

PSYCHOLOGY ARCHIVES TO HOST SIKSIKA CONFERENCE

The Archives of the History of American Psychology (AHAP) on the University of Akron campus, in conjunction with the Akron-Summit County Public Library, will be hosting a conference on September 5 and 6, 2006 entitled “Abraham Maslow and the Blackfoot Experience.” This conference will examine the influential role of the Blackfoot (Siksika) Indian culture on the work of prominent psychologist Abraham Maslow.

This cross-cultural conference will explore the influence of the Blackfoot Indian culture on Maslow’s work within the disciplines of psychology, sociology, philosophy, anthropology, and art. Beginning on the afternoon of September 5, an informal afternoon public lecture at the Akron-Summit County Public Library will take place. Mr. Narcisse Blood, coordinator of Kanai Studies at Red Crow Community College in Alberta, Canada will speak regarding Blackfoot contributions to western society. On September 6, Dr. Joseph Trimble, Director of the Center for Cross-Cultural Research, Department of Psychology at Western Washington University in Bellingham, WA will present a short colloquium examining responsible conduct of research with ethnocultural populations. Following Dr. Trimble, Mr. Ryan Heavy Head and his research team of Marvin Calf Robe and Narcisse Blood, will then begin individual break-out sessions discussing their roles and findings regarding influences of Blackfoot culture on Maslow’s work, ending with a formal conference discussing aspects of the team’s research.

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