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Alexa Azure has always been interested in water.

An enrolled member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in North Dakota, she remembers one spring when the water tasted gritty and another time when Standing Rock completely ran out of water. She doesn't drink the water from her home faucet. Instead, she uses her own reverse osmosis water filter system.

"My whole life I've been interested in water," Azure said. "It's a basic resource that's essential for all life on the planet."

Azure's interest in water, as well as her experience teaching pre-engineering classes at a tribal college in an area that she says is sensitive to water issues due to its proximity to the Bakken oilfields, prompted her to consider an educational background in environmental science. That educational background would help her be a better teacher for her students who are interested in environmental issues, she thought.

"I wanted to deepen my understanding of the environmental side of things," Azure said. "I have the chemical and engineering background but not the environmental background and I could tell that's where the interest of most of my students was, because of the industry in our region and the effect it has on local communities."

The catch, Azure said, was that she didn't want to have to leave her job in order to pursue an advanced degree.

That's where Montana State University came in. MSU and its online master's program in land resources and environmental sciences within the [College of Agriculture](#) helped Azure achieve her educational goals without having to drastically change her life or quit her full-time teaching job.

"The program was great, and I would recommend it anyone," Azure said. "The instructors were amazing and I learned a lot not just in the technical field, but professionally as well."

The online LRES master's program started in 2012 with 11 students. Now in its fourth year, the program enrolls 58 students with 18 instructors.

Azure also enjoyed great success as a student in the MSU program. During her time in the program, she earned a prestigious scholarship, the American Indian College Fund and Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Leadership Fellowship Program, a fellowship created to increase and retain the number of diverse and under-represented faculty at the nation's tribal colleges teaching in science, math and engineering. In 2013, Azure was one of only two native students in the country who earned the prestigious scholarship, according to the American Indian College Fund.

Azure once attended United Tribes Technical College as an undergraduate student and completed a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from The University of North Dakota in 2012. She has since been teaching pre-engineering classes at the tribal college, located just three hours from Williston, N.D., where the Williston Basin and Bakken formation is.

On Jan. 6, the largest brine spill that has occurred in North Dakota happened in Williston. Three million gallons of salty brine water was accidentally released into the surrounding environment,

local surface and groundwater. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, the contaminated water reached the Missouri River.

Brine water, a byproduct of oil and gas drilling, is a particular risk where hydraulic fracking is practiced because the brine can include toxic levels of salt, heavy metals and radioactive materials that can raise salinity levels of local waterways that can affect plants, invertebrate and amphibian life, according to the EPA.

Azure decided to use the environmental disaster in her own backyard as the subject of her professional paper required of the master's degree, so she performed an environmental risk assessment of the brine spill to measure the potential effect on the surrounding environment. She evaluated water samples from the nearby Blacktail Creek and the Little Muddy River and also used the rivers' fathead minnow, a key food-web species in North Dakota, to see if there were any harmful effects from the brine spill on local fish habitat. She found that some of her samples that were exposed to the brine water exceeded risk thresholds set by the North Dakota State Department of Health and the EPA.

[Robert Peterson](#), director of the online LRES program and faculty in the department, who also served as Azure's professional paper instructor, said the spill was unfortunate, but it was also an asset to the scientific training the program encourages.

"What was really awesome is that she used the process of science and research to respond to a very timely and regional environmental problem," Peterson said. "Her data can potentially be

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used in predicating risk from future spills of a similar size, so the applicability of her study was directly tied our curriculum and her field.”

Peterson said his online students can bring a different viewpoint to class discussions, as most are currently working in a professional field, many from nonprofits, governmental organizations and private industry.

“Alexa is a teacher and an engineer, so you could sense her earnestness to improve her teaching,” Peterson said. “We don’t have too many engineers in our program, so she brought a very different perspective to the coursework, which was an advantage for her and for the rest of the class.”

