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November

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH



NOVEMBER 5-9

MMIW Awareness Week



NOVEMBER 8

Anitta Lucchesi Lecture Mapping the Missing

4 - 5 p.m. • Farber Hall

Inspired by the Cheyenne concept of “netaevananova’htsemane” (which translates to, “let us recognize ourselves again”), Anitta Lucchesi is working to create a mapping tool that recognizes and honors the geographies in which missing and murdered Native women live and die.

“Hand-drawn maps have great potential to reflect our ways of knowing,” said Lucchesi in an interview with *Rewire.News*.

A recent example of this is a map Lucchesi created in preparation for the 2018 Women’s Marches. The map features an image of a ribbon skirt, often worn as sign of respect and honor among Native women, with names of missing and murdered indigenous women incorporated into the design of skirt.

Using mainstream technology, Lucchesi seeks to infuse the work of the Atlas of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls in the United States and Canada with Native ways of thinking or epistemologies that are guided by community needs.

A descendent of the Southern Cheyenne tribe, Lucchesi is all too familiar with the ways in which indiscriminate use and publication of such information can result in second-hand trauma for Native women. She hopes that the atlas will provide an indigenous perspective of the milieu surrounding and contributing to the high rates of missing and murdered Native women and girls and further empower communities to address the situation in their own ways.



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