

OREGON NAME

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Dear Registrants for the Oregon NAME Conference,

Thank you all for your patience while we have been searching for an alternate conference date. We apologize again for the inconvenience of the last minute cancellation of our Friday, May 1 conference due to a case of the H1N1 (swine) flu on campus at Western Oregon University. After planning and working on the conference for 11 months, this was heartbreaking news for us all, but we recognize that the university needed to follow the recommendation of the Oregon Department of Public Health in the interest of public safety. We tried hard to find a substitute location into the late hours of Thursday, but were unable to do so. We know that our early morning email about the cancellation did not reach all of you who had to travel from a distance and we are truly sorry that some of you made the trip in vain.

We now have a new date and location to deliver a quality conference on our theme of *Lies & Truths in Our History: Teaching What Happened and What We Can Do About It Now* – **Saturday, May 16 at McKay High School in Salem.**

- **Saturday** because many teachers do not have another professional day available or would not be able to arrange for a substitute;
- **May 16** because the majority of our presenters are available on this date;
- **McKay High School** because Western Oregon University is not available until late June when both university and K-12 classes would be over; and
- **Salem** because it is convenient to those using I-5.

You are already registered for this new date and will remain so unless you contact us by May 11. If you have colleagues who couldn't come May 1st, but would like to attend now that we are meeting May 16, they have until the end of the day May 11 to register (see our website). Schools, school districts, and universities that have paid registration fees for your members: please try hard to find substitutes for those unable to attend on May 16. In the event you cannot attend, please contact Carissa Williams at williamc@wou.edu to let her know which of the following options you have chosen.

A. I wish to transfer my registration to _____ (name of another individual; please provide email)

B. I will donate my full registration fee to Oregon NAME and my name will appear as a *Friend of Oregon NAME* in next year's conference brochure.

C. I wish to donate 50% of my registration fee to Oregon NAME and request a 50% refund.

D. I request a full refund.

WHAT IS IN THE WORKS: Dr. Cornel Pewewardy, one of the original founders of the National Association for Multicultural Education (NAME) and a noted multicultural educator, will deliver a lively keynote presentation (please see a brief biography below). If we can arrange the technology on both ends, our original keynoter Dr. James Loewen may also be able to join us from Washington DC via video conference for part of the morning. We will have at least one additional general session and you will have your choice of a variety of concurrent sessions. Lunch will be provided, and we are rescheduling vendors and will have a greatly expanded raffle at the end of the day in recognition of your patience and support of Oregon NAME and our continuing advocacy for social justice in our schools and society. We do hope that you will be able to attend this conference. Further details will be available soon on our website: <http://oregonname.org>

Keynote Biography

Dr. Cornel Pewewardy, (D.Ed. 1989, Pennsylvania State University), is an enrolled member of the Comanche Nation. He is Associate Professor of Native American Studies at Portland State University. Prior to this appointment, Dr. Pewewardy was the Dean of Academic Instruction at the Comanche Nation College in Lawton, Oklahoma. Cornel was also an Associate Professor in the Department of Teaching and Leadership and Center for Indigenous Nations Studies at the University of Kansas as well as adjunct faculty at Haskell Indian Nations University.

In his professional career, Dr. Pewewardy has received numerous awards in transformational leadership, teaching, research, and service. This year, he was named the 2009 Outstanding Educator of the Year by the Oregon Indian Education Association and 2009 Outstanding Role Model at the 2nd Annual Oklahoma Native American Students in Higher Education Conference. In 2007, he received the G. Mike Charleston Research Award for Outstanding Scholarship in American Indian education from the American Educational Research Association (AERA); 2005 Distinguished Scholar Award from AERA; 2005 Anthony Daniels Award for Leadership and Achievement in Multicultural Education at the University of Kansas; and is a five-time recipient of the Big XII Outstanding American Indian Faculty of the Year. Dr. Pewewardy was also the 1991 National Indian Education Association (NIEA) Indian Educator of the Year.

Sincerely,

The 2009 Oregon NAME Conference Planning Committee:

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