

University dean highlights culture

NORMAN, OKLA. — The culture and the accomplishments of the American Indian often have been ignored by educators, according to a University of Oklahoma dean who wants to make OU "the premier center in the country for the study of the American Indian."

"You need only look at most history books and most studies of American society to see American Indians treated stereotypically, often in a racist way," said Robert E. Hemenway, dean of the OU College of Arts and Sciences. "Indian tribes and individuals have made extraordinary contributions to society, which need to be studied, celebrated and recognized by academic institutions."