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Risk Evaluation and Planning for Tribal Cultural Institutions
A workshop in Albuquerque, May 10 - May 11

It's never too early to learn what risks your institution faces and meet the people who will come to your aid in an emergency. [Heritage Preservation](#) is proud to partner with the Tribal Assistance Coordination Group (TAC-G) to bring the workshop [Risk Evaluation and Planning for Tribal Cultural Institutions](#) to the [2012 TAC-G National Conference](#) on May 10 – 11 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Registration for this free workshop closes May 1. Make your hotel reservation by April 27 to take advantage of the discounted group rate.

At this two-day workshop, participants will increase their knowledge of emergency preparedness and response strategies. In addition, participants will forge new ties with their local tribal public safety officials, learn about potential risks to their institutions, and be equipped to share [Risk Evaluation and Planning Program](#) tools with other institutions in their tribal community.

Tribal cultural stewards and emergency managers are encouraged to attend. The workshop is most effective when a cultural steward and emergency manager from the same tribal community are able to attend together. There is no cost to attend this workshop. However, travel, lodging,

and per diem expenses are the responsibility of attendees. **A modest travel stipend is available to those who qualify.** Space is limited, so please register early.

To learn more about the workshop, the TAC-G conference, and to register, please visit our [website](#). Send inquiries to taskforce@heritagepreservation.org.

Where: The REPP workshop and National TAC-G Conference will be held at the [Sheraton Albuquerque Uptown](#) in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

When; The REPP workshop will begin on Thursday, May 10, and will culminate with a site visit to the [Indian Pueblo Cultural Center](#) on Friday, May 11.

REGISTER NOW!

Registration closes May 1, 2012

Nevada Kids - Get Muddy on Earth Day! *(Arrived afterwards, but timely. sdc)*

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(04/23/12) LAS VEGAS, Nev. - Dirt is good, a new report says - especially for children.

[The National Wildlife Federation report](#) makes that case by highlighting the benefits of letting children get messy outside - and its release coincides with Earth Day activities in Nevada.

Meri Margaret Deoudes, who oversees the federation's "Be Out There" initiative, says most youngsters naturally want to be messy. She cites good reasons to let them dig around.

"Dirt contains some natural bacteria. Don't think too much about it as a parent, but that actually helps build up their immune system."

Young children, Deoudes says, get tactile benefits from playing in the dirt. Making mud pies and building forts also count as exercise, she says. Getting grubby equals happiness for many children, she adds, and scientists have found clues about why.

"Some research shows that something in dirt actually triggers serotonin, which makes kids more happy and more relaxed. Also, some studies are showing that that helps them perform better in school."

Recognizing that mucking around in the mud is a good thing may be tough for parents, though, because society slants toward over-sanitization, Deoudes says. She wants families to keep in mind all the benefits of dirt and outdoor time, to try to balance the concern about extra laundry.

"If we can think about that underlying message, maybe that will help us control the urge to instantly wash them."

The Creative Capital | Warhol Foundation Arts Writers Grant Program is offering grants from \$3,000 to \$50,000 to writers who address contemporary visual arts in the categories - Article, Blog, Book, New and Alternative Media, and Short-Form Writing. Apply by June 6, 2012.

[The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts - Arts Writing Initiative](http://www.warholfoundation.org)

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The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts was established in 1987. In accordance with Andy Warhol's will its mission is the advancement of the visual arts.

Fracking Brings Boom, Fears to Rural US

By Veronique DuPont, Agence

France-Presse

24 April 12_

Underneath the ground in southwestern Pennsylvania, bedrock is put under explosive pressure to fracture and spill out its lucrative cache of natural gas.

On the surface, though, the society is fracturing as the new gold rush fills pockets but also creates environmental and health concerns in this hardscrabble region once dependent on coal mining.

The rolling countryside around Waynesburg is the epicenter of a five-year-old boom that embodies the United States' determination to cut its energy import bill on the new technique of hydraulic fracturing, or "fracking," to tap into cheap, formerly locked-up gas deposits.