[Karlene Hoo](#), dean of [The Graduate School](#) at MSU, said online graduate students are a growing and important demographic at MSU.

“Alexa exemplifies the many graduate students at MSU who are earning a degree while living and working at a distance,” Hoo said. “Programs such as the online LRES degree offer students like Alexa the opportunity to establish rigorous research agendas that also serve the needs of rural and indigenous communities

For more information about the online LRES program, contact [Extended University](#) at (406) 994-3062 or Distance@montana.edu.

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Cadiz chief has strategy to get BLM roadblock removed for desert water transfer project

San Bernardino County Sun

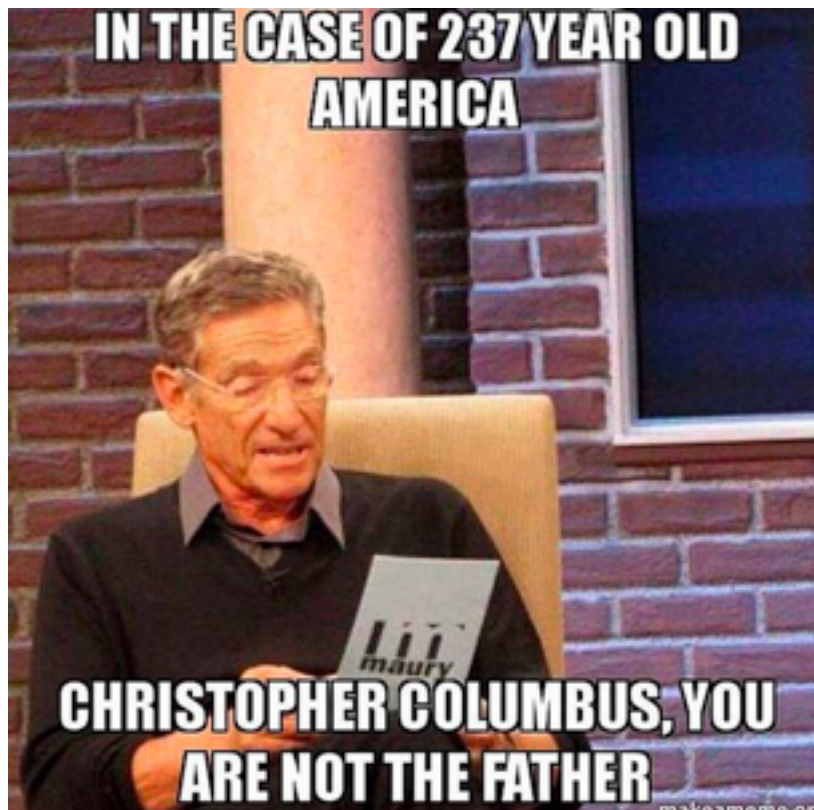
Cadiz chief has strategy to get BLM roadblock removed for desert water transfer ... said Slater, who is author of "California Water Law and Policy," a two-volume

Note: for the next 8 days I will be in questionable signal area, so transmission of Journals will be erratic or two at a time. Enjoy. sdc

