

April 2023

SSC NASNTI to host David Grann, author of *Killers of the Flower Moon*, on the campus of Seminole State College September 2023!



New Yorker writer and bestselling author of *Killers of the Flower Moon* and *The Lost City of Z*, David Grann doesn't just write about incredible people—he walks in their shoes. Whether crossing the ocean or trekking through the Amazon, Grann digs deep to give his stories a pace and intensity unlike any other. In his talks, Grann explores his creative process – from what initially inspires him to investigate a story to his painstaking research and then links the (often) forgotten histories to their relevance to today.

Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI, is a true-crime tale that unravels one of the most sinister crimes and racial injustices in American history. With more than 49 weeks on the New York Times nonfiction bestseller list, it was a finalist for the National Book Award and ranked #1 on both Shelf Awareness and Amazon's Single Best Books of the Year.

The PBS NewsHour-New York Times Book club, 'Now Read This,' selected *Killers of the Flower Moon* for their February 2018 read. Following a highly publicized bidding war for the film rights, *Killers of the Flower Moon* is set to be released in 2023, with Martin Scorsese as director and starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Robert De Niro.

Known for his compelling stories, Grann has been called “The man Hollywood can't stop reading,” with four of his New Yorker articles adapted for the screen, including *Trial By Fire*, *The Old Man & The Gun*, starring Robert Redford, Casey Affleck and Sissy Spacek, and *The White Darkness*.

His next book, *The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder* is a page-turning story of shipwreck, survival, and savagery, culminating in a court martial that reveals a shocking truth. With the twists and turns of a thriller Grann unearths the deeper meaning of the events on the *Wager*, showing that it was not only the captain and crew who ended up on trial, but the very idea of empire.

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Grann will speak and do a book signing, on Thursday, September 21, 2023, on the campus of Seminole State College. For additional information please contact, Kay Wallace NASNTI Student Support Specialist at 405.382.9646.

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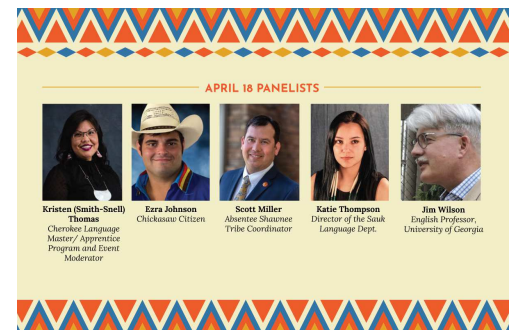
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How to Become a Native Language Ally! A 2-Day Conference-April 18 and April 19

To foster engagement, learning, and promoting the Native language, the Seminole State College NASNTI Program will host various events throughout the year. During the month of April, the program will host a Two-Day Native Language Conference. The conference, “*How to Become a Native Language Ally*,” will be held Tuesday, April 18, and Wednesday, April 19, at 11:00 AM on the campus of Seminole State College in the Jeff Johnston Auditorium and will feature some of the most influential people to discuss language preservation.

On Tuesday, April 18, the panelists include the Supervisor for the Cherokee Language Master/Apprentice Program and event Moderator Kristen (Smith-Snell) Thomas, Chickasaw Citizen Ezra Johnson, Absentee Shawnee Tribe Language Coordinator Scott Miller, Director of the Sauk Language Department Katie Thompson, and English Professor for the University of Georgia Jim Wilson. The panelists for Wednesday, April 19, include, Language Director for the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma Language Program Jeremy Fultz, Director of the Osage Language Department Braxton Redeagle, and Associate Professor Department Chair of Cherokee and Indigenous Studies at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, Dr. Candessa Tehee. Chickasaw Princess, Winter Wolfe will begin the program both days with a traditional dance.

Sign language interpreters and live captioning services will be available.



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