Spring 2015 ~ Indigenous Gardens & Food Justice
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COURSE DESCRIPTION: Touch, Taste and Participate in what Native American communities are doing today to reclaim health and wellbeing. This course will examine impacts of colonization on local and traditional foods, health and land management policies and the re-emergence of Indigenous practices with land, water, and food systems. Revitalization of food sovereignty by reservation and urban Native American communities to reclaim health and address historical trauma will be central to student understanding. Students will participate in the site assessment and design of edible and medicinal gardens at NARA (Native American Rehabilitation Assn.), Cully Park Inter-Tribal Gathering Garden, and assist with implementation of permaculture design of the Deerwalk Garden at the PSU Native American Student & Community Center. Permaculture principles and Indigenous land ethics will guide our process. Students will explore relationship-building, creative place-based projects, and analysis of current issues facing Native American communities.

TUE/THU: 2-3:50pm       CRN#: 62680       NAS 399 Section 002