**The Columbus Day/
Indigenous Day
"Discussion" Continues**

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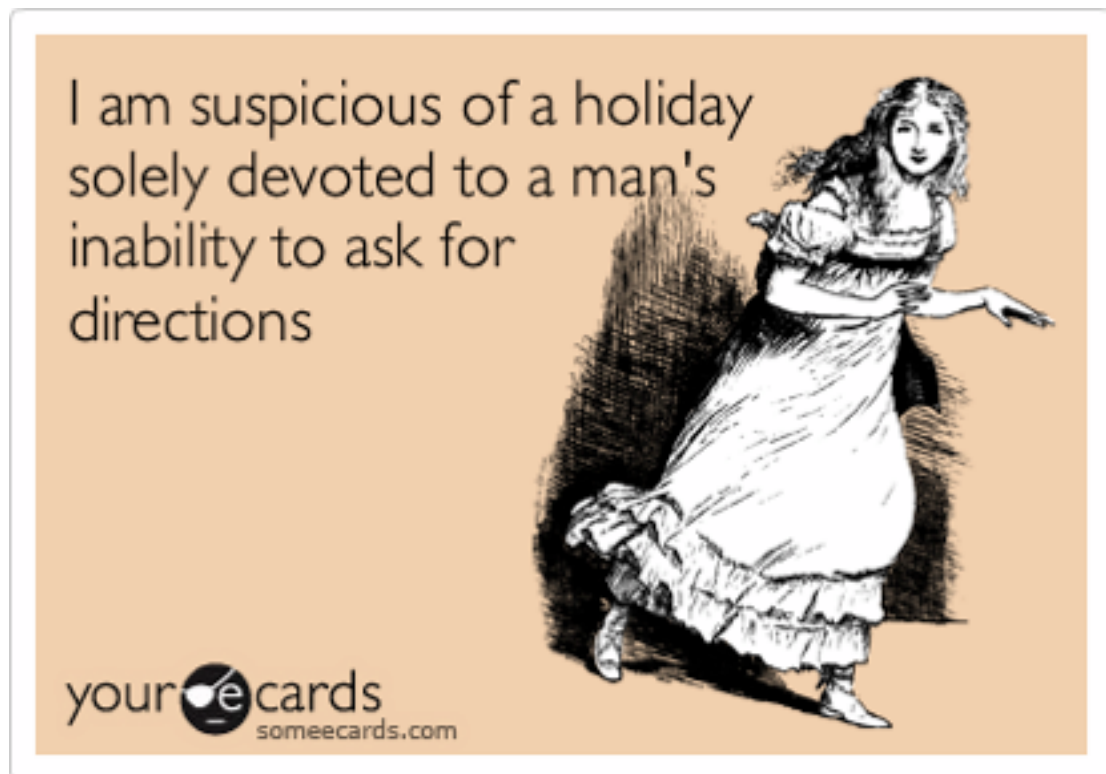
October 12, 2015 Happy Colonial Conquest Day! [by Charles Coe]

Yeah, yeah...I know. European colonialism resulted in the exploitation of virtually every indigenous population on the planet. Rape, pillage, appropriation of resources, elimination of local culture, customs and religions...yadda yadda yadda. And saying Christopher Columbus discovered America is like saying I broke into your apartment at three in the morning and “discovered” your hi-def television.

But I think it’s high time we people of color got over it and moved on. Columbus and his posse won fair and square. Game over.

On the other hand, turnabout is fair play. Which is why I got some like- minded red, yellow, black, and brown folks together to organize a little territorial expansion of our own. Over the Colonial Conquest Day weekend we bought three decommissioned Greyhound buses, dubbed them *The Ella Fitzgerald*, *The Buffy St. Marie* and *The Aretha Franklin*, and hit the road to reclaim the so-called “United States of America” land for The People.

But rather than motoring straight to Washington, we thought it best to start small and work our way up. So our first conquest was a country club outside Cleveland. We drove our buses onto the



golf course and one of our members hopped out with a megaphone to make the following announcement:

“We hereby claim dominion over this country club, including the golf course, swimming pool and cabanas and the parking lot in the name of ‘The Republic of Indigenous Peoples’. You are hereby ordered to surrender your car keys and sign over deeds to your houses and the contents of 401-Ks and savings and checking accounts, etc. etc. We also assume full control of your sons and daughters”



Next we're going to torch their churches; our new subjects will all be taught to worship The Flying Spaghetti Monster, the deity in whose name we have undertaken our sacred quest to establish dominion over these territories. The children will study Pastafarian theology every morning. Then we'll march them into the woods to play in drum circles and study Hip Hop.

And there are always unexpected benefits when you conquer and subjugate another culture. I heard the country club dining room throws down a serious Sunday brunch buffet. And I just got a great recipe for potato chip-crusted tuna noodle surprise from the little old blue-eyed slave lady who cleans the buses...

