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For many, the relationship between American Indians and Europeans can be seen as little more than a trade. But for many anthropologists and historians, it is much more complicated than that in many, many instances of these periods that can be understood through the lens of clothing acceptance. 

An anthropologist who has been studying the ways in which clothing is used as a form of expression is Jeanne Willmott, an assistant professor of anthropology at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. Willmott's research areas include Native American studies, with a focus on the fur trade era. The British and the early political power of clothing, she said. 

The late 17th and early 18th centuries were the peak of the fur trade. Willmott said that the fur trade was a way for the American Indians and the British to interact.

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