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Celebration of Life for John Thein, June 25

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A celebration of life for professor emeritus John Thein will on Sunday, June 25, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. in the Lied Art Gallery, located inside the Lied Education Center for the Arts building.

Thein taught at Creighton University for 40 years with focuses on Native American culture and art.

The Rev. Don Doll will say a few words during the event. All are welcome to come and remember John. Several of his amazing artworks have been installed in the gallery for this event.

"Happy are the painters for they shall not be lonely. Light and colour, peace and hope, will keep them company to the end, or almost to the end, of the day." – Sir Winston Churchill

A relentless student of Art and its subjects; a professor and mentor to countless students, peers, and individuals; a father, husband, and friend . . . John Thein was an individual that lived a life devoted to the creation of art as a message, as an education, and as a shape in this world.

John walked on from this Earth and into the Next on May 8, 2023. John was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to Howard and Ethel Thein on Sept. 6, 1942. After earning his BFA from the Layton

School of Art with studies at Marquette University, he studied in Paris, France, at the renowned Atelier 17. John earned his MA and MFA from the University of Iowa. He then went on to have a distinguished career as a professor at Creighton University for 40 years, where he taught numerous students and helped nurture a connection between Native American culture and art.

Over the years, John's work highlighted the story of Native Americans, especially the massacre of the Lakota Sioux at Wounded Knee. His singular passion to chronicle this event led to the creation of his work, "Wounded Knee: The Painted Spirit."

John's epic Wounded Knee series will have a permanent home and be in the founding collection of the soon-to-open ArtBank in McCook, NE. This monumental canvas project was a dedication of 22 years of John's life and talent that found a home on the Plains, as it should be. His work can be found everywhere, from the Sheldon Art Museum in Lincoln, NE to the Shannxia Art Museum in Xia, China, and the Instituto Guatemala America, in Guatemala City, Guatemala. John participated in countless shows through his career, worldwide, including one-man shows at CFM Gallery in New York, China, Mexico, and England, to cite a few.

John was preceded in death by parents, Howard John and Ethel (Norem) Thein; and infant daughter, Tamara Thein. Survived by spouse, Jeanne Jaroch; son: Dylan (Audrey) and granddaughters, Aurora and Jane; son, Andrew; step-son: Todd Jaroch (Julie) and granddaughter, Maia; step-daughter: Noelle Jaroch (John Bauer) and grandchildren, Alana and Callum; sister, Laurie Lavender; nephew, Michael Lavender; sister-in-law, Judith Olson of Omaha; brother-in-law, John Olson (Joanne) of Birmingham, AL; beloved fur baby, Toffee; and numerous friends, students and artists

around the world.

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Registrar's Office Moving June 21-22

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The Creighton Registrar's Office will be moving from its current location in Brandeis Hall to the second floor of the Vinardi Center (Old Gym) on Wednesday, June 21, and Thursday, June 22. The office will be closed during those two days. The Registrar's Office will reopen in Suite 230 of the Vinardi Center on Friday, June 23.

Students are asked to visit with enrollment service counselors in the Harper Center, Suite 1100, for Registrar's Office-related services and questions. Registrar's Office staff are also available by phone, 402.280.2702; fax, 402.280.2527; or email, registrar@creighton.edu.

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Heinemann Presents at Race, Religion and Social Justice Conference

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On June 8, Laura Heinemann, PhD, associate professor of Medical Anthropology, and Allison Benjamin, rising junior in the Honors Program, hosted a conversation session at the Tri-Faith Initiative's Race, Religion and Social Justice Conference.

The session, "Soul Doctors: The Role of Hospital Chaplains in Restoring Faith," was based on findings from a research study led by Dr. Nasreen Quadri of the University of Minnesota and in collaboration with Elizabeth Kitamura of NYU Langone Health, and centers on how interfaith hospital chaplains can provide culturally-inclusive healthcare spaces through increased representation and relationship-building with members of refugee communities and other individuals from under-represented backgrounds. [Read more.](#)

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Creighton Law Participates in Juneteenth's Omaha Freedom Festival

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Joy Suder, JD, director of Creighton School of Law's Juvenile Justice Clinic, Denis Lemus, JD, staff attorney, and Karla Dush with the Law School's [Community Connection](#), participated in the 2023 Juneteenth Omaha Freedom Festival on Saturday, June 17.

While at the Malcolm X Memorial Foundation site, Creighton members provided items and information to the community on the services our attorneys and community staff members provide. It was a beautiful day and a great opportunity to inform the Juneteenth participants on the legal and social advocacy and services we provide.