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Apr 15 On this date in **1886** the *Nevada State Journal* reported a statement by an unidentified Indian agent who said the population of Native Americans in the U.S. was dying out at such a rapid rate that the survivors who gained tribal assets would be millionaires; in **1933** in a sharp break from past federal policies toward Native Americans, President Roosevelt nominated John Collier, a social worker and champion of tribal rights, to be U.S. Indian Commissioner; in **1944** the *Nevada State Journal* endorsed U.S. Senator Patrick McCarran As legislation to allow white squatters to take title to the land they had been working on the Pyramid Lake tribal reservation;

## Amodei says land bill hearing important step

ELKO — U.S. Rep. Mark Amodei, R-Nev., today praised the decision by the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands to hold a legislative hearing for the Yerington Land Conveyance and Sustainable Development Act on April 17.

The hearing is the important first step before the bill can be marked up by the committee and brought to the House floor for consideration, according to the congressman.

"For more than four years, the City of Yerington and Lyon County have worked on this sustainable development plan to enable all community stakeholders to benefit from an increase in adjacent private lands. The conveyance of Bureau of Land Management land would enable the city and county to grow while providing needed tax revenue and the potential for hundreds of long-term, high-paying jobs," Amodei said.

The bill allows the BLM to convey roughly 10,000 acres to Yerington, which in turn plans to sell or lease land to Nevada Copper for the Pumpkin Hollow Project, as well as additional development.

"Nevada's unemployment rate is the highest in the nation and Lyon County's is the highest in Nevada. According to the Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation, in February roughly 6,500 Nevadans gave up looking for a job and left the labor force all together.

"If we're serious about the economy, then this community-driven plan, with no cost to taxpayers, is exactly the sort of thing the federal government needs to fast-track," Amodei said.

Nevada Copper stated in an announcement this week that it was pleased the House subcommittee is holding a hearing on the land bill.

Nevada Copper, which broke ground on Pumpkin Hollow in February, invested nearly \$50 million in exploration to justify the \$1 billion investment necessary to fully develop the mine, according to the congressman.

The initial shaft sinking is already with creation of 30 to 40 jobs. An additional 250 to 500 construction jobs could start in 2013 if the land transfer is successful. At full operation in 2015-2016, Pumpkin Hollow would employ 750 to 800 people, Amodei said.

Nevada Copper said earlier the land exchange speeds the permitting time for Pumpkin Hollow. If the land is private, the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection approves the project. Otherwise, the project has to go through the full environmental impact statement process with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management that could add a couple of years to the timeline.

Read more: <a href="http://elkodaily.com/mining/amodei-says-land-bill-hearing-important-step/">http://elkodaily.com/mining/amodei-says-land-bill-hearing-important-step/</a>
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## Meetings set on tribal water rights settlement CW 6 San Diego

Navajo Nation President Ben Shelly has scheduled a series of public meetings on a controversial water rights settlement.

# 24 NARF clients share in over \$1 billion settlement by United States of historical tribal trust fund accounting and mismanagement claims

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Melody McCoy or John Echohawk at (303) 447-8760

**Boulder, CO** – Following on the heels of the White House announcement Wednesday regarding over \$1 billion in settlements between the United States and 41 American Indian / Alaska Native Tribes as compensation for the tribes' historical breach of trust accounting and mismanagement claims, the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) today confirmed that 24 of the settlements involve tribal clients of NARF.

NARF attorneys and clients outside the White House on Wednesday, April 11, 2012. Pictured left to right are Bradley Hight, Vice-Chairman, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe; Peter Ortego, General Counsel, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe; Melody McCoy, NARF Staff Attorney; John Echohawk, NARF Executive Director; and Gary Hayes, Chairman, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe. NARF, which is headquartered in Boulder, Colorado, represents over 40 tribes in such cases some of which have been in court for 20 years, and all of which have been – and some of which still are — in settlement negotiations with the government. "The 24 whose settlement agreements were announced yesterday are simply the ones who reached agreements first for a variety of reasons," stated Melody McCoy, the lead NARF Staff Attorney on the cases.

