On the Road to Freedom:
Understanding the Civil Rights Movement
Native American Voices
North Dakota, South Dakota & Colorado
September 11 - 19, 2022
With Discussion Leader
Danielle Ta’Sheena Finn

Bismarck • Standing Rock • Keystone • Pine Ridge • Denver • Ignacio
The Hon. Danielle Ta’Sheena Finn is a citizen of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. She is Hunkpapa Lakota, Inhanktowan Dakota, Assiniboine, and Metis. Her Lakota name is Wicahpi Sakowin Win, which in English means the Seventh Star Woman. Judge Finn is from Porcupine/Bismarck, North Dakota. Currently, Judge Finn serves as an Associate Judge for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, but still enjoys speaking at engagements, working on her artistry, dancing at powwows, and participating in Indigenous activism. She was Miss Indian World 2016, a four day competition that tests one’s knowledge of their tribe’s culture, language and skills.

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**BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA**

**Sunday, September 11**

Arrive in Bismarck and make your own way to the hotel. Meet in the hotel lobby at 2.00pm to depart for an afternoon visit to the North Dakota Heritage Center and State Museum. Dakota Wind Goodhouse, an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and a Native American Studies instructor at the United Tribes Technical College, a Native American owned and operated college, will guide us through the museum. Before dinner meet with discussion leader Danielle Ta’Sheena Finn, for a trip overview and briefing. Enjoy a welcome reception and dinner with fellow travelers. **Radisson Hotel R,D**

**BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA**

**Monday, September 12**

Depart the hotel and drive to Knife River Indian Village, a National Parks Service site, which preserves the historic and archaeological remnants of bands of Hidatsa, Northern Plains Indians. This area was once a major trading and agricultural area and the remains of hundreds of earth lodges are clearly visible. Continue on to the Double Ditch Indian Village, a large earth-lodge community inhabited by the Mandan Indians for nearly 300 years, and once a center of trade between the Mandan people, their nomadic neighbors, and later, Euro-American traders.

After lunch meet with Cheryl Kary, co-founder of the Sacred Pipe Resource Center (SPRC) whose mission is to maintain a home-away-from-home for off-reservation Native Americans living in the area while respecting the sovereign nature of their individual Tribal citizenship.

End the day meeting staff from the Indian Affairs Commission of North Dakota. **Radisson Hotel B,L,D**

**KEYSTONE, SOUTH DAKOTA**

**Tuesday, September 13**

En route to Standing Rock this morning drive by Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park, the last home of General Custer. Continue driving along the Standing Rock Scenic Byway, an 86-mile route that climbs up and down the Missouri River, past buffalo herds and eagle’s nests. History comes alive on this journey where the great Lakota spiritual leader Sitting Bull lived and died.

Enter the Standing Rock Reservation, home to the Lakota and Dakota people. Stop at the community of Cannon Ball where we will meet with Phyllis Young, a member of the Standing Rock Sioux and one of the founders of the resistance camps of the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL) protests. Continue on to nearby Fort Yates, the main town of Standing Rock and enjoy a locally cooked lunch at the Community Center. After lunch, visit the original burial site of Sitting Bull who was assassinated on the western part of the reservation.

We will stop at the Cheyenne River Reservation to meet with Julie Garreau, executive director of the Cheyenne River Project. Drive about three hours to our Keystone hotel, tucked deep in the Black Hills. Dinner at our hotel. **K Bar S Lodge B,L,D**

**KEYSTONE, SOUTH DAKOTA**

**Wednesday, September 14**

This morning drive about an hour and a half to the Red Cloud School, a school founded by Jesuits which incorporates Lakota studies as a vital part of the curriculum.

Visit the recently built Oglala Tribe Justice Center which houses courtrooms, a short term holding facility, offices for law enforcement and justice officials and a “peacemaking” room for family and group disputes. This first of its kind arrangement saw the Bureau of Indian Affairs fully fund the project which allowed the Oglala tribe to hire their own design, architecture, and engineering firms.

Head towards the town of Pine Ridge stopping at the site of the Massacre of Wounded Knee. The 1890 “battle” was actually a mas-
sacre where hundreds of unarmed Lakota women, children, and men, were shot and killed by U.S. troops.

Enjoy lunch in the home of Bette Black Elk, a descendant of the famous Oglala Lakota medicine man Black Elk, an Oglala Lakota visionary and healer.

Visit with members from the Thunder Valley Community, a Lakota-run grassroots Community Development Corporation. Learn how they are “building a community” to create systemic change on the Pine Ridge Reservation. Meet with Star Means, enrolled member of the Oglala Lakota Nation.

Return to Keystone and before dinner meet with Sequoia Crosswhite, an enrolled member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe and a descendant of Chief War Eagle and Chief Swift Cloud. He is an accomplished musician, grass dancer and historian, and his handmade flutes and musical recordings uphold the traditions of his Lakota ancestors. 

K Bar S Lodge B,L

DENVER, COLORADO
Thursday, September 15
This morning drive by Mt. Rushmore and through the Black Hills National Park to the Wind Cave National Park for a visit. This site is central to the Emergence Story of the Lakota people.

Continue to Denver making a stop in Longmont to meet with Michael Roberts, president of the First Nations Development Institute which improves economic conditions for Native Americans through technical training, advocacy, and direct financial grants. First Nations is the most highly-rated American Indian nonprofit in the nation. Continue to Denver and check-in to our hotel. Dinner at leisure. 

Downtown Renaissance Hotel B,L

DEL NORTE, COLORADO
Friday, September 16
Morning meeting with Sarah Ortega, an artist, actress and dancer whose piece titled, “Home is Where the Heart Is” is in the Denver Museum of Art and who is featured in the PBS Film, “The Art of Home”, which aired nationally in November 2019.

Continue on to the offices of the American Indian College Fund which invests in Native students and tribal college education to transform lives and communities.

Depart Denver and drive through spectacular landscapes stopping at the Great Sand Dunes National Park, home to the highest sand dunes in North America. The mountains, forests, and dunes in the park are sacred to the Apache, Navajo, Ute, and Pueblo Indians. Drive on to Del Norte and the Windsor Hotel, one of Colorado’s oldest hotels. 

Windsor Hotel B,L,D

IGNACIO, COLORADO
Saturday, September 17
This morning drive about two hours to Chimney Rock, an intimate, off-the-beaten path archaeological site located at the southern edge of the San Juan Mountains. The site was home to the ancestors of the modern Pueblo Indians. Enjoy lunch nearby before driving to Durango and Fort Lewis College where about a third of students are Native American or Alaskan Native. Meet with Michael Watchman, an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation and alumnus.

Continue on to Ignacio and the Sky Ute Casino Resort, located on the Southern Ute Reservation. The oldest continuous residents of Colorado are the Ute Indians. End the afternoon at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum and meet with director Susan Cimburek to view the Permanent Gallery chronicling the story of the Ute. 

Sky Ute Casino Resort B,L

IGNACIO, COLORADO
Sunday, September 18
This morning meet with Linda Baker, a member of the Southern Ute Tribe and a Sky Ute Tribal Council member. Apart from having a wealth of experience and knowledge about the Southern Ute tribe, Linda is a talented beader and she specializes in Ute regalia and Bear Dance accessories for men, women, and children.

After lunch at the Fox Fire Farms winery, meet with staff at the Southern Ute Drum, the tribe’s biweekly community newspaper. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner. 

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DEPART
Monday, September 19
Independently transfer to the Durango–La Plata County Airport for flights home. 

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