



The Department of History

HISTORY WORKSHOP

TUESDAYS 12:30-1:30 ON ZOOM



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BISCUITS AND BUFFALO: THE ONGOING REINVENTION OF AMERICAN INDIAN CULTURE

Dr. Ott's talk is about American Indians from ranchers to biscuit makers who sustained their families and built economic enterprises on the Crow reservation in Montana in post-reservation times. Dr. Ott dismantles dichotomies between traditional and contemporary ways of life. This talk moves toward a more nuanced and inclusive view of reservation history that does not erase successes and collaborations and that makes room in the historical narrative for the diverse choices that American Indians have made.

SPEAKER BIO

Cindy Ott is an associate professor of history at UD. Along with her book *Pumpkin: The Curious History of an American Icon* (2012), she has published articles on American food and culture, landscape and memory, American Indian and non-Indian relations, and material and visual culture.

She is currently working on developing the Native nonprofit Center

Pole the Crow Indian Virtual Archive & Museum -- a virtual repository of Crow Indian cultural items and images housed in public and private collections around the world.

Cindy began to live and work with people in the Crow community beginning in 2004 when she was the history curator at the Museum of the Rockies in Bozeman, Montana.