**CALL FOR PAPERS**

**2nd Annual Native American Studies Graduate Student Symposium:**

**Weaving the Roots of Knowledge**

We are pleased to announce the 2nd Annual Native American Studies Graduate Student Symposium, to be held on the UC Davis campus on **April 26-27th, 2013**. We welcome proposals from all **current UC Davis and UC Berkeley graduate students** whose research critically addresses the issues, concerns, and lives of Indigenous peoples of the Americas (North and South).

This year’s theme is **“Weaving the Roots of Knowledge.”** Weaving can be understood as the interlacing of strands to form a texture, fabric, or design. With regards to Native American Studies and Indigenous research, some of the questions we seek to dialogue about throughout our two-day symposium include, but are not limited to: How and why do we weave knowledges together?; How and why do we interpret the complexities of narratives, textures, fabrics, and designs?, What knowledges are gained from interweaving disciplines, methodologies, and methods of research?, and when is it necessary to unweave narratives?

**UC Davis and UC Berkeley Graduate students from** **all disciplines** are encouraged to participate in this hemispheric dialogue. Papers should be in English and 12-15 minutes in length.

**Possible areas of interest may include:**

● Arts/Artists ● Structural Inequalities

● Colonization/Internal Colonization/Decolonization ● Survivance

● Community Development/Empowerment ● Teaching in Native American Studies (NAS)

● Critical Theory/Philosophy/Worldviews ● Tourism and Native Communities

● Culture/Language Preservations ● Animal Studies and NAS Intersections

● Histories ● Performance/Theater and NAS Intersections

● Indigenous Methodologies/Interpretative Frameworks ● Queer Theory and NAS Intersections

● Literatures ● Women/Gender and NAS Intersections

● Racial/physical/economic/political borders ● Creative expressions (Poetry readings, Art

● Representations in popular culture displays, performances, etc)

● Social medias/technologies ● **Other topics welcomed**

● Sovereignties/Autonomies

**Diverse presentation formats are encouraged:**

● Paper or oral presentations ● Workshops

● Roundtables or panels ● Showcasing creative work

**Submission forms** are available on the UC Davis NAS Grad Student website for the 2nd Annual Native American Studies Graduate Student Symposium:<http://ucdnasgrads.weebly.com/grad-symposium-13.html>**.**

Please **email your completed submission form** to NASGradSymposium@gmail.com by **February 8, 2013.** Questions or concerns may also be sent to the Symposium Committee.