Some 100,000 jobs have been generated in the state from the rush to suck gas from the Marcellus Shale, a vast zone in the eastern United States, and billions of dollars raked in by the companies who sell it.

Nationwide in 2010, the gas fracking industry generated \$76 billion in revenues, and put the US on track to possibly become a gas exporter.

Geologists have long known there was a lot of gas underneath the fields, but the horizontal drilling technique that gave birth to the industry was only recently perfected.

Drillers inject water mixed with chemicals and sand at very high pressure underground to fracture rock formations.

In the fields and along the roads around Waynesburg the signs of the boom are everywhere.

Thousands of drilling and production sites speckle the landscape, networks of pipelines tying them together.

In small towns, lines of oversized trucks hauling equipment and chemicals lumber up to red lights.

"Coal has been here forever, but until three years ago we had never heard of the Marcellus Shale," said Melody Longstreth, head of the Waynesburg Chamber of Commerce.

Businesses in the town are doing well. Pickup trucks are flowing off the lot at the local Ford dealership, and John Bruno, owner of the men's wear shop Mickey's, says he is pulling in profits after many years.

Before fracking came, "we were paying our bills but we were not making money."

But the signs of the dangers brought by the new industry are also everywhere.

Many of the trucks rolling through the town are tankers carrying water laced with chemicals in the fracking process, headed for deposit pits.

At a production site near Waynesburg operated by Consol Energy, a 50-meter (150-foot) high derrick towers over signs warning "danger, restricted zone. Water hazard."

Fracking has stirred up intense worries countrywide because the chemicals pumped into the ground can enter the water table, polluting well water. There are also concerns that it releases dangerous gases like methane into the air.

More residents are complaining of unusual and persistent health problems they say comes from the drilling.

Terry Greenwood, a farmer and retired truckdriver, said 10 of his cows died in 2008 after two wells were drilled on his land.

"I don't want my cows to drink the water from the pond anymore," he said, and his family now only drinks water that has been trucked in from elsewhere.

"Fracking has been linked to contamination of water... and of air," says Jill Kriesky, a public health researcher at the University of Pittsburgh.

She noted that a recent study by researchers at the Colorado School of Public Health found higher risks of cancer and non-cancer health impacts from air emissions for people living close to wells.

Company officials say they follow environmental standards and that the process is regulated by state and federal officials.

A University of Texas study released in February concluded hydraulic fracturing itself was not linked to groundwater pollution. But it found that other parts of the process may leak contaminants into water supplies.

Still, the fracking process has raised fears, fueled by a widely disseminated documentary which showed a water tap catching fire from methane.

While many Waynesburg residents have concerns, almost all of them work in some form for the energy industry.

Even the town's mayor, Blair Zimmerman, works for a large coal company.

But he says the benefits have been uneven.

"My overall view of the Marcellus is a negative one," says the well-tanned former running coach.

"They tear up my streets, they hire very few local people who don't pay taxes because they don't live here."

He points to a campground full of fracking industry workers from out of state - cars with license plates from Oklahoma and Texas, the home of the US oil and gas industry.

"A minority is making tons of money but the majority is paying the bills," he said.

Partnership Grants are the Community Foundation's competitive annual grants, chosen by an independent committee and given to outstanding local nonprofit organizations that do great work through their mission. Funding for the Partnership Grants comes from a collaboration of fundholders and generous community donors. This year the Community Foundation has been given a match gift of up to \$50,000 for new gifts made to the Partnership Grant Program before April 30, 2012. For more information call Tracy Turner, Program Officer at 775-333-5499.

http://www.nevadafund.org/page10004502.cfm?utm_source=April+2012&utm_campaign=Community+Matters&utm_medium=email

Who is doing What in northern Nevada?

Learn more about your philanthropic interest.

Click on a square below to learn which nonprofit organizations are working in that area. Find out how you can help.

