



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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