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Portland, OR—Yale Union is pleased to announce a new commission by artist Sky Hopinka. The project will begin with a powwow to be held at Yale Union on Saturday, April 13. All are welcome to attend the event.

Following the powwow, Hopinka will curate an exhibition of experimental film and video titled “What Was Always Yours and Never Lost,” on view from April 25 through June 9. Artists featured in the exhibition are Thirza Cuthand, Sky Hopinka, Adam and Zack Khalil with Jackson Polys, James Luna, and Caroline Monnet. In addition, the film collective Colectivo los Ingrávidos will present a site-specific video installation created for the exhibition.

Sky Hopinka is a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation and a descendent of the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians. He was born and raised in Ferndale, Washington and spent several years in Southern California and in Portland, Oregon, where he studied and taught chinuk wawa, a language indigenous to the Lower Columbia River Basin. Hopinka received his BA from Portland State University in Liberal Arts and his MFA in Film, Video, Animation, and New Genres from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. His work has played at festivals and exhibitions including ImagineNATIVE, Images Festival, Courtisane, Wavelengths, Ann Arbor Film Festival, AFI, Sundance, Antimatter, Chicago Underground Film Festival, FLEXfest, Projections, Out of Sight Seattle, the 2016 Wisconsin Triennial, and the 2017 Whitney Biennial. Hopinka is currently an Associate Professor of film, video, and animation at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, BC, and a Radcliffe-Harvard Film Study Center Fellow in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

YALE UNION POWWOW
April 13, 12:00–5:00pm

WHAT WAS ALWAYS YOURS AND NEVER LOST
April 26–June 9, Thursday–Sunday, 12:00–6:00pm
Opening April 25, 5:00–7:00pm

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