Charities listed here have self-selected to participate in our Connections project, created their own funding priority linking page and requested the categories in which to be listed. The Community Foundation of Western Nevada is happy to help our fundholders research and learn more about each of the nonprofits in our Connections grid. Just call Tracy Turner, Program Officer, 775-333-5499.

Save the Date!

2012 AASLH Annual Conference October 3-6, 2012 Salt Lake City, Utah

Crossroads: Exploring Vibrant Connections Between People and Place

A crystal clear mountain lake. An American Indian cliff dwelling. A railway crossroad. A farmstead. Your home.

Each evokes an emotional response; each stirs the human spirit; and each reminds us that history is, at its core, about the powerful connections between people and place. The 2012 Annual Meeting of the American Association for State and Local History will consider the sometimes empowering, sometimes challenging, but always special connection between people and place.

Guided by the theme *Crossroads: Exploring the Vibrant Connections Between People and Place*, AASLH will focus on the personal, communal, and organizational journeys that lead to vibrancy, authenticity, health, and happiness, and how these journeys allow us to achieve meaningful and impactful social change.

[Click here to learn more about this year's conference theme.](#)

Hotel Room Blocks are Now Open

Headquarter Hotel:

Radisson Hotel Salt Lake City *Downtown* 215 West South Temple Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Reservations: 1-800-395-7046 Ask for the AASLH room block

Telephone: (801) 531-7500 **Fax:** (801) 328-1289 **Web:** <http://www.radisson.com/aaslh>

AASLH Rate (plus local taxes): \$127 single/double \$137 Triple \$147 Quad

Room block cut-off date: September 10 or when the block is full, which ever date occurs first.

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Sweet Tribute by [Elveda Martinez](#)

What a beautiful day in the neighborhood...the smell of rain...it must have snuck in over the night. This morning I'm thinking of our mom...on the 30th of this month it will be a year since she took the journey to Heaven. I was thinking of some of her special talents...she could juggle oranges, she was a great singer of old Paiute songs, she could butcher a steer and cut it up, she was a great leather worker (made a lot of belts, wallets & purses for the people of Schurz)...So for today, I ask that you think of your moms and think of their special "talents" and the "lessons" they've taught you. Mom taught us to work hard.

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

Eleanor Roosevelt

[Museums & Mobile IV Online Conference on May 9th.](#)

We have a great lineup of speakers from institutions including the British Museum, MoMA, Minneapolis Institute of Art, National Air & Space Museum, Holocaust Museum and National Gallery UK.

They will be sharing first hand experiences working with mobile around three themes:

- Tablet-based mobile experience: what works
- How to use mobile to reach younger audiences
- Getting started with a mobile web site

We also have two exciting "hands-on" [pre-conference workshops](#) on May 8th!

- ***A Mobile Design Master Class***, with Nancy Proctor & Eric Longo.
- ***TAP, an Opensource Mobile Project***, with Charles Moad & Kyle Jaebker.

[Register](#) now

Warm regards, The Museums & Mobile Team

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"Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth." -Shirley Chisholm

[Native Students Professional Development Program](#) [wildlifesociety.org](#)

Native Students Professional Development Program As a scientific organization for professionals who manage and conserve wildlife and habitats, The Wildlife Society is increasingly concerned about the

[The Doctrine of Discovery: Another Condemnation](#)

[indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com](#)

Whether they are looking ahead a couple of weeks to the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues or recalling the past of 500 years ago, a panel of Native scholars on April 20 insisted the ...

[Native Pulse Short Feature: Carrie Dann](#) [www.youtube.com](#)

Carrie Dann of the Western Shoshone Defense Project shares her views about being a good ancestor, mining and the importance of maintaining traditional ways. ...

[Mariposa Museum & History Center](#) [mariposamuseum.com](#)

The Mariposa area was said to have been named by a Spanish Priest under the direction of explorer, Gabriel Moraga. Moraga was the leader of a 25-man troop that explored central California in 1806. When he and his expedition came upon a creek laced with thousands of yellow butterflies, they named the...