The 24 Tribes are located in 14 different states. Many have a variety of trust assets – including land, oil and gas, timber, and other natural resources, as well as trust fund dollars — that were subject to historical federal mismanagement and for which the government as trustee had never properly accounted. McCoy said that while the tribes had some common issues, "each tribe's claims are unique," and it was important to both sides that the negotiations be done "on a

government-to-government basis." "All of our clients have put a lot of work into assessing their claims and options," she added, "and when decisions are made with favorable results, we are very happy to support them."

McCoy and NARF Staff Attorney Donald Wharton, along with NARF Executive Director John Echohawk, attended the White House Tribal Trust Case Settlement Event Wednesday along with several of NARF's settling clients. The Event highlighted the extraordinary high-level commitment of the Obama Administration to settle historical tribal claims against the government in a just manner. "These landmark settlements come directly from President Obama through his staff and spokespeople," said Echohawk. "He is the first President to truly 'own up and owe up' to centuries of bad trusteeship for Indian tribes."

The settlement agreements filed in court yesterday must still be approved by the court, which is expected to happen in the next few weeks. Court approval will trigger the settlement payments to the settling tribes. NARF continues to work on settlement of its remaining tribal clients' historical breach of trust claims.

The Native American Rights Fund is a non-profit organization that has been protecting the legal and sovereign rights of tribes and Native people within the American legal system for more than 41 years. NARF is headquartered in Boulder, Colorado with offices in Anchorage, Alaska, and Washington, D.C.

## **OPPORTUNITIES from HUNAP: Employment/Seminars/Conferences**

**Employer:** Harvard University **Position:** Various, see website listing

Website: https://academicpositions.harvard.edu/

For information on academic positions available at Harvard University please view the new website noted above.

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**Employer:** University of Oregon (Ethnic Studies Department)

**Position:** Visiting instructor positions

**Website:** https://academicjobsonline.org/ajo/jobs/1486<https://academicjobsonline.org/

ajo/jobs/ajo/jobs/1485>

The Department of Ethnic Studies invites applications for one or more visiting instructor positions for the 2012-2013 academic year in the following fields: Native American, Asian American, Chicano/Latino, African American, Arab American, or comparative ethnic studies. This position may include both undergraduate and graduate teaching and advising responsibilities. The minimum requirement is to be Advanced to Candidacy for Ph.D. Preference will be given to candidates who have completed the Ph.D. degree by September 2012 and who have some teaching experience. Disciplinary fields are open in Ethnic Studies.

**Application:** 

Applications, including cover letter, curriculum vitae, a writing sample, and three (3)

## Employer: University of Minnesota Extension (Extension Food, Agricultural, and Natural Resource Sciences)

**Position:** Extension Educator-Corps Center (Nutrient Management emphasis)

**Location:** Extension Regional Office (Crookston, MN)

**Deadline:** May 4, 2012 (or until filled) **Website:** <a href="https://employment.umn.edu/">https://employment.umn.edu/</a> **Contact:** Naaz Babvani, Human Resources (612-624-3717; <a href="babva001@umn.edu">babva001@umn.edu</a>)

The EE-Crops (Cropping Systems Nutrient Management emphasis) will apply his or her expertise of innovative nutrient management in crop production to water quality issues through the development of Extension programs and priorities. The EE will employ multiple delivery systems to educate producers and other agricultural professionals via seminars, workshops or non-credit courses. He or she will conduct collaborative applied research with university faculty and other research professionals. The EE is responsible for program development and delivery, use of scholarly/scientific research, effective partnerships, use of technology and continuing professional development. This position is accountable to the Program Leader in Crops for program direction, performance evaluation and personnel actions.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

#### **Required Education:**

-Master's degree in soil science, agronomy, plant science, natural resource sciences or a related discipline.

