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International Blackfoot Research Conference
“Culture as Medicine”
SAVE THE DATE: June 15th, 2023-June 16th, 2023
At the Blackfeet Community College and Glacier Peaks Casino
Browning, MT

CALL FOR PROPOSALS


Blackfeet Community College will be hosting an International Blackfoot Research Conference on June 15th, 2023-June 16th, 2023 located in Browning, MT. The theme of the research conference is “Culture as Medicine”

The International Blackfoot Research Conference is an event to honor the traditional research process of the Siksikaitsitapi, which includes the Amskapi Piikani (Blackfeet –Southern Piegan), Siksika Nation (Blackfoot), Piikani Nation (Piegan), and Kainaiwa Nation (Blood). Blackfeet Community College believes this may be an opportunity for the Blackfoot Confederacy to unite and celebrate educational sovereignty, through the sharing of knowledge among bands, yet under the unification of one nation. Blackfeet Community College extends a warm welcome to all of our Piikani People (local and distant), our sister tribes of Canada, and all of our advocates of Indigenous Research to join us at this upcoming International Blackfoot Research Conference on June 15th, 2023-June 16th, 2023

The International Blackfoot Research Conference will be an opportunity for the Siksikaitsitapi nation to continue to affirm educational and research sovereignty rights as an Indigenous nation. This event will also allow an opportunity for the Blackfoot People and advocates of the Blackfoot nation to engage in critical dialogue on issues of scholarship/research, teaching, and service. This conference will honor all fields of research that will advance the knowledge of the Siksikaitsitapi and our nations.

This is a call for proposals from all of our Blackfoot researchers (and advocates) to submit a presentation proposal to help contribute to a growing body of knowledge pertinent to the Siksikaitsitapi people. The objective of this conference is to feature the traditional research processes of the Blackfoot, while also honoring Westernized (and other) methods of research. In particular, the college would like to recognize any Blackfoot researchers (and advocates) to share and present on their published work, doctoral dissertations/master’s thesis, research projects, and/or career related research. Additionally, students are also encouraged to submit proposals on class projects and research, via poster sessions. Lastly, the International Blackfoot Research Conference will recognize eminent scholars and elders to share knowledge on the traditional research process, which may include oral tradition, language, and our traditional lifeways.

Please consider the submission of a proposal. Presentations on Blackfoot language, culture, and studies will be prioritized in the acceptance of proposals. Presentations in other areas may include: Agriculture, Arts & Media, Business, Computer Science & Technology, Education,



Health Care Fields, Humanities, Human Services, Industrial Services, Law & Legal Studies, Math & Science, or other areas. Work in these areas must be focused on the advancement of the Blackfoot (or Indigenous) peoples and/or research conducted by Blackfoot people.

Deadline for Proposal Submission: May 1, 2023

Notification: May 15th, 2023

Conference Dates: June 15th, 2023 to June 16th, 2023

All registration proposals will need to submit an application to blackfootresearch@bfcc.edu. If proposals are officially accepted, presenters will be responsible for travel, and lodging.

Please contact Natalie Malaterre if you have any questions at (406) 338-5441 Ext (2326) or at natalie.m@bfcc.edu.

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