200th Anniversary of General Land Office

Today (April 25) marks the 200th Anniversary of the establishment of the General Land Office (GLO), a predecessor to the Bureau of Land Management. To celebrate this anniversary, every BLM employee will receive a timeline document entitled *Our Public Land Heritage: From the GLO to the BLM* which captures the history of public lands. In addition, I encourage you to visit www.blm.gov/history <<http://www.blm.gov/history>> , the BLM's history website, where you will learn about our history, read personal stories by former and current employees and former Interior Secretaries, and view interactive features. Also in the works is a book on BLM history from 1976 to 2012 which will be made available later this year to each BLM employee.

The 2012 Commemoration Plans for the General Land Office 200th Anniversary and Homestead Act 150th Anniversary are underway bureauwide. Today, I will be attending a GLO-Homestead Act Commemoration hosted by the BLM Eastern States Office and I encourage you to participate in your State-sponsored local events and to the extent feasible, the national events as well. Information on these activities and others, along with a wealth of stories about GLO and Homestead Act history, can be found at <http://www.blm.gov/es/st/en/prog/glo.html>. Activities, videos, and

legacy stories about the homesteaders who claimed and settled on more than 270 million acres can be found at http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/res/Education_in_BLM_homestead_act.html.

These are exciting times. While our public lands have tremendous value today, BLM's best days lie ahead. As BLM employees, we can be very proud of the historic contributions of BLM public lands to our Nation, and equally proud of our commitment to public land stewardship. Please join me in celebrating our public land heritage and in our commitment to shape an inspired future.

In today's excerpt - in 1950, four million adult Americans lived alone. Today, thirty-one million do:

"In 1949, the Yale anthropologist George Peter Murdock published a survey of some 250 'representative cultures' from different eras and diverse parts of the world.

He reported, 'The nuclear family is a universal human social grouping. Either as the sole prevailing form of the family or as the basic unit from which more complex familial forms are compounded, it exists as a distinct and strongly functional group in every known society. No exception, at least, has come to light.' ...

"During the past half century, our species has embarked on a remarkable social experiment. For the first time in human history, great numbers of people-at all ages, in all places, of every political persuasion-have begun settling down as singletons.

Until recently, most of us married young and parted only at death. If death came early, we remarried quickly; if late, we moved in with family, or they with us.

Now we marry later. (The Pew Research Center reports that the average age of first marriage for men and women is 'the highest ever recorded, having risen by roughly five years in the past half century.') We divorce, and stay single for years or decades. We survive our spouses, and do whatever we can to avoid moving in with others-even, perhaps especially, our children. We cycle in and out of different living arrangements: alone, together, together, alone. ...

"Numbers never tell the whole story, but in this case the statistics are startling.

In 1950, 22 percent of American adults were single. Four million lived alone, and they accounted for 9 percent of all households. In those days, living alone was by far most common in the open, sprawling Western states-Alaska, Montana, and Nevada-that attracted migrant workingmen, and it was usually a short-lived stage on the road to a more conventional domestic life.

"Today, more than 50 percent of American adults are single, and 31 million-roughly one out of every seven adults-live alone. (This fig-

ure excludes the 8 million Americans who live in voluntary and non-voluntary group quarters, such as assisted living facilities, nursing homes, and prisons.) People who live alone make up 28 percent of all U.S. households, which means that they are now tied with childless couples as the most prominent residential type—more common than the nuclear family, the multigenerational family, and the roommate or group home. Surprisingly, living alone is also one of the most stable household arrangements. Over a five-year period, people who live alone are more likely to stay that way than everyone except married couples with children.

