

## PRESS RELEASE

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### UPCOMING EVENT AT THE AIRC

#### *Seeking Justice for Our Sisters: A Virtual Event Series Dedicated to Raising Awareness About Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls*

SANTA CRUZ, California – For three consecutive days Monday, May 3, through Wednesday, May 5, 2021 the UCSC American Indian Resource Center will host a series of virtual events in observance of the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG). The purpose of this event is to raise awareness about MMIWG, a human rights issue that continues to ravage Indigenous communities in the United States and abroad.

Our events will be held via Zoom on Monday, May 3 from 4 pm to 5:30 pm PST, Tuesday, May 4, from 4 pm to 5:30 pm PST and Wednesday, May 5 from 4 pm to 5:30 pm PST. It will consist of presentations delivered by AIRC interns, the Human Rights Investigations Lab at the Research Center for the Americas, and Métis artist Jaime Black, founder of the REDress Project, who will be in conversation with AIRC Director Dr. Rebecca Hernandez and AIRC intern Arely Hernandez. Presentation topics include:

- Overview of the movement
- Art, activism, extractive industries, and allyship in regard to MMIWG
- Human Rights Investigation on Northern California MMIWG
- A conversation with artist and advocate Jaime Black, founder of the REDress Project

We hope that you are able to join us in our efforts to spread awareness about Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

To virtually attend this event, you must register by going to the separate registration pages for each event.

#### [Registration Links:](#)

[bit.ly/airc-day1](https://bit.ly/airc-day1) - [bit.ly/airc-day2](https://bit.ly/airc-day2) - [bit.ly/airc-day3](https://bit.ly/airc-day3)

The registration forms for this event can also be found on the American Indian Resource Center website ([airc.ucsc.edu](http://airc.ucsc.edu)), Facebook page ([@AIRC.UCSC](https://www.facebook.com/AIRC.UCSC)), and Instagram page ([@aircucsc](https://www.instagram.com/aircucsc)). Thank you and we hope to see you there!

**About AIRC:** The [American Indian Resource Center](#), founded in 2000, is one of four ethnic resource centers at UC Santa Cruz. The AIRC is dedicated to supporting the needs of American Indian students and increasing Native visibility on campus by advocating student-centered programs, cultural events, and tools for academic success and well being. The center serves as a vital link between American Indian students, the University, and tribal communities to foster growth through mentoring, leadership opportunities, and scholarly development. The AIRC also serves as a supportive space for students to help ease the transition from home to campus life.