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Winona LaDuke to speak at TTU Women's Conference

Internationally renowned (Anishinaabe) activist **Winona LaDuke** will serve as keynote speaker **March 5** at Texas Tech University's 26th Annual All-University Conference on the Advancement of Women in Higher Education. The Conference, sponsored by the Women's Studies Program and titled "Regarding Nature: Gender, Identity, and Ecologies of Change," is part of a daylong celebration.

Panel sessions will be held at the Student Union Building, Second Floor meeting rooms with registration and the welcome address beginning at 8:30 a.m. The keynote address by Ms LaDuke will close out the conference schedule, beginning at 5 p.m. in the Student Union Building, Second Floor, Matador Room.

Prior to LaDuke's speech, "**Voices of Feminism**" will begin 5 p.m. at the Student Union Building in the Matador Room. As a celebration of Women's History Month, "Voices of Feminism" will reflect on writings by women that speak to issues of concern for all.

LaDuke is working on issues of sustainable development, renewable energy and food systems. She lives and works on the White Earth reservation in northern Minnesota, and is a two-time vice presidential candidate with Ralph Nader for the Green Party. As program director of the Honor the Earth, she works nationally and internationally on the issues of climate change, renewable energy, and environmental justice with indigenous communities. In 2007, LaDuke was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame, recognizing her leadership and community commitment. In 1994, LaDuke was nominated by Time magazine as one of America's 50 most promising leaders less than forty years of age. A graduate of Harvard and Antioch Universities, LaDuke has written extensively on Native American and environmental issues. She is the author of five books, including *Recovering the Sacred*, *All our Relations* and a novel, *Last Standing Woman*. She is widely recognized for her work on environmental and human rights issues.

The conference and speaker sessions are FREE and open to the public. Pre-registration is not required but you will be asked to complete a registration form at the registration table upon your arrival. The complete program schedule will also be available at this time. Proof of attendance will be provided to those needing to attend the conference or a single panel session for course credit.

March 5th, Conference Program Schedule ("Proof of Attendance" available at the registration table)

- 8:30 a.m. - Registration & Welcome
- 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - Session I
- 10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. - Session II
- 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Session III
- 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Session IV
- 3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. - Session V
- 5:00 p.m. - "**Voices of Feminism**" performance - Matador Room
- 5:30 p.m. - Keynote speaker (Winona LaDuke) - Matador Room

For more information and the complete conference program schedule, visit <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/wstudies/AWHE.php>

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