Charles Coe is author of two books of poetry: "All Sins Forgiven: Poems for my Parents" and "Picnic on the Moon," both published by Leapfrog Press. His poetry has appeared in a number of literary reviews and anthologies, including Poesis, The Mom Egg, Solstice Literary Review, and Urban Nature. He is the winner of a fellowship in poetry from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Charles's poems have been set by a number of composers, including Beth Denisch, Julia Carey and Robert Moran. A short film based on his poem "Fortress" is currently in production by filmmaker Roberto Mighty. Charles is co-chair of the Boston Chapter of the National Writers Union, a labor union for freelance writers. He was selected by the Associates of

the Boston Public Library as a "Boston Literary Light for 2014." His novella, "Spin Cycles," was published in November, 2014 by Gemma Media.

http://blog.bestamericanpoetry.com/the_best_american_poetry/2015/10/happy-colonial-conquest-day-by-charles-coe-.html?ct=t%28RSS_EMAIL_CAMPAIGN%29

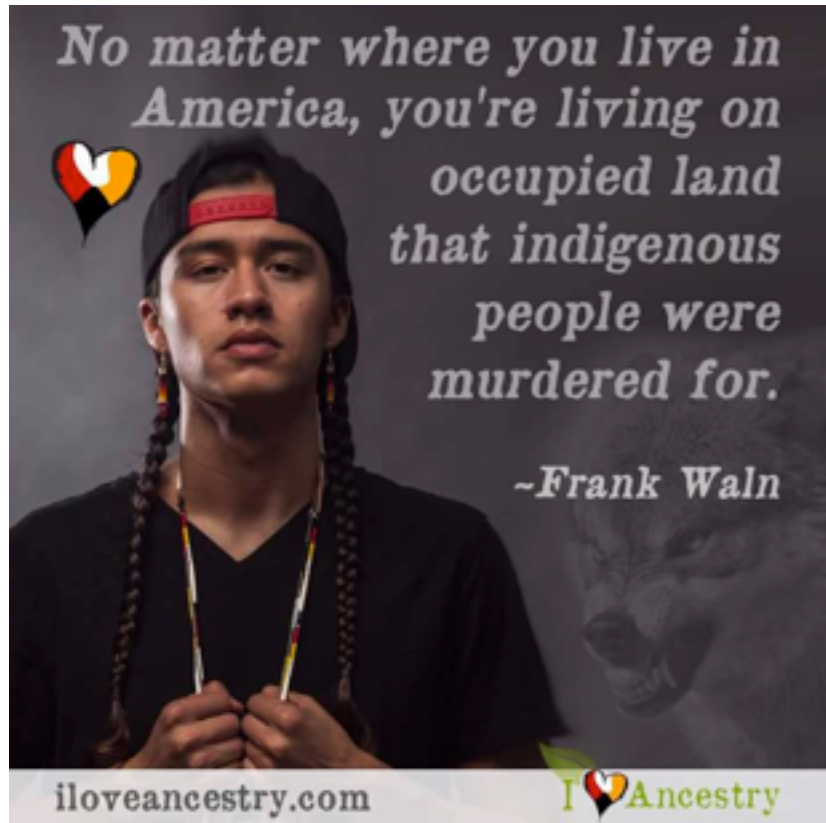
'Indian Holocaust': A Poem for Columbus Day

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**Christopher Columbus was a lost sadist. There shouldn't be a holiday in his name | James Nevius**

Stop celebrating Columbus Day and start celebrating the native cultures his arrival in the Americas began the process of displacing  
theguardian.com | By James Nevius  
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"The Indians are so naive and so free with their possessions that no one who has not witnessed them would believe it. When you ask for something they have, they never say no. To the contrary, they offer to share with anyone." "They would make fine servants.... With fifty men we could subjugate them all and make them do whatever we want."  
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"History needs to be rewritten and I was born to write it."

