The University of Minnesota is offering a series of educational programming in advance of the Sunday, November 2 Washington-Minnesota NFL game at TCF Bank Stadium, with the goal to increase awareness, discussion and understanding of the effects of stereotyped American Indian mascots and logos.

The series of educational events kicks off October 24 and was organized with input from students, faculty, staff, the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, National Coalition Against Racism in Sports and Media, the state’s other tribes and additional community partners.

The free events, all open to the public, are co-sponsored by the University’s American Indian Student Cultural Center, the Office for Equity and Diversity, the Circle of Indigenous Nations, and the Department of American Indian Studies, among others.

American Indian Mascots and Logos

Educational Programming

Friday, October 24, 6 p.m.
Opening Reception
“Bittersweet Winds,” the Richie Plass Collection
Coffman Art Gallery, Coffman Memorial Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis.

The exhibit runs through December 1, 2014 and includes more than 200 items that intend to educate about diversity, stereotyping and racism in the context of using Native American imagery.

Wednesday, October 29, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Screening of the 1997 award-winning documentary,
“In Whose Honor? American Indian Mascots in Sports”
Coffman Theater, Coffman Memorial Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis.

Screening followed by discussion with Charlene Teters, a professor at the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, NM. Teters is a founding board member of the National Coalition Against Racism in Sports and Media, and her work is the subject of the film by Jay Rosenstein.

Thursday, October 30, 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
A program hosted by the American Indian Studies Department
“Sovereignty Matters”
Best Buy Theater, Northrop, 84 Church Street S.E. Minneapolis.

Topics include the 1862 Dakota homelands, the environment of American Indian sovereignty, the Ojibwe people’s dictionary, sovereignty and archaeological heritage.

Thursday, October 30, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
A program hosted by the American Indian Studies Department
Perspectives Panel facilitated by Charlene Teters
Great Hall, Coffman Memorial Union, 300 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis.

Panelists and attendees include Delise S. O’Meally, executive director, National Consortium for Academics and Sports, Michael Taylor, professor of sociology and anthropology, Colgate University; and Clyde Bellecourt, co-founder of the American Indian Movement; coordinator, National Coalition Against Racism in Sports and Media.