



# Native American Boarding School Symposium

## March 26-27, 2026

This symposium provides a space for generative conversations on what we know about Native American boarding schools and what that knowledge means. Join us in exploring the 20th-century history of North American Indian Boarding Schools in this two-day symposium, featuring speakers, workshops, and film.

### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



**DR. BRENDA CHILD (OJIBWE)**  
*Northrop Professor of American Studies at  
University of Minnesota*

**"Boarding Schools and American  
Indian Dispossession"**



**DR. PRESTON MCBRIDE**  
*Assistant professor of history at  
Pomona College*

**"Life and Death in Federal Custody:  
The Educational Apparatus for  
Native American Peoples and the  
Geographies of Removal  
and Return"**



**DR. JESSICA FREMLAND  
(SISSETON WAHPETON  
DAKOTA)**  
*Research Associate in American studies  
at Brown University*

**"Epistolary Kinship: Love, Sabotage,  
and Refusal in the Wahpeton  
Indian School"**



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