

# Native American Heritage Month

NOVEMBER 1 - NOVEMBER 30



On behalf of the mentors of the Mixed Race Affinity Group, the White Anti-Racist Affinity Group and Student Voices in Equity - Lindsay Arado, Todd Maxman, Amy Offenbach, Gardiner Funo O'Kain, Grace Phillips, AnnMarie de Serpa, and Josh Sollie - in partnership with the Library, New Trier News, and Student Council, we invite you to observe **Native American Heritage Month**. According to the National Congress of American Indians, NAHM is also "an opportunity to educate and raise awareness about the ways in which tribal citizens have conquered challenges to maintain voice and dignity and to remain an influencing presence." The theme, "**Resilient and Enduring: We Are Native People**" reflects the determination and courage that Native American Communities continue to exhibit, sustaining the vibrant diversity, cultures, traditions, and accomplishments of America's first people. The month will feature displays, events, and an interactive toolkit.



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but also the truth. Because who would believe  
the fantastic and terrible story or all of our survival  
those who were never meant  
to survive?"

From "Anchorage" by Joy Harjo

## Joy Harjo

Joy Harjo is serving her second term as the 23rd Poet Laureate of the United States. A member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Harjo currently lives in Tulsa, Oklahoma where she serves as Chancellor of the Academy of American Poets and Board of Directors Chair of the Native Arts & Cultures Foundation.



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# BETHANY YELLOWTAIL



**NORTHERN CHEYENNE & CROW  
FASHION DESIGNER  
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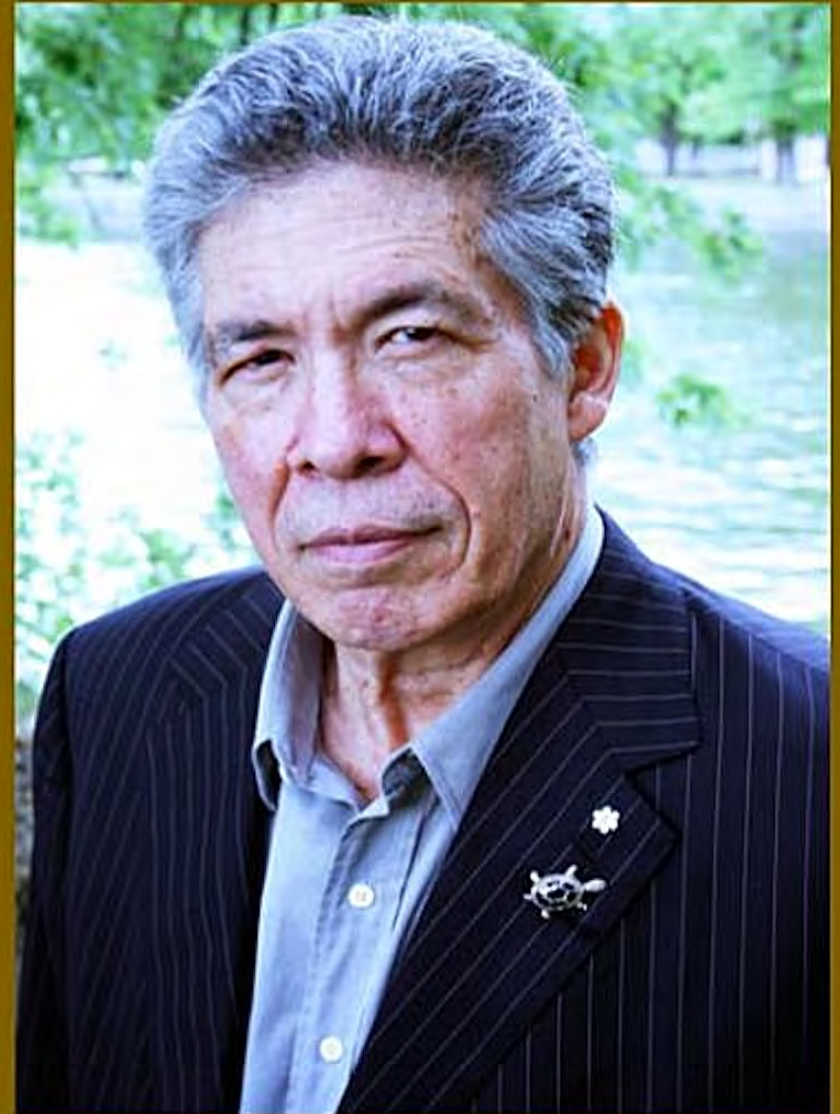


"So consider as you live your days  
that we live ours under the gaze  
of generations watching us  
of generations still intact  
of generations still to be  
seven forward, seven back."

