

# Purdue Religious Studies Program Spring 2019 Lecture Series

## Professor Sol Neely

“Unsettling Translations: Postsecular and Decolonial Contributions Toward an Indigenous Phenomenology”



**Thursday, April 4, 7:30-9:30, in BEERING HALL 2280**



What would it take to build a phenomenology of indigenous peoples? How do we (or should we) translate the experiences of descendants of victims and perpetrators of colonialism? To what extent should we abandon a traditional methodology based upon European understandings of consciousness and of intention in order to do so? Mindful of the pervasive and persistent sorrows of “settler coloniality,” Professor Neely would work towards “unsettling” more traditional understandings of translation in philosophic and religious studies in order to make more legible the values and contributions of indigenous peoples.

Sol Neely is an Associate Professor of English and Philosophy at the University of Alaska Southeast, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and founder of Juneau’s “Flying University.”

Ishmael Hope is a storyteller and an actor who shares stories from his Iñupiaq and Tlingit heritages. He is currently a visiting scholar and writer at the Native American Educational and Cultural Center at Purdue and will ask the first question.

**This lecture is co-sponsored by the Native American Educational and Cultural Center.**

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