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Mihesuah speaks nationally and internationally about issues pertaining to empowerment of indigenous peoples. She has received awards from the National Endowment for the Humanities, Ford Foundation, American Council of Learned Societies, American Educational Studies Association, and the American Historical Association, among other awards. At Northern Arizona University, she received the Native American Students United Award for Outstanding Faculty, the President’s Award for Outstanding Faculty, and the Outstanding Faculty Woman of the Year Award.

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