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Hopi Schooling and the Internal and External Pressures of Becoming Modern

Hopi historian Matthew Sakiestewa Gilbert retells the story of five Hopi chiefs who, in 1890, traveled by Santa Fe Pacific Railroad to speak with government officials in Washington, DC. While the Hopi leaders left their village communities to address problems they had with their Navajo neighbors, government officials also intended for them to be influenced and intimidated by what they saw and experience on their trip. This talk examines how the U.S. government used American cities, displays of military and industrial might, and off-reservation Indian boarding schools to pressure the chiefs (and their people) to become “modern” U.S. citizens. It also demonstrates how Hopi leaders (and village members) responded to this trip and revisits the long-term education consequences of forcefully assimilating Indian people into American society.



DATE: Monday, March 28th

TIME: 4-5:30PM MST

LOCATION: Zoom

<https://arizona.zoom.us/j/83705669617>

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Education Beyond the Mesas: Hopi Students at Sherman Institute, 1902-1929

Hopi Runners: Crossing the Terrain Between Indian and American

<https://beyondthemesas.com/>