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Heritage University to Present Exhibit of Contemporary Native American Artwork

Toppenish, Wash. – Heritage University will present a selection of artwork from the *Not Vanishing: Contemporary Expressions in Indigenous Art 1977-2015* exhibition. Participating artist Wendy Redstar will give a public presentation on **Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Room 1101** in Petrie Hall, with an opening reception to follow in the Virginia S. Hislop Gallery in Petrie Hall located at the university's main campus in Toppenish.

Originally curated by Gail Tremblay and Miles R. Miller, the *Not Vanishing* exhibit examines the evolution of the Contemporary Native American Arts Movement and the works of artists living in the Northwest, with significant emphasis on tribes throughout the Puget Sound and Plateau regions. This exhibition brings together established artists who have shaped the movement for years with emerging artists who are keeping the movement alive.

Gregory Pierce, the chair of the Fine Arts department at Heritage has worked with select museums, private lenders and artists in the region to bring together a collection of more traditional and historical works to complement the contemporary artwork in the exhibition. The *Not Vanishing* exhibit was most recently on display at the Museum of Northwest Art in La Conner, Wash. in October of last year.

The *Not Vanishing: Everpresent, Indigenous Art from 1870-2015* exhibition will be on display at Heritage University through April 1, 2016. The reception and the ongoing show are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Gregory Pierce at (509) 865-8546 or pierce_g@heritage.edu.

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