

USM Summer Session  
Edward S. Muskie Institute of Public Service

**NATIVE AMERICANS, PUBLIC POLICY**  
**AND TRIBAL GOVERNANCE: THE**  
**MAINE EXPERIENCE**  
**PPM563/663**

**DESCRIPTION:**

The course is founded on an interdisciplinary approach to examine important issues surrounding Native American tribes in Maine as the 21st century approaches including sovereignty, economic development, cultural and language preservation, land and water rights health and social welfare. Concepts of "nation building" and leadership from tribal points of view will be central themes of the course. Additionally, students will focus in depth on the Maine experience of Native American tribes with particular attention paid to the issues of land claims settlement and tribal autonomy. The course will be taught by Dahlia Bradshaw Lyn and Donna M Loring, the Penobscot Nation's Representative to the Maine Legislature.

Class Schedule:

Week1: 6/29 & 7/1

Self-Determination and Nation Building in Indian Country

Week 2: 7/6 & 7/8

The Evolution of Federal and State Policy and Indian-White Relations

\*Shiela Sisulu, South Africa's Ambassador to the U.S

Week 3: 7/12 & 7/15

The Boundaries of Tribal Jurisdiction: The Land Claims Settlement Act of 1980

\* Timothy Woodcock, former Mayor of Bangor and Aide to Bill Cohen during the Land Claims Negotiations

Week 4: 7/20 & 7/ 22

Tribal Administration and Economic Development

\* MITSC (Maine Indian Tribal State Commission)

Week 5: 7/27 & 7/29

Cultural Foundations of Tribal Well-Being

\* Wayne Newall, former Legislator , a member of the Tribal Negotiations Team during the Land Claims and a spiritual leader of the Passamaquoddy Tribe.

Week 6: 8/3 & 8/5

Leadership in Indian Country

\* Tribal Chiefs (Penobscot, Passamaquoddy, Micmac and Maliseet)

Week 7: 8/10 & 8/12

Community and Organizational Capacity in Indian Nations:Future Directions

Text:

Jaimes, M "The State of Native America"

Vine De Loria Jr. "The Nations Within"

Other selected readings

\* Speakers are tentative

**To register for this course call  
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Aut 5h for Tribal Chiefs w USM

\* Thursday

4:00pm - 6:30 Class /  
Informal panel discussion

Leadership / issues  
experience vs looking / skills needed

reception 5-6:30pm

Additional Readings  
 Johnson, M. The State of Native America  
 Text:  
 Community Event on 8/12  
 Community and Organizational Capacity in Indian Affairs  
 Week 7: 8/10 & 8/12  
 Local Chiefs on 8/2  
 Leaders trip to Indian Country  
 Week 6: 8/3 & 8/5  
 7 year board on 7/29  
 Cultural Potentials of Tribal Web-Blogs  
 Week 5: 7/27 & 7/29  
 750 Commission on 7/23  
 and Administration and Economic Development  
 Week 4: 7/24 & 7/26  
 Weekly board on 7/24  
 Week 3: 7/17 & 7/19