



The Wabanaki Center and the
Maine Indian Tribal- State Commission present:

Walter Echo-Hawk
Thursday, March 28, 2013
At the University of Maine
Orono
Minsky Hall ~ 7:00 PM

Walter Echo-Hawk is a Pawnee lawyer, professor, activist, and author. His latest book, *In the Courts of the Conquerors: The 10 Worst Indian Law Cases Ever Decided* explores the process behind legal decisions that adversely affect indigenous people today. Echo-Hawk, self-described as a “foot soldier” in the early days of the Native American sovereignty movement, will tailor his Maine visit to the Maine experience, examining the 1980 Maine Indian Land Claims Case, restrictive settlement acts in general, and discussing how UNDRIP (the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples) provides a strong foundation for Indian rights in the United States and a potential path forward.

WEDS. MARCH 27TH – AT MOTAHKMIKUK/INDIAN TOWNSHIP 1:00 – 4:00 PM
Wabanaki workshop on the 1980 Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act and UNDRIP led by Walter Echo-Hawk. FMI contact Matt Dana: mattdana@myfairpoint.net

THURS. MARCH 28TH – (UMAINE/ORONO) - BANGOR ROOM/ MEMORIAL UNION 3:00 – 5:00 PM “Wabanaki Treaties, Petitions & Interpretations: A Teach-In”
Join Walter Echo-Hawk and Wabanaki scholars in an examination of Wabanaki treaties and petitions from the 17th to the 21st century, and participate in shared learning about treaty interpretations and their significance to indigenous people today. FMI contact Maria Girouard: maria.girouard@umit.maine.edu or 581-1414.

THURS. MARCH 28TH – (UMAINE/ORONO)- MINSKY HALL 7:00 – 9:00 PM
KEYNOTE PRESENTATION BY WALTER ECHO-HAWK followed by a panel of Wabanaki respondents: Jill Shibles (Penobscot) President of the National American Indian Court Judges Association; Hugh Akagi (Passamaquoddy) Chief of the Schoodic Band of Passamaquoddy Indians; Dr. Andrea Bear Nicholas (Maliseet) Chair of Native Studies, St. Thomas University; and Vera Francis (Passamaquoddy) Storyteller and Environmental Activist.

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