

Filmmaker Speaking at SWOSU on October 3

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Native American filmmaker Sterlin Harjo will make an appearance at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford this Thursday, October 3, as part of the SWOSU AI Harris Library Showcase series.

Harjo will discuss his life as a filmmaker and the techniques he uses when making films at the 7 p.m. presentation at the SWOSU Conference Center, located at 1121 N. Seventh Street. Admission is free and the public is invited.

Born and raised in Holdenville, Harjo currently lives in Tulsa and works at This Land Press. In 2006, he was selected as one of the inaugural recipients and the first Native American recipient of the prestigious United States Artists Fellowship. In the same year, he was selected for a 2006 Media Arts Fellowship from Renew Media and won the Creative Promise Award from Tribeca All Access for his script, *Before the Beast Returns*.

Harjo's first feature film, *Four Sheets to the Wind*, premiered at the 2007 Sundance Film Festival and has been widely screened nationally and internationally at film festivals and art cinemas. His second feature film, *Barking Water*, was shot in Oklahoma in the summer of 2008 and premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in 2009. This film won awards for Best Film and Best Actress at the 2009 American Indian Film Festival.

For more information or questions about the event, contact Linda Pye at the SWOSU AI Harris Library at 580.774.7021 or linda.pye@swosu.edu.