An Evening with

Clayton Thomas-Muller:

“Idle No More: Indigenous Peoples’ Social Movements and the Fight for Climate Justice”

Wednesday, March 25th, 7-9pm

Beatty 115-Wells Fargo Auditorium

Clayton Thomas-Muller is a member of the Treaty #6 based Mathias Colomb Cree Nation, also known as Pukatawagan, located in in Northern Manitoba, Canada. Based in the Canadian capital city of Ottawa, Clayton is an organizer with 350.org, the Co-Director of the Indigenous Tar Sands Campaign of the Polaris Institute and a founder and organizer with Defenders of the Land, and is also a steering committee member of the Tar Sands Solutions Network. Clayton has been recognized by Utne Magazine as one of the top 30 under 30 activists in the United States and as a “Climate Hero 2009” by Yes Magazine. For the last twelve years he has campaigned across Canada, Alaska and the lower 48 states organizing in hundreds of First Nations, Alaska Native, and Native American communities in support of grassroots Indigenous Peoples to defend against the encroachment of the fossil fuel industry. During the evening’s talk, Clayton will discuss the historical and current status of indigenous/First Nation peoples and their role in leading the fight for climate justice, focusing on their rights-based approach to campaigning for issues of justice in regards to fracking, tar sands development, and global warming, broadly.

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