

UC Davis History Department Nineteenth-Century  
North American History Speaker Series

Dr. Michael Witgen  
A Nation of  
Settlers: American  
Colonization of  
the Old Northwest



Dr. Michael Witgen is the Director of Native American Studies and an Associate Professor in the Department of History and the Program in American Culture at the University of Michigan. He is a member of the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe. Dr. Witgen's work explores the juxtaposition of Native and European experiences and responses to the process of mutual discovery that created the New World in North America, with a particular focus on the Great Lakes and Great Plains. His publications include *An Infinity of Nations: How the Native New World Shaped Early North America* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2012). For this lecture, Dr. Witgen will present a chapter from his current book project that examines the intersection of race, national identity, and state making on America's northern borderland.

**Thursday, January 23, 2020**

**Andrews Conference Room,  
2203 Social Science and  
Humanities Building (SS&H)**

**4pm - 6pm**

**Next Lecture in the Series:** February 19, Dr. Julian Lim (Arizona State University), author of *Porous Borders: Multiracial Migrations and the Law in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands* (UNC Press, 2017).

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