From "I'm Not the Indian You Had in Mind" by Thomas King

## Thomas King

Thomas King, who is of Cherokee and Greek descent, is a novelist, short-story writer, essayist, screenwriter, and photographer. Two of King's works -- *A Coyote Columbus Story* and *Green Grass, Running Water* -- were nominated for a Governor General's Award. King was named a Member of the Order of Canada in 2004.





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# AARON YAZZIE

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MECHANICAL ENGINEER

AT

NASA JET PROPULSION LABORATORY

## Jheri Neri

Jheri Neri, Project Director for the Greater Cincinnati Native American Coalition, is Diné (Navajo) and Mescalero Apache. Neri was instrumental in abolishing Columbus Day, establishing Indigenous People's Day in Cincinnati. As a member of the city's Anti-racist Coalition, Neri works with organizations including the Mass Action for Black Liberation and the Ohio Justice and Policy Center.





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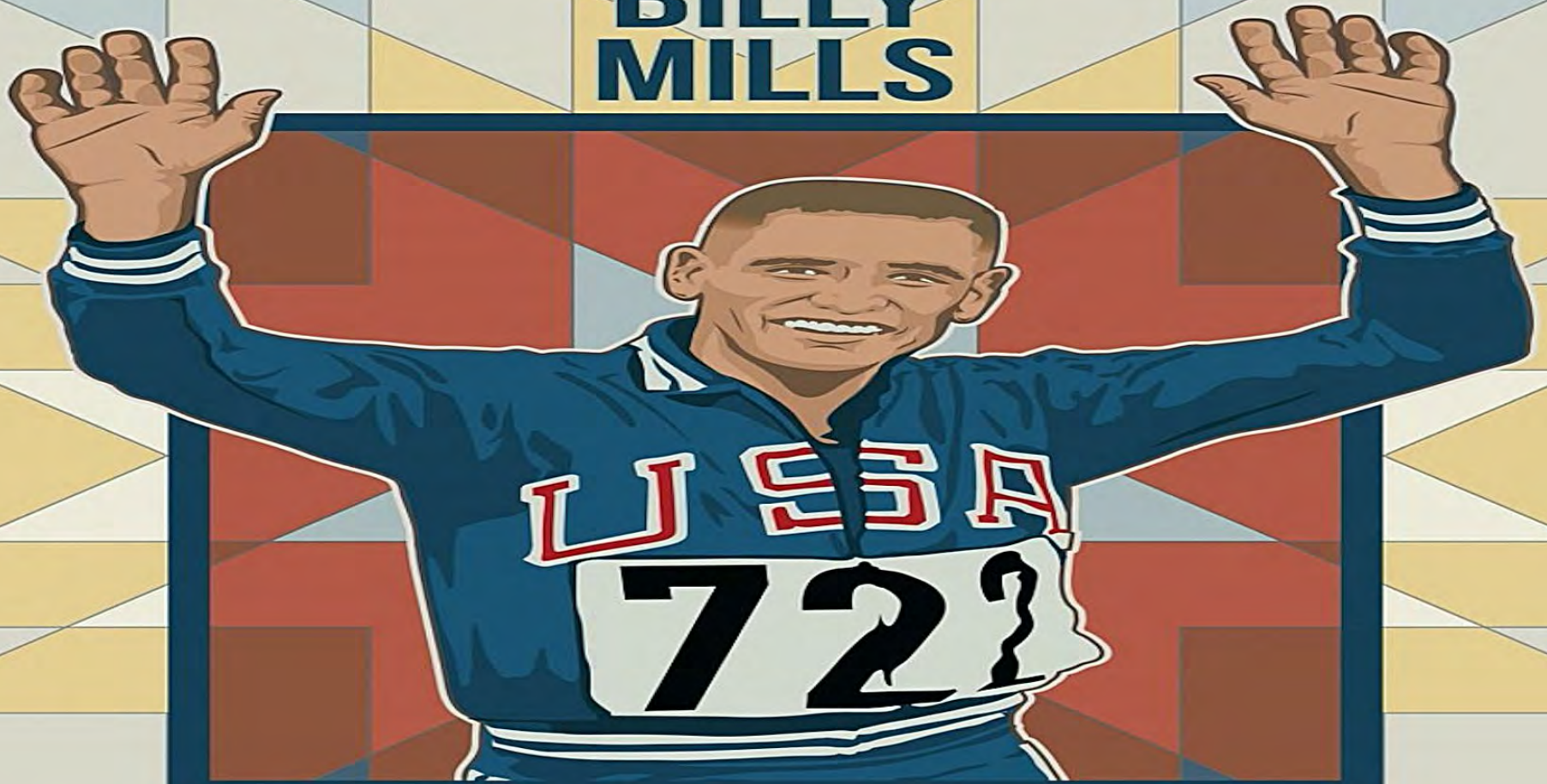
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**BILLY  
MILLS**