**Required Experience:** 

-Experience and/or educational specialization must be related to one or more of the following topics: soils, soil/water/plant interaction, soil fertility, plant/crop science, and/or agronomy.

#### **Preferred Experience:**

- -Two years' post-degree professional experience in an emphasis area related to the position;
- -Experience designing, delivering and evaluating educational programs;
- -Experience in applied research.
- -Skills in media relations.

#### **Required Skills/Abilities:**

- -Excellent oral and written communication skills;
- -Technology-enhanced learning skills;
- -Demonstrated ability to develop and maintain effective working relationships/collaborations with colleagues, partners or stakeholders, (e.g., legislators, program participants and industry groups)
- -Commitment to ongoing professional development;

-Demonstrated ability to articulate public value of educational programs;

## **Preferred knowledge:**

-Project/program management

**Employer:** Peace Corps

Position(s):

Programming and Training Manager, FP-0301-5/4 (Sierra Leone) (Deadline: April 20,

2012)

Collections Officer, FP-0501/7/5 (Deadline: April 19, 2012)

#### Website:

http://www.avuedigitalservices.com/casting/aiportal/control/toVacancy? referenceCode=YMUCW

https://www.avuedigitalservices.com/casting/aiportal/control/toVacancy? referencdeCode=TWYLY

**Employer:** Native American Health Center, Inc. (NAHC)

**Position:** Clinical Director, Behavioral Health Location: Oakland, CA

Website: http://issuu.com/nativeamericanhealthcenter/docs/clincal\_director\_recruitment\_packet

The Clinical Director will provide oversight, leadership, and guidance to the Native American Health Center's (NAHC) behavioral health programs. The incumbent will be responsible for improving access to, and the quality of, care provided at NAHC; and for directing and integrating NAHC's behavioral health into primary medical and dental programs. The Clinical Director is responsible for overseeing behavioral health programming at all NAHC sites. This will include the management of services integrated into primary medical services as well as targeted mental health and substance abuse treatment and prevention service for the urban Indian community.

**Application:** If interested, please forward a resume and cover letter to:

Michelle Shawnego, Human Resources Department, 1151 Harbor Bay Parkway Suite 203

Alameda, CA 94502 Fax: 510-748-0116

Email: HumanResources@nativehealth.org

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**Employer:** University of Minnesota Extension

**Position:** Executive Director, Central Regional Sustainable Development Partnership **Location:** Regional Office, Brainerd, MN **Deadline:** April 27, 2012 (until filled)

Website: https://employment.umn.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=

Contact: Naaz Babvani, Human Resources (612-624-3717; babva001@umn.edu)

The Executive Director supports the C Partnership's Board of Directors and its research, education, and outreach projects. The Executive Director must have an understanding of university-based research, education, and outreach processes; a basic knowledge of agriculture, natural resources, tourism and/or sustainable development; an ability to lead a process of shared decision-making between local citizens and University faculty; and community engagement skills that build partnerships. This person must also have excellent communication skills and the managerial skills needed to oversee several projects at one time. The Director must be a catalyst and team builder who supports the University's community engagement mission. The primary geographic area served is the Central region of Minnesota.

## **Application:**

Please apply online via the Employment System at link provided above.

- -Please attach:
- (1) Resume or Vita
- (2) Cover Letter
- (3) Transcripts of all college work (unofficial transcripts are acceptable at the application stage). To submit transcripts online, attach them to the "Additional Document" section of the optional documents." Official transcripts are required if selected for hire.
- -(4) Three professional letters of reference. To submit three professional letters online, attach them to the "references" section of the "optional documents.

