In spring of 2015, activist, scholar, and writer Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz gave a talk on her most recent book: An Indigenous Peoples’ History of the United States. Nearly three hundred people RSVPed through social media and the event was packed. Her work, which seeks to disrupt the national narrative of consent and encounter, opens up conversation on the actualities constituent to the foundation of the United States: settler-colonialism, white supremacy, African slavery, genocide, and land theft. “How might acknowledging the reality of US History work to transform society?” What are
the ways in which we can challenge and resist contemporary manifestations of the “culture of conquest” and the pervasiveness of the doctrine of discovery? Dunbar-Ortiz stressed that hers is not an alternative interpretation of US history, it is just the whole story — one that does not erase the history of Indigenous people. Dunbar-Ortiz has established Ethnic Studies/Native American Studies programs at numerous universities, has been a full-time activist in Mexico, Europe, and Cuba and a prolific writer throughout, and it was with much generosity that she shared the breadth of her experience and knowledge. The Indigenous Graduate Student Association, with support from the organization of Native American Students at Cornell and the American Indian and Indigenous Studies Program, brought this important event to campus.

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