

ACTION ALERT!

Support Assistant Professor Andrea Smith
Program in American Culture, Native American Studies, Women's Studies

On February 22nd, 2008 the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts gave Professor Andrea Smith a negative tenure recommendation. Dr. Smith's case is now under review by the LSA Provost. **Write letters in support of Assistant Professor Andrea Smith's tenure case BY MARCH 31st 2008!**

Letters should be addressed to ALL of the following:

- Teresa Sullivan, Provost and Executive VP for Academic Affairs, LSA, tsull@umich.edu
- Lester Monts, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, LSA, lmonts@umich.edu
- Mary Sue Coleman, UM President, PresOff@umich.edu
- TenureForAndreaSmith@gmail.com

TALKING POINTS YOU CAN USE IN YOUR SUPPORT LETTER:

- Smith is author of the following books:
 - *Conquest: Sexual Violence and American Indian Genocide*
 - *Native Americans and the Christian Right: The Gendered Politics of Unlikely Alliances*
 - *Sacred Sites, Sacred Rites*
- Smith is editor and/or co-editor of the following anthologies:
 - *Color of Violence: The INCITE! Anthology*
 - *The Revolution Will Not Be Funded: Beyond the Non-Profit Industrial Complex*
 - *Native Feminisms Without Apology*
 - Forthcoming on theorizing Indigenous Studies
- She has published 15 peer reviewed articles in widely circulated academic journals including *American Quarterly*, *Feminist Studies*, *National Women's Studies Association Journal*, *Hypatia*, *Meridians*, and the *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*
- Smith is the recipient of numerous prestigious awards from organizations such as the Lannan Foundation, University of Illinois, Gustavus Myers Foundation, Ford Foundation
- Smith was cited in the U.S. Non-Governmental Organization Consolidated Shadow Report to the United Nations
- A co-founder of Incite! Women of Color Against Violence and the Chicago chapter of Women of All Red Nations, she has been a key thinker behind large-scale national and international efforts to develop remedies for ending violence against women beyond the criminal justice system. As a result of her work, scholars, social service providers, and community-based organizations throughout the United States have shifted from state-focused efforts to more systemic approaches for addressing

violence against women. In recognition of her contributions, Smith was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2005.

- As of June 2007, Professor Smith's book, *Conquest: Sexual Violence and American Indian Genocide* (2005) had sold over 8,000 copies. Three-fourths of these sales have gone to college and university courses. In addition, the leading Native studies organization, Native American and Indigenous Studies Association organized a special panel about this book at their last annual conference (2007). The international impact of *Conquest* is evidenced by its reprinting in Sami (Sweden) and in Maori Institutions in New Zealand; by Professor Smith's invitation to participate in an academic workshop in Germany based on the book; and by the book's frequent use in Native Studies classrooms in Canada.
- She has also played a key role in contributing social-justice based research, teaching, and community building at the University of Michigan.
- Under Andrea Smith's mentorship, a large number of undergraduate and graduate students have grown as intellectual members of the UM's campus community.

FACTS FOR DR. ANDREA SMITH'S TENURE CASE

- Her intellectual work contributes to the fields of Native American Studies, Women's and Gender Studies, Ethnic Studies, Religious Studies, and American Studies.
- Smith is jointly appointed in the Program in American Culture and the Department of Women's Studies at Michigan.
- The Program in American Culture gave a positive recommendation for Smith's tenure, while the Department of Women's Studies gave a negative recommendation. After the tenure recommendations were released from the two departments, the College of Literature, Sciences, and the Arts reviewed the tenure file and also gave a negative tenure recommendation.
- She is currently the Director of Native American Studies at Michigan.