If unable to submit online, please send directly to:

Naaz Babvani, Extension Human Resources, University of Minnesota, 260 Coffey Hall 

**Employer:** Harvard Graduate School of Education

Position: Assistant Director of Admissions Website: <a href="http://www.employment.harvard.edu">http://www.employment.harvard.edu</a> Duties & Responsibilities

Reporting to the Director of Admissions, manages the admissions process for the Doctor of Education Leadership (Ed.L.D.) program from recruitment to yield; works closely with the program on the interview process. Develops, leads, and implements innovative strategies to identify and attract a diverse applicant pool, which may involve partnerships with other organizations. Organizes and represents HGSE at on-campus, off-campus, and online recruiting events. Counsels prospective applicants/students regarding degree offerings and admissions process. Serves as liaison between Admissions and program faculty directors and staff, as well as other offices. Oversees admissions process and committee work for Ed.L.D. and master's programs, working autonomously and as team member. Evaluates applications for admission. Creates and implements marketing materials (e.g., publications, blogs). Acts as member of team, contributing at all levels as needed. Handles special projects as required.

#### **Basic Qualifications**

Previous experience with marketing and/or event planning. Attention to detail and the ability to travel to events and work evenings and weekends as required.

Please attach resume and cover letter as one document.

We regret that the Harvard Graduate School of Education does not provide Visa sponsorship

### **Additional Qualifications**

Master's degree, prior admissions experience, as well as experience with and/or knowledge of PreK – 12 education preferred. Excellent communication (verbal and written), interpersonal, and organizational skills; strong presentation skills. Ability to work under and meet tight deadlines is essential. Demonstrated ability to work independently and contribute as member of team, develop relationships with wide variety of internal and external constituencies, provide high-level of customer service, handle confidential information, balance need to be both detail-oriented and strategic, and work 

Employer: Harvard Graduate School of Education
Position: Assistant Director of Admissions, Manager of Multicultural Recruitment
Website: <a href="http://www.employment.harvard.edu">http://www.employment.harvard.edu</a>

Duties & Responsibilities
Reporting to the Director of Admissions, develops, leads, and implements innovative marketing and recruiting strategies to attract a diverse applicant pool and incoming student cohort, such as the annual Diversity Recruitment Program for students of color and outreach to LGBTQ communities. Organizes and represents HGSE at on-campus, off-campus, and virtual events. Develops and implements strategies to recruit, train, and manage students/alumni in Admissions Ambassador Program. Counsels prospective applicants/students regarding degree offerings and admissions process. Serves as liaison between the Admissions Office and program faculty directors and staff, as well as other offices. Oversees admissions process and committee work for several degree programs, working autonomously and as a team member. Evaluates master's applications. Serves as a resource on diverse populations and admissions for faculty and staff. As a member of the Admissions Office team, contributes at all levels as needed. Handles special projects as required.

## **Basic Qualifications**

Previous experience with marketing and/or event planning, as well as multicultural affairs/recruitment. Attention to detail and the ability to travel to events and work evenings and weekends as required.

#### **Additional Qualifications**

Record of developing successful diversity recruitment strategies strongly preferred. Master's degree and prior admissions experience preferred. Excellent communication (verbal and written), interpersonal, and organizational skills; strong presentation skills. Ability to work under and meet tight deadlines is essential. Demonstrated ability to work independently and contribute as member of team, develop relationships with wide variety of internal and external constituencies, provide high-level of customer service, handle confidential information, balance need to be both detail-oriented and strategic, and work in fast-paced environment.

