



## ***BCC History Department & Holocaust Center Hosts Crimes Against Humanity: A Conference on Native American Genocide***

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Fall River, MA** - Today the Bristol Community College's History Department and Holocaust Center announce that both organizations will be hosting a conference entitled *Crimes Against Humanity: A Conference of Native American Genocide*. It will be held on Friday, March 31st, 2017, beginning at 8:30AM and ending at 3PM, at the Jackson Art Center Auditorium. The campus address is 777 Elsbree Street, Fall River, MA 02720.

Coffee and pastries will be provided to begin, and the keynote address will be given by Columbia University Professor Dr. Karl Jacoby. This will be followed by *Native American Voices on Genocide: A Discussion Panel*, moderated by Newport Historical Society's Visiting Curator of Native American History, Michael J. Simpson. The panel will highlight several influential individuals from the region. They include;

- Nancy Brown-Garcia, Chair, New England Algonquian Indian Council
- Linda Coombs, Executive Director, Aquinnah Cultural Center
- Pamela Ellis, Tribal Historian & Genealogist, Natick Nipmuc Council
- Loren Spears, Executive Director, Tomaquag Museum
- Tall Oak Weeden, Mashantucket Pequot & Wampanoag

Following the panel, the conference will break for lunch, which can be purchased on campus in the cafeteria. After lunch, the Wampanoag Nation Singers and Dancers will perform Eastern social songs and dances to conclude the conference.

Learn more about the Holocaust Center here:

<http://www.bristol.mass.edu/academics/holocaustcenter/>

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