henry Roe Cloud was a co-author of the Meriam Report of 1928, which documented socio-economic conditions of Indian country, and the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, which founded contemporary tribal governments.