**Employer:** Spencer Museum of Art **Position:** Curator of Global Indigenous Art

Location: University of Kansas; Lawrence, KS Deadline: April 20, 2012

**Website:** https://jobs.ku.edu/applicants/jsp/shared/position/JobDetails\_css.jsp

The Curator of Global Indigenous Art will develop exhibitions, publications, and public programs on the arts and cultures of the Americas, Africa and Oceania from the ancient to the contemporary periods. Reporting to the Associate Director/Senior Curator, the Curator of Global Indigenous Art is responsible for:

- -Documentation, research, preservation, publication and growth of the historic and contemporary Indigenous art collection;
- -Organization of all aspects of permanent collection and loans exhibitions related to the collection area and thematic areas of interest;
- -Collaboration with education and academic programs staff as well as University colleagues across disciplines and Indigenous communities, including the Indigenous communities of Kansas, to develop and implement a wide range of interpretive programs and materials based on the collection and exhibitions;
- -Engagement with scholars, including KU faculty and students, and Indigenous communities to provide expertise on Museum objects for teaching and research;
- -Writing and speaking about global Indigenous art.

#### **Qualifications:**

- Ph.D. in Art History, Anthropology or other field appropriate to the position, with an emphasis on Indigenous art and material culture of the Americas, Africa, and/or Oceania
- -Minimum (5) years proven track record of working in a museum setting
- -Demonstrated record of scholarship, connoisseurship, and leadership in acquisitions, exhibitions, and publications.
- -Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of curatorial practices and museum ethics and principles
- -Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively and organize groups such as committees, teams, task forces, etc.
- -Demonstrated knowledge of NAGPRA (Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Art) and other regulations governing fair use of collections
- -Excellent verbal and written communication skills, with the ability to prepare and deliver concise, understandable, and effective presentations to a wide audience as evidenced by application materials.
- -Appropriate language skills in area of research
- -Proficiency in MS Office Suite, including Word, Excel, Access and Outlook, web-based research tools, and social media

#### **Application:**

A complete application will include the following:

- -An online application (https://jobs.ku.edu/applicants/jsp/shared/position/JobDetails\_css.jsp)
- -CV
- -Cover letter addressing qualifications for the position
- -Contact information for three (3) references
- -Research statement and
- -Writing sample which is a recent publication (peer-review article, book chapter, etc.) or exhibition catalog

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**Employer:** University of Minnesota Extension

**Position:** Associate Dean, Center for Community Vitality

**Location:** University of Minnesota, St. Paul campus

**Deadline:** April 23, 2012 (open until filled)

Website: https://employment.umn.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=101373

#### Call for Proposal Announcement

Title: "Unsettling Colonialisms: Settler Colonialism and Indigenous Resistance in Global Context"

-A special edition of the American Indian Culture and Research Journal

**Deadline:** June 30, 2012 Contact: wolfepatrick101@gmail.com

This special edition will bring together key writing on the histories, politics, and cultural discourses mobilized in the millennial global struggle between Natives and invaders. Unrestricted in time and space, the collection will address settler colonialism wherever it has occurred and however it has manifest.

Articles will interrogate settler categories, including the category of settler colonialism itself. The collection will provide space for Indigenous epistemologies to counter settler hegemonies, including established scholarly discourse on settler colonialism. It will critically engage with colonial discourses of conquest and Native alternatives alike. It will aspire to the kind of hard-nosed analytical rigor that can enhance the political options available to Indigenous groups.

We invite abstracts for articles between 5,000 words and 10,000 words in length. Articles will be pithy and focused. They will aim to make a difference

#### Publication schedule:

-September 1, 2012: Manuscripts due for peer review

-January 20, 2013: Revised manuscripts due

-June 1 2013: Issue appears in print **Title:** 7th Annual Vine Deloria, Jr. Indigenous Studies Symposium; Hosted by Northwest Indian College

**Dates:** July 12-14, 2012 **Location:** Bellingham, Washington **Deadline:** June 15, 2012

**Registration:** \$100.00

Contact: Steve Pavlik, Symposium Co-Coordinator (360-392-4307; spavlik@nwic.edu)

The purpose of this symposium is to bring together Native and non-Native scholars and other tribal people who are interested honoring the life and work of Vine Deloria, Jr., and to present new ideas and/or expand knowledge in several areas that Vine was active in. There is no topical focus or theme this summer. The symposium itself will be organized as a series of intellectually driven panels – no "workshop" type presentations - that address these topics. Individual presentations may be formal or informal. Abstracts that

include a title and brief description are requested only for the purpose of organizing the panels. The deadline for receiving abstracts will be June 15<sup>h</sup>. Those whose presentation abstracts have been accepted will be notified by June 22nd.