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**It's Happening! Alaska Is First U.S. State to Rename Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples' Day**

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## **Bellingham celebrates first Coast Salish Day**

City Council chambers were packed Monday morning, Oct. 12, as community members gathered to honor the city's first Coast Salish Day. [bellinghamherald.com](http://bellinghamherald.com)

The Lummi performance group " Ngen'tse Ste'kye", meaning pack of wolves, sings at the first Coast Salish Day at the Bellingham City Council Chambers in Bellingham, Monday, Oct. 12, 2015. Philip A. Dwyer The Bellingham Herald  
By Samantha Wohlfeil

### **BELLINGHAM**

City Council chambers were packed Monday morning, Oct. 12, as community members gathered to honor the city's first Coast Salish Day.

"Some of you may know there's a surge across America with cities recognizing Indigenous Peoples' Day," said the event's emcee, Michael Vendiola, program supervisor for the Washington state Office of Native Education.

Vendiola recalled being in Berkeley, Calif., in 1992 when that city decided to recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day instead of Columbus Day on the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus' landing in America.

Many cities around the country have officially opted to honor Indigenous Peoples' Day, with Bellingham City Council unanimously joining them this year with the regionally specific Coast Salish Day. Washington state does not officially recognize Columbus Day.

Vendiola thanked the Bellingham City Council for their leadership in trying to do their best to honor Coast Salish people. Council Member Roxanne Murphy brought the name change forward last fall and it was approved unanimously.

After Vendiola's brief introduction, four witnesses were called to the front of the room to remember the day in the Coast Salish tradition. They were: Aaron Thomas, member of Lummi Nation; Qwe'shi'mut, member of Lummi Nation; Hamilton Seymour, member of Nooksack Indian Tribe; and Beth Brownfield, who has helped facilitate classes to teach the community about local tribes.

Each was given a blanket, wrapped over their left shoulder to "warm their heart and help them remember what happens here today," Vendiola said.

"It just feels good to know our people are finally being lifted up in such a way," Qwe'shi'mut said during the morning's speeches. "Our people have lived here for thousands of years. ... So we thank you once again for the acknowledgment. We thank you for your support."

A group of his family members, Ngen'tse Ste'ky'e, or Pack of Wolves, sang and played drums twice during the ceremony as the crowd stood, offered applause and raised their hands.

### **Renaming Indian Street**

In addition to honoring Coast Salish Day, council member Terry Bornemann announced that the city will officially change Indian Street to Billy Frank Jr. Street in November, after [months of working with residents along that street to finalize a process started in June.](#)

Bornemann told the crowd that a few years ago, someone asked if the city would name a street in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. A few weeks later, he said, an African-American woman pointed out to them that local civil rights issues had a lot more to do with first nations and tribes.

“It got me thinking she was very right,” Bornemann said. “It is more appropriate to name a street in honor of Coast Salish people.”

He brought the idea to council and recommended they honor the late Billy Frank, Jr., an activist who fought tirelessly for tribal fishing rights during the Fish Wars of the 1960s and '70s.

“He has a tremendous history, was a tremendous man and has done so much for this region,” Bornemann said.

Members of Frank’s family could not attend. Candice Wilson, a member of Lummi Nation, spoke in their honor.

“He was an honorable man, a true warrior in his own right,” Wilson said. “This is an honorable moment for the family. We thank you, the city of Bellingham, for naming this street after him.”

#### **Watch**

Video of the celebration will be available soon on the city’s YouTube page at [YouTube.com/user/CityofBhamWa.](https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofBhamWa)

Read more here: <http://www.bellinghamherald.com/news/local/article38876019.html#storylink=cpy>

#### **The Story of the Coast Salish Knitters**

[Combining the ancient wool-working traditions of the Coast Salish people and knitting techniques of English and Scottish settlers, Cowichan sweaters have bec...](#)

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