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Chair and Distinguished Professor
Penny Kanner Endowed Chair in Women's Studies
UCLA Department of Gender Studies

invites you to attend the installation celebration of



Shannon Speed

Director, UCLA American Indian Studies Center (AISC)
Professor, UCLA Department of American Indian Studies, Gender Studies, and Anthropology

as the holder of the
Paula Gunn Allen Chair in Gender Studies

speaking on the topic of

"Chickasaw Spring: Law and Sovereign Resurgence in a Native Nation"



Thursday, October 19, 2023

5:00 p.m. PT

Reception to follow

James West Alumni Center, Collins Room
UCLA Campus

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About the Paula Gunn Allen Chair: The Paula Gunn Allen Chair, a professorial chair established by the UCLA Department of Gender Studies to honor the memory and legacy of Paula Gunn Allen (1939 – 2008). Professor Allen was a groundbreaking scholar, writer and feminist whose outstanding academic contributions include being widely considered a founding figure of contemporary indigenous literature, defining a canon of Native American literature. As one of the key intellectual scholars of indigenous literature and history, her work and scholarship served as a bridge between indigenous literature writing and feminism. Professor Allen was a faculty member in the UCLA Department of English from 1990 to 1999 and was an active scholar with the now-established UCLA Department of American Indian Studies.

About Shannon Speed: Shannon Speed is a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation. She is Professor of American Indian Studies, Gender Studies, and Anthropology at UCLA, where she also serves as Director of the American Indian Studies Center and Special Advisor to the Chancellor on Native American and Indigenous Affairs. Dr. Speed has worked for three decades in Mexico and the United States on issues of indigenous rights, gender, neoliberalism, violence, migration, and activist research. Her books include the award-winning *Incarcerated Stories: Indigenous Women Migrants and Violence in the Settler Capitalist State* (UNC Press 2020) and the co-edited volume with Dr. Lynn Stephen, *Heightened States of Injustice: Activist Research on Indigenous Women and Violence* (University of Arizona Press 2021). She is currently working on a new book with her own tribal nation entitled, *Chickasaw Spring: Law and Resurgent Sovereignty in a Native Nation*. She is a recipient of the President's Award from the American Anthropological Association (AAA) and the Chickasaw Dynamic Woman of the Year award from the Chickasaw Nation. She served as the President of the Native American and Indigenous Studies Association (NAISA) from 2018 to 2021. Dr. Speed is active in her tribe's language revitalization program as a learner and teacher, and serves as a board member of Comunidades Indigenas en Liderazgo (CIELO) in Los Angeles.