In celebration of
CUNY Month & Native American Heritage Month
Welcome to CUNY Day at the
Smithsonian’s
National Museum of the American Indian in New York
Thursday, November 17, 2016

Timed activities open to all CUNY students, faculty, and alumni:
12:00 p.m. Welcome, John Haworth, Senior Executive NMAI-NY
12:15 p.m. Orientation Screening: MAI to NMAI: 100 Years
   A short film celebrating the centennial of the National Museum of the American Indian, its mission to present the diversity of the Native Peoples of the Americas, and the strength of their cultures from the earliest times to the present.
12:30 p.m. Tour: Overview of Building and Exhibitions: Unbound, Ceramica, and Infinity of Nations*
1:30 p.m. Keynote: Native Art in a New Light, associate curator of contemporary art, Kathleen Ash-Milby (Navajo) – w/ Q&A
2:15 p.m. Screening: Smoke Break, directed by Sally Kewayosh (Cree, Ojibwe) a thought provoking short film about Native identity and stereotypes. Q&A w/film & media specialist and CUNY alum Cynthia Benitez will follow.
3:00 p.m. Dabble in Drawing: Join us for an evening of drawing in the galleries! Led by teaching artist Donna Charging (Mandan/Hidatsa/Arikara and Eastern Shoshone) discover new ways of seeing through art as we explore our current exhibition, Unbound: Narrative Art of the Plains!
4:00 p.m. Orientation Screening: MAI to NMAI: 100 Years
   A short film celebrating the centennial of the National Museum of the American Indian, its mission to present the diversity of the Native Peoples of the Americas, and the strength of their cultures from the earliest times to the present.
4:15 p.m. Tour: Overview of Building, and Exhibition: Infinity of Nations*
5:00 p.m. Free Drawing time in the NMAI galleries
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6:00 p.m. Orientation Screening: MAI to NMAI: 100 Years
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6:30 p.m. Tour: Overview of Building, and Exhibition: Infinity of Nations*
7:00 p.m. Event concludes

*TOUR DESCRIPTIONS IN BRIEF
Building Tour: Explore the unique history, architecture, and exquisite beauty of the Alexander Hamilton U.S. Custom House.
Ceramica de los Ancestros Exhibition: Guided tour on the exceptional artistry of people from Belize to Panama.
Infinity of Nations Exhibition: Guided tour of over 700 masterworks of Native art & objects from NMAI’s remarkable collection.
Unbound Exhibition: Guided tour of the evolution of art forms from the Great Plains in Unbound: Narrative Art of the Plains.

Please RSVP for timed activities at NYRSVP@si.edu or 212-514-3750.

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