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“Laughter Is Good Medicine”: Humor on Social Media as Practice of Native American Survivance

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This talk explores the dynamic intersection of Indigenous presence, humor, and survivance within contemporary social media platforms. Drawing on the theoretical framework of Gerald Vizenor's concept of *survivance*, the presentation examines how Indigenous content creators utilize humor as a powerful tool for cultural continuity and self-determination. The presentation will outline key concepts of survivance, including *manifest manners* and the *post-Indian*, before exploring how humor can serve as a practice of survivance. Focusing on case studies of the comedy group *The 1491s* and content creators *Eagle Blackbird* and *Che Jim*, we will discuss specific examples of Indigenous humor on social media that challenge stereotypes, educate non-Native audiences, and reclaim control over cultural representation.



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