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Native Law Expert to Teach Classes

Walter Echo-Hawk, one of the foremost experts in Native American law, being a distinguished author, tribal judge, law professor and a member of the Pawnee Nation will teach at Lewis & Clark Law School in spring 2015.

As the first Walter R. Echo-Hawk Distinguished Visiting Professor, he will teach two classes during his tenure; the first called "Indigenous Rights," based on his book, "In the Courts of Conquer," and the later will be a seminar, "The Rise of International Indigenous Rights in the United States," based on his book, "In the Light of Justice."

Professor Echo-Hawk has worked as a Native American rights attorney since 1973, and has worked at the epicenter of great social movements that have led to the instrumental passage of landmark laws such as, the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (1990) and the American Indian Religious Freedom Act Amendments (1994)

Pathway for Computer Science Careers at PSU

A program designed for students who already have a bachelor's degree but little or no knowledge of computer science or programming has begun at Portland State University.

Titled 'New Beginnings' it is a nine-month intensive immersion program which started July 1 that covers the foundational knowledge in programming, theory and systems that undergrads typically acquire during their first three years as a computer science major.

Participants who successfully complete the program are automatically accepted into PSU's computer science Masters program in spring. A Master's degree in computer science can then be achieved with an additional year and a half of full-time study.

"New Beginnings provides a unique pathway for high-achieving students, who may lack the undergraduate credentials, to quickly gain the skills they need to thrive as graduate students and professionals in computer science," said Warren Harrison, chair of the Computer Science Department at Portland State.

The New Beginnings initiative is supported by a $195,000 seed grant from the Oregon Engineering and Technology Industrial Council Investment Fund.