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Gardner-Webb University in Boiling Springs, North Carolina is accepting presentation submissions for its biannual Southern Appalachian Culture Series, an interdisciplinary conference to be held Oct. 12-13, 2012. This year will feature presentations on Cherokee culture, although we also invite and encourage other papers that deal with any aspect of Southern Appalachian culture, literature, or tradition. The conference is part of a symposium, which will offer concurrent sessions of presentations by writers and scholars, including graduate and undergraduate students, and prominent Cherokee scholar and storyteller, Freeman Owle.

Possible presentations on Southern Appalachia include, but are not limited to, the following topics:

- Cherokee culture and language
- literature of Southern Appalachia
- historical or travel writing
- musical heritage
- nature and the environment in Southern Appalachian literature
- mass-media portrayals, stereotyping, and mythologizing
- Piedmont mill culture
- the effects of outmigration
- National Parks in Southern Appalachia
- tourism
- roles of gender, class, and race in Southern Appalachia

Email 250-word abstracts for presentation topics to Elizabeth Pack at epack@gardnerwebb.edu. Please include all contact information and a brief biographical sketch. Attach abstracts as Word or Rich Text Format and write "SoApp Presentation Submission" in the subject heading. Upon acceptance, all presenters will be sent information to register online at the Southern Appalachian Culture Series website: soappculture.com.

The deadline for submissions has been extended to: Aug. 31, 2012.