

## **ACTION ALERT!**

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

On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts gave Professor Andrea Smith a negative tenure recommendation. At the department level, Women's Studies gave Andrea Smith a negative tenure recommendation and American Culture granted Dr. Smith a positive tenure recommendation. Dr. Smith's case is now under review by the LSA Provost. Help us support the Program in American Culture's positive recommendation for Dr. Andrea Smith's tenure!

**Write letters asking Michigan's Provost office to uphold the Program in American Culture's positive recommendation for Assistant Professor Andrea Smith's tenure case BY MARCH 31<sup>st</sup> 2008!**

Address email and hard copy letters to ALL of the following:

- FAX: (734) 764-4546
- Teresa Sullivan, Provost and Executive VP for Academic Affairs, LSA, [tsull@umich.edu](mailto:tsull@umich.edu)
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Voice your ideas on the web forum at <http://www.woclockdown.org/>

### **TALKING POINTS YOU CAN USE IN YOUR SUPPORT LETTER:**

- Smith is author of the following books:
  - *Conquest: Sexual Violence and American Indian Genocide*, South End Press
  - *Native Americans and the Christian Right: The Gendered Politics of Unlikely Alliances*, Duke University Press (Forthcoming, May 2008)
  - *Sacred Sites, Sacred Rites*, Joint project of American Indian Community House and the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA, Racial Justice Working Group (1998)
- Smith is editor and/or co-editor of the following anthologies:
  - *Color of Violence: The INCITE! Anthology*, South End Press
  - *The Revolution Will Not Be Funded: Beyond the Non-Profit Industrial Complex*, South End Press
  - *Native Feminisms Without Apology*, (Forthcoming)
  - Forthcoming on theorizing Indigenous Studies
- She has published 15 peer reviewed articles in widely circulated academic journals including *American Quarterly* (Forthcoming), *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.