**OGLALA LAKOTA**

**OLYMPIC GOLD MEDAL IN THE 10,000 METER RUN  
1964 TOKYO OLYMPICS**



"We are born as someone new  
So then  
We have to be taught  
The good from the bad.  
What is good, we want you to know.  
What is good, we want you to use,  
In the way that you are a person."

From "Thought" by Henry Real Bird

## Henry Real Bird

Henry Real Bird, a member of the Crow Nation, served as the poet laureate of Montana from 2009-2011. Real Bird believes that his primary language of Crow has shaped the form of his poetry. Real Bird is also an educator: "My most important accomplishment is the fact that I am a teacher. That's what I value. That's what I gave my life to."





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VOTING IS ONE WAY WE FIGHT FOR

**OUR FUTURE**



◀ **TOGETHER WE HAVE POWER!** ▶





"They're all we have, you see.  
All we have to fight off illness and death.  
You don't have anything  
if you don't have the stories  
Their evil is mighty,  
but it can't stand up to our stories"

From "Ceremony" by Leslie Marmon Silko

## Leslie Marmon Silko

Leslie Marmon Silko, of mixed Laguna Pueblo, Mexican, and white ancestry, draws on the Laguna stories of her childhood in her writing. Silko's work often investigates dissonance between Native American and white cultures. Silko's novel *Ceremony* combines poetry with prose, myth with fiction, and oral tradition with written tradition in an exploration of mixed-race identity.





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# WATER



# IS LIFE

ARTWORK BY CHRISTI BELCOURT



"All of it has always seemed so arbitrary to me,  
bc to survive this long into an occupation feels sometimes so  
arbitrary to be And then sometimes so divine Who else could  
survive but my line."

From "Junk" by Tommy Pico

## Tommy Pico

Tommy "Teebs" Pico, of the Kumeyaay Nation, splits his time between Los Angeles and Brooklyn. Pico has authored a number of award-winning books including *IRL*, *Nature Poem*, *Junk*, and *Feed*. He is the founder of *birdsong*, an anti-racist, queer-positive zine. Pico is also a TV writer for *Reservation Dogs* and *Resident Alien*.





"Acknowledging this understanding  
That the people  
And the land  
Are the same  
Is more important  
Than the words  
Which just left your mouth"

From "Land Acknowledgement" by Jheri Neri



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 ETAK TIMUCUA T SUMA P  
 HAN KARANIKAWA YAVAI A SARA S PERI  
 SARCEEN GUARIJIO CHEYENNE APHONAKI  
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"It will be as if they never left home or us, their many relatives  
It will be as if they never left home or us  
It will be as if they never left  
It will be as if  
It will be  
It will be as if there were no yesterday  
It will be tomorrow."

From "Welcoming Home Living Beings" by Suzan Shown Harjo

## Suzan Shown Harjo

Suzan Shown Harjo (Cheyenne and Hodulgee Muscogee) is a writer, curator, and policy advocate at the center of Native American legal and cultural issues. Harjo has been instrumental in developing legislation, including the American Indian Religious Freedom Act and the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act. In 2014, Harjo received the Presidential Medal of Freedom.



# SUZAN SHOWN HARJO

CHEYENNE AND HODULGEE MUSCOGEE

PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM AWARDEE





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"The heart is a fist. It pockets prayer or holds rage."

From "Break My Heart" by Joy Harjo

# JOY HAIRO

MVSKOKE CREEK

U.S. POET LAUREATE



*Stephanie*



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# Sierra Teller Ornelas

*Navajo  
Writer & Producer*





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**from "Anchorage" by Joy Harjo, U.S. Poet Laureate**

## EVENTS

- 11/18** LUNCH & LEARN (W) / W321 / PERIODS 2A, 2B
- 11.29** DROP-IN SEMINAR LESSON (NF) / C234 / PERIODS 1, 2, 4
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- 11.30** DROP-IN SEMINAR LESSON (NF) / C234 / PERIODS 5, 6, 8
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