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# Press Release

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DR. VENTURA R. PÉREZ APPOINTED

BROTHERTOWN INDIAN NATION TRIBAL ANTHROPOLOGIST

FOND DU LAC, WISCONSIN, AUGUST 29, 2009: Mr. Richard Schadewald, Chairman of the Brothertown Indian Nation (BIN), announced today that on August 10, 2009 the BIN Tribal Council voted to appoint Dr. Ventura R. Pérez Brothertown Indian Nation Tribal Anthropologist.

Dr. Pérez, a professor of Biological Anthropology at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, has an M.A. and Ph.D. in biological anthropology, both with distinction, from the University of Massachusetts Amherst and a B.A. in Anthropology from the University of Iowa. His training includes work in Heritage Resource Management, forensic anthropology, and the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act. His primary area of interest is interpersonal and institutional

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forms of violence. His work focuses on cultural representations of violence using an interdisciplinary inquiry that includes social science and behavioral and biological research (specifically skeletal trauma), along with the analysis of artifacts and ethnohistoric research. He views the use of violence as a cultural performance and argues that in order to understand its use we must strive to recognize the culturally specific circumstances under which it is produced and maintained. His other interests include skeletal biology, taphonomy, forensic anthropology, paleopathology, and the etiology of diseases affecting the human skeleton. His research is currently in Zacatecas, Mexico at the site of La Quemada (AD 900) and in the greater Southwest. Contact Dr. Pérez at [vrperez@anthro.umass.edu](mailto:vrperez@anthro.umass.edu).

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