

Exhibition Lecture Series

A Discussion with Rebecca Clarren

April 4, 2024 | 6:00 P.M.

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Award-winning author **Rebecca Clarren** will discuss her celebrated new book, *The Cost of Free Land: Jews, Lakota, and an American Inheritance*, delving into questions of how to face the stories we tell about our families and our nations, how to grapple with the legacy of the past through a Jewish lens, and what it means to consider history with both truth and empathy. Rebecca will be joined by UNO Assistant Professor, Dr. Susana Geliga. The conversation will be moderated by Mikal Brotnov Eckstrom.



Mikal Brotnov Eckstrom is from the Nez Perce Reservation. He completed his doctorate in history from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 2018, where he specialized in digital humanities methods and Indigenous history. Recognized by the Ford Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities, Mikal has published in numerous academic presses and public venues, including *The Wall Street Journal*. In 2016, Mikal and his husband Mark co-founded Luxe Magazine nominated design firm, Studio Eckström. Their firm's work can be found in the *Wall Street Journal's* "Off Duty Design Section," *Washington Post*, and *Architectural Digest*.



Dr. Susana Geliga is an enrolled member of the Sicangu Lakota and is of Taino descent. She is an Assistant Professor of the Department of History and Native American Studies at the University of Nebraska-Omaha and is a co-director of the Genoa Indian School Digital Reconciliation Project at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She holds a PhD in History and an MA in History with a focus on Ethnic Studies and Native American Studies from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She earned BS degrees in Education and Native American Studies, and AA degrees in Lakota language and Lakota Studies from Oglala Lakota College. Before graduate school, she taught Lakota language and culture in Rapid City, SD schools for eight years and at Oglala Lakota College for two years. She founded the Little White Buffalo Project, a Lakota language and cultural preservation non-profit, working with urban Native American youth for a decade in Rapid City, South Dakota.

Ms. Clarren will be available to sign copies of her new book, *The Cost of Free Land: Jews, Lakota, and an American Inheritance*. **Books may be pre-ordered** (will not be for sale at the event) through The Bookworm at <https://www.bookwormomaha.com/rebecca-clarren-unos-samuel-bak-museum> and will be available for pick-up at the event.

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