Ms. Mai Nguyen
Director, Asian and Native American Center
“Native American’s Day” and/or “Indigenous People’s Day”

Dr. Kimberly Barrett, vice president for multicultural affairs and community engagement, introduced Ms. Mai Nguyen.

Ms. Mai Nguyen, director of the Asian and Native American Center, spoke about the history of Native American’s Day or as it is sometimes referred to as Indigenous People’s Day. This celebration of heritage has its roots in the recognition of the historic first settler’s in the United States; the American Indian.

Ms. Nguyen offered statistics on the population of Native Americans in the United States and the number of students at Wright State who are members of this population. The Wright State Asian and Native American Center offers academic, social, and cultural support for Asian and Native American students as well as unique programming to help others learn about and appreciate Native American heritage.