



Imniza Ska (White Cliffs), St. Paul

THE CASE FOR INDIGENOUS RENAMING

**Acknowledging
Minnesota Genocide**

**7:00 pm, Wednesday, January 27
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Dr. Chris Mato Nunpa

First in a 2016 series: “What's in a Name?” Presented by the East Side Freedom Library

2012 was the 150th anniversary of the Dakota-US War of 1862. During the years leading up to and following the war, bounties were placed on the lives of Dakota people, mass executions took place as well as incarceration in concentration camps, forced marches and removal from their homeland. In recognition of these events, both Minneapolis and St. Paul declared 2012 “The Year of the Dakota” and acknowledged that genocide had taken place at the hands of the US government.

The St. Paul resolution mandated that the city identify, name and interpret sacred Native American sites in St. Paul and along the Mississippi River.

Dr. Chris Mato Nunpa will present his views on the renaming that still must take place, from the white bluffs below Indian Mounds Park to the streets and places that still bear the names of Alexander Ramsey, Henry Sibley and John C. Calhoun, Euro-American conquerors who were guilty of genocide against the indigenous people of Minnesota.

Dr. Mato Nunpa is a Dakota elder and historian, chair of the Oceti Sakowin Omniciye (Seven Fires Summit), a retired professor from Southwest Minnesota State University and a Community Faculty member at Metropolitan State University.

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