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# THE NEW BEGINNINGS NEWSLETTER



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## Students Receive Award at AISES National Conference

South Dakota State University's American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) student organization received The Outreach and Community Service Award at the annual AISES National Conference, held Sept. 23-25 at the Phoenix Convention Center.

[Read More about the Award](#)

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## **Wokini Challenge Grant Spotlight**

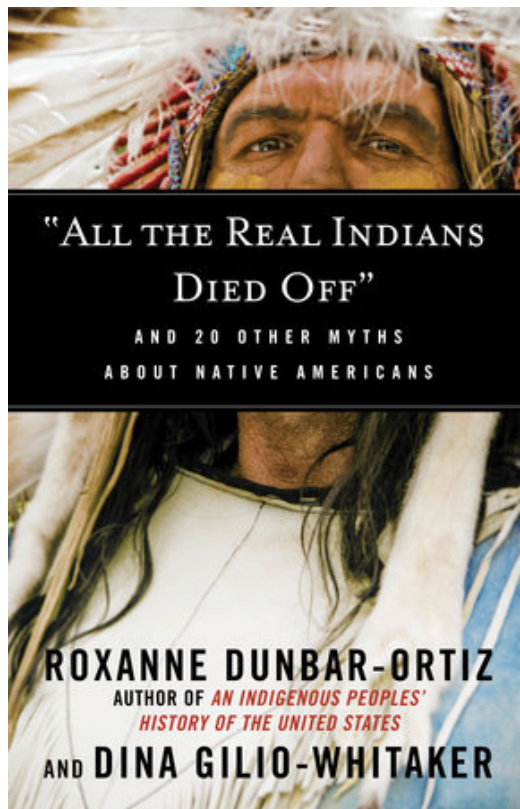
### **Growing the Digital Footprint of American Indian Records: American Indian Student Assistants in the SDSU Archives**

The SDSU Archives project led by project director, Michele Christian, continues the work of the first Wokini Challenge Grant that the SDSU Archives received to bring more of the Wokini students into the archives and provide them with the hands on experience of working in an archive. The Wokini Challenge Grant has made it possible for the Archives to hire American Indian student assistants to organize, preserve, and digitize original source materials related to its American Indian collections.

[Read More about the Project](#)

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## **Book of the Month**



"In this enlightening book, scholars and activists Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz and Dina Gilio-Whitaker tackle a wide range of myths about Native American culture and history that have misinformed generations. Tracing how these ideas evolved, and drawing from history, the authors disrupt long-held and enduring myths. Each chapter deftly shows how these myths are rooted in the fears and prejudice of European settlers and in the larger political agendas of a settler state aimed at acquiring Indigenous land and tied to narratives of erasure and disappearance."  
--Penguin Random House

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## **Dakota Word of the Month**

witaya | together in company

## **Lakota Word of the Month**

witaya | gather

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## **Upcoming Events @ AISC**

- Wahanpi Wednesday: Every other Wednesday Starting September 1, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM, AISC
- Beading Circle: Every other Tuesday Starting September 7, 6:00 PM, AISC
- Don Montileaux Presentation: November 8, 2:00 PM, TBD
- Afro-Indigeneity Presentation: November 10, TBD
- Alter-Native Thanksgiving: November 18, 5:00 - 7:00 PM, AISC



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