

## **Press Release**

### **University of Colorado Under Fire Again: Professors and Attorneys File New Charges Against Committee Investigating Churchill**

May 28, 2007

Five professors and two attorneys today filed new allegations of research misconduct against the University of Colorado committee which wrote the May 9, 2006 Investigative Report in the Ward Churchill case.

The professors and attorneys, a majority of whom are Indigenous, charge the Committee with misrepresenting, fabricating, or suppressing evidence in their Report, and exhibiting bias against Professor Churchill.

The five allegations filed today address the Investigative Committee's findings regarding the smallpox epidemics of 1616 and 1837. Like many others, this group believes the "investigation" and resulting Report were a pretext intended to silence Professor Churchill and discredit the Indigenous perspectives he articulates.

On May 10, 2007, another group of eleven professors filed allegations against the Investigative Committee. Their complaint was supported by the Colorado Conference of AAUP Chapters, which urged Pres. Hank Brown to rescind the Report pending investigation into the charges. Those allegations have been sent to Health Sciences Center of the University of Colorado for investigation.

The new allegations, signed by James Craven (Blackfoot), Jennifer Harbury, Ruth Hsu, David Stannard, Haunani-Kay Trask (Kanak Maoli), Sharon Venne (Cree), and Michael Yellow Bird (Arikara/Hidatsa) are attached.

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