For information on registration and registration fees, lodging, meals, and other logistics, please contact: Angel Jefferson, Symposium Co-coordinator:

Title: Newberry American Indian Studies Seminar

**Dates:** Academic Year 2012-13, September-May **Deadline:** April 25, 2012

**Website:** http://www.newberry.org/american-indian-studies-seminar-series/

Contact: Seminar Coordinator Dr. Scott Manning Stevens <u>stevenss@newbery.org</u>

The seminar provides a forum for works-in-progress that explore topics in American Indian Studies. We encourage the submission of proposals for seminar papers that examine a wide variety of subjects relating to American Indian and Indigenous history and culture broadly conceived. We welcome proposals from scholars working in a wide range of academic fields, and are particularly interested in interdisciplinary approaches.

The seminar is open to graduate students, faculty members and independent scholars. Graduate students and junior faculty in the early-writing stages who wish to present work are especially encouraged to apply. To maximize time for discussion, papers are circulated electronically in advance. Priority is given to individuals who are at a stage of their research at which they can best profit from discussion. The seminar meets during the academic year from September through May, usually on Wednesday afternoons from 5:30pm to 6:30pm, at the Newberry Library.

**Title:** "The Art of Change: Climate Justice and Indigenous Solutions"

**Date:** April 20-21, 2012

Website: <a href="http://www.iaia.edu/iaia-news/events/the-art-of-change/">http://www.iaia.edu/iaia-news/events/the-art-of-change/</a>

Contact: Annie McDonnell (505-424-5733; amcdonnell@iaia.edu)

Winona LaDuke, an environmentalist and political activist who is a member of the White Earth Reservation in Minnesota, will be a keynote speaker for *The Art of Change: Climate Justice and Indigenous Solutions* April 20-21. LaDuke is program director of Honor of the Earth, a nonprofit that funds Native American environmental projects. LaDuke also founded the White Earth Land Recovery Project, an organization that revives and protects native seeds, animals, wild plants, and Native American tradition.

Through dialogue, presentations and creative, hands-on workshops, conference participants will explore ways that Native American communities are responding to climate and ecosystem challenges, and threats to traditional ecological practices and culture. Workshops include:

- -A panel with Tom Goldtooth, Indigenous Environment Network director
- -Renewable energy in local Native communities and Native food movements

-Permaculture, gardening and Native plant seeds

-Cob-building

-Art and sustainable materials, and methods with Santa Clara Pueblo potter Rose B. Simpson **Title:** "Protecting Our Children, Ensuring Our Legacy" National American Indian Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect

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**Organizers:** National Indian Child Welfare Association

**Dates:** April 22 – 25, 2012

Location: Scottsdale, AZ

Cost: Early-bird Registration (Registration received before or on Mar 29, 2012) = \$395 Regular Registration (Registration received after March 29, 2012) = \$460

Website: <a href="http://www.nicwa.org/conference/">http://www.nicwa.org/conference/</a>

Contact: <u>laurie@nicwa.org</u> or (503) 222-4044 extension 124

The 30th Annual "Protecting Our Children" National American Indian Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect will be held April 22-25, 2012, in Scottsdale, Arizona. The theme for this conference is "Protecting Our Children, Ensuring Our Legacy," and we are looking for workshop presenters that are interested in helping us share the work and stories of that legacy of American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) child protection.

\*NICWA Golf Tournament Soboba Springs 2012 Monday, April 30

Scramble Format Registration: 9:30am Shotgun Start: 10:30am

Sponsorship Information: Denee Conner 559-472-7040 or Eddie Sherman 503-222-4044

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