Indigenous Knowledge and Environmentalism: The Struggle Against the Dakota Access Pipeline and Beyond

Tuesday, April 4th, 2017
5:00-6:30 pm in Paino Lecture Hall
Beneski Building, Amherst College

This talk focuses on North America in the context of US settler-colonialism. Professor Dunbar-Ortiz will discuss the friction between settler environmentalism and Indigenous knowledge, considering what is required for the environmental movement to develop authentic solidarity with Indigenous People’s struggle for survival, leading to real anti-imperialist environmentalism.

Professor Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz
Internationally acclaimed historian, activist, and multiple award-winning author, Professor Emerita (UC-Davis) Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz has been active in the women’s liberation movement, the American Indian Movement, international indigenous rights, and anti-war/anti-imperialist movements for decades. Her first published book, “The Great Sioux Nation: An Oral History of the Sioux Nation and its Struggle for Sovereignty”, was published in 1977 and was presented as the fundamental document at the first international conference on Indians of the Americas, held at United Nations’ headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. Her recent book, “An Indigenous People’s History of the United States” won the 2015 American Book Award.


She is at work on a book challenging the US history narrative of “a nation of immigrants”.

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