

**CRAZY HORSE MEMORIAL®: 2021 Talking Circle Speaker Series begins
June 3**



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Aaron White, pictured

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The Indian Museum of North America® of Crazy Horse Memorial® will be kicking off its annual Talking Circle Speaker Series in June. Speakers coming with a wide range of expertise will be giving presentations in the Mountain View Room at Crazy Horse Memorial® each Thursday at 6:30pm. The event will continue weekly until August 5. Below is speaker information for the month of June.

June 3 – Jessie Taken Alive-Rencountre (Hunkpapa Lakota)
Topic: Native Perspectives in Children's Literature

Jessie Taken Alive-Rencountre is an award-winning author of children's books. She holds a master's degree in Counseling and Human Resource Development from South Dakota State University and was inspired while working as a school counselor to write her first book, *Pet-a Shows Misun the Light*.

June 10 – Heather Bruegl (Oneida Nation)

Topic: The Fight for the Sacred: How the Black Hills were Stolen and the Fight to Get Them Back

Heather Bruegl is a historian, lecturer, and Director of Cultural Affairs for the Stockbridge-Munsee Community. She holds a master's degree in History and Political Science from Madonna University. Her speaking engagements have taken place in numerous places across the United States and she is currently researching and writing a book.

June 17 – Aaron White (Northern Ute and Diné)

Topic: The History and Culture of the Native American Flute through Stories

Aaron White is an award winning Native American Flute maker and lecturer on the history and culture of the flute. He has entertained audiences for over 25 years and has performed alongside many notable musicians including Jackson Browne, John Densmore of The Doors, Bruce Cockburn, Taj Mahal and others.

June 24 – Dr. Joseph M. Marshall III (Brulé Lakota and Sicangu Oyate)

Topic: Leadership in Modern Native American Communities

Dr. Joseph Marshall is a historian, writer, teacher, administrator, and actor. He was a founding board member of Sinte Gleska University, the tribal college of the Rosebud Indian Reservation, in 1971. An award winning author, Dr. Marshall has published numerous non-fiction books on Lakota history and culture.

For more information, please visit www.crazyhorse.org and follow The Indian Museum of North America® on all social media or contact Travis Dewes, Cultural Programs Manager at culturalprograms@crazyhorse.org or by phone at 605-673-4681, ext. 286.

About Crazy Horse Memorial

Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation's mission is to honor, protect, and preserve the culture, traditions, and living heritage of the Indians of North America. The Memorial fulfills its mission by continuing the progress on the world's largest mountain sculpture, acting as a repository for Native American artifacts, arts and crafts through THE INDIAN MUSEUM OF NORTH AMERICA® and THE NATIVE AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL & CULTURAL CENTER®; by establishing and operating THE INDIAN UNIVERSITY OF NORTH AMERICA®, and when practical, a medical training center for American Indians.