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## Press Release

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### **MCCC TO HOLD EVENTS IN HONOR OF NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

MONROE, Mich. – Monroe County Community College will host a panel discussion on the challenges facing Native Americans and a presentation on the Wounded Knee massacre in honor of Native American Heritage Month.

Both events, which are free and open to the public, are part of the college's Diversity and Current Affairs Speakers Series.

The panel discussion will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 11 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in the Dining Room of the Audrey M. Warrick Student Services/Administration Building.

According to Molly McCutchan, director of human resources at MCCC and organizer of the panel discussion, though sympathetic toward the challenges facing Native Americans and regretful over the past, most people have only a vague understanding of the problems facing Native Americans today. Panelists will discuss these various challenges, and MCCC President Dr. Kojo A. Quartey will moderate.

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Dr. Lani Van Eck, a cultural anthropologist who cofounded Wounded Knee: The Museum in Wall, S.D., will present “Massacre at Wounded Knee Creek,” in the Dining Room of the Audrey M. Warrick Student Services/Administration Building on Wednesday, Nov. 19 from 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.

The presentation is co-sponsored by MCCC Student Government and the college’s Diversity Committee.

Van Eck has conducted research with the Lakota people on Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota since the museum opened in 2003. Oral histories, recorded testimony and fieldwork on the reservation itself have all contributed to her unique perspective on the Wounded Knee massacre.

Working with the only surviving great-grandson of the legendary Lakota leader, Sitting Bull, Van Eck helped to create a biography called “Sitting Bull: His Life and Legacy” in 2009. Noted for her storytelling, Dr. Van Eck weaves the events surrounding the massacre at Wounded Knee into a dramatic depiction of the people and events surrounding the last major military action against native peoples in the U.S.

*The Diversity and Current Affairs Speakers Series features MCCC faculty, staff, students, alumni, community members and others with expertise on a variety of cultural, political or social topics of importance and interest at the present time.*

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