Oklahoma History Events Scheduled in Conjunction
With Art Exhibition Nov. 3-5

NORMAN, Okla. – A day symposium, family night and walking tour of Guthrie
are all planned in conjunction with a new exhibition at the Fred Jones Jr.
Museum of Art.

Over the course of three days, the museum will offer complimentary events tied
to *Picturing Indian Territory, 1819-1907*, an exhibition that explores Oklahoma
history through art, which opened at the University of Oklahoma art museum in
early October.

The symposium, scheduled from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 3, in the
museum’s Mary Eddy and
Fred Jones Auditorium, will
feature guest speakers
Sterling Evans from the OU
history department; Clara
Sue Kidwell, former director
of the American Indian
Center at the University of North Carolina; Bob Blackburn, executive director of
the Oklahoma Historical Society; and Dan Flores of the University of Montana.
The symposium explores the rich and often complicated history of the Indian
and Oklahoma Territories, including the tragedy of Indian removal and calls for
the settlement of Oklahoma.

This event is made possible through the generous support of the Edward Everett
Dale Society of the OU Western History Collection.

Families are invited to Night at the Museum from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4,
which features crafts, a rope-twirler, a Kiowa fancy dancer and other kid-friendly
activities. An educational space within the exhibition provides additional hands-on art activities and a picture hunt encouraging visitors to look more closely at the works in the show. Visitors may enjoy a selection of trail mix provided by OU Housing and Food Services.

Ron Frantz, associate professor in the OU School of Architecture, will lead a walking tour of historic Guthrie at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5. Participants will explore the Eastern European-influenced architecture of Oklahoma Territory’s historic capital. Transportation from Norman to Guthrie will not be provided; participants will meet in Guthrie at the northwest corner of Harrison Avenue and Division Street to begin the tour.

*Picturing Indian Territory* is the first of its kind: a scholarly examination of the visual history of Oklahoma and its previous incarnations as Indian and Oklahoma Territories, as told through the eyes of the artists who visited the land over the course of nearly a century. The exhibition is on display through Dec. 30 in the museum’s Nancy Johnston Records Gallery. It is made possible, in part, by a grant from the Norman Arts Council Grant Program.

“This exhibition provides an opportunity to see how artists, illustrators and journalists constructed an image of life in the Indian and Oklahoma Territories for a larger national and international audience,” said Mark White, the museum’s Wylodean and Bill Saxon Director and co-curator of *Picturing Indian Territory.* “Visitors may be surprised to see the unique outsider’s perspective presented in the historic works on display.”

*Picturing Indian Territory* surveys how the people, land and history of Oklahoma were constructed visually from the early decades of the 19th century before and after the creation of Indian Territory in 1834; to the inception of Oklahoma Territory in 1890; and finally to the unification of Indian and Oklahoma Territories to create the state of Oklahoma in 1907.

These events are complimentary and open to the public.

Additionally, the museum has created an iTunes U course and online film series entitled *Off-Site: Picturing Indian Territory, 1819-1907.*

More information about *Picturing Indian Territory* and programs is available on the museum’s website at [www.ou.edu/fjjma](http://www.ou.edu/fjjma).

The Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art is located in the OU Arts District on the corner of Elm Avenue and Boyd Street, at 555 Elm Ave., on the OU Norman campus. Admission to the museum is complimentary to all visitors, thanks to the generosity of the OU Office of the President and the OU Athletics Department.
The museum is closed on Mondays. Information and accommodations on the basis of disability are available by calling (405) 325-4938 or visiting www.ou.edu/fjjma.