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## ABSTRACT

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American Indian literature and film offer some of today's edgiest literary and aesthetic works. By turns controversial, poignant, revolutionary, and beautiful, Native American perspectives are challenging artistic expectations in remarkable ways, and short works of fiction and non-fiction make their interventions all the more accessible and powerful through their concentration. This talk will introduce energetic short stories, poetry, and short films from both established and emerging figures that explore the intersections of racial and gendered identities in America, offer insights into traditional Native values, demolish stereotypes, and explore self-determination in art and politics. Discussion of how Native filmmakers create these works with their do-it-yourself aesthetics and on micro-budgets will suggest ways that students can produce works of their own.



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# Indigenous Inventions and Interventions: Fourth World Literature and Film

A CONVERSATION WITH  
JOSHUA NELSON

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