"Contemporary solo dwellers are primarily women: about 17 million, compared to 14 million men. The majority, more than 15 million, are middle-age adults between the ages of thirty-five and sixty-four. The elderly account for about 10 million of the total. Young adults between eighteen and thirty-four number more than 5 million, compared to 500,000 in 1950, making them the fastest-growing segment of the solo-dwelling population.

"Unlike their predecessors, people who live alone today cluster together in metropolitan areas and inhabit all regions of the country. The cities with the highest proportion of people living alone include Washington, D.C., Seattle, Denver, San Francisco, Minneapolis, Chicago, Dallas, New York City, and Miami. One million people live alone in New York City, and in Manhattan, more than half of all residences are one-person dwellings."

Going Solo: The Extraordinary Rise and Surprising Appeal of Living Alone

by Eric Klinenberg by Penguin Press HC, The Pages: 3-5

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[The Water Fight That Inspired 'Chinatown'](#) [Felicity Barringer, New York Times](#)

For many people, at least outside the far West, the mention of California's water wars tends to conjure Roman Polanski's "Chinatown." The 1974 film classic, starring Jack Nicholson, Faye Dunaway and John Huston, is loosely based on the success of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power in siphoning off most of the Owens River, a stream fed by the snowmelt of the Eastern Sierra, and bringing it to the Los Angeles basin about a century ago.

Monday, April 30, 2012

Colorado Springs, CO * 3:00 PM MDT/5:00 PM EDT – First Lady Michelle Obama will deliver remarks during the Opening Ceremony for the 2012 Warrior Games. More than 200 wounded, ill and injured service members and veterans will compete in the third annual Warrior Games, representing more than 9,000 Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen who are recovering from a variety of injuries. The participants will compete in seven sports -- wheelchair basketball, sitting volleyball, archery, swimming, track and field, shooting and cycling. The Warrior Games represent a nexus of Mrs. Obama's two main priorities as First

Lady: supporting our nation's veterans, service members and military families through her Joining Forces initiative and getting more children to lead healthy, active lifestyles through her Let's Move! initiative. The men and women participating in the 2012 Warrior Games serve as an inspiration to all Americans for their service, sacrifice and achievements. In addition to speaking at the Opening Ceremony for the 2012 Warrior Games, later this year, Mrs. Obama will lead the Presidential Delegation to the Opening Ceremony of the 2012 Olympic Games in London. Members of the media who wish to cover the Opening Ceremony of the Warrior Games event should RSVP at <http://www.cvent.com/d/tcq0gx>. Please note, this event is closed to the public.

Tucson, AZ * 5:40 PM MST/8:40 PM EDT – First Lady Michelle Obama will arrive at Tucson International Airport where she will be greeted by youth volunteers at Tucson Village Farm, a working urban farm built by and for the young people of Tucson. The farm is supported by the University of Arizona and Pima County Cooperative Extension and teaches young people how to grow and prepare fresh food, and empowers them to make healthy life choices. Mrs. Obama will be greeted by elementary school, middle school, and college students who volunteer at the farm, including Arizona 4-H members and University of Arizona students. The 4-H Club has been an active participant in *Let's Move!* Faith and Communities, working to promote healthy eating and good nutrition all across the country. Mrs. Obama will also be greeted by Haile Thomas, who promotes healthier lifestyles as founder of the Healthy Girls Adventures Club and Youth Advisory Board member for the Alliance for a Healthier Generation. This greet will be open press, please RSVP to FirstLadyPress@who.eop.gov by Friday April 27 at 12:00 PM Eastern.

Library of Congress Resources

Library of Congress : **New Mexico State Guide** (other states available)
<http://www.loc.gov/rr/program/bib/states/newmexico>

Connects to digital materials (manuscripts, broadsides, government documents, books, maps, etc.) related to New Mexico and that are available throughout the Library of Congress Web site. Also links to other Web sites with digital materials focusing on New Mexico.

Includes a bibliography listing selected works for both general and younger readers.

Library of Congress **National Book Festival : 2011**

<http://www.loc.gov/today/cyberlc/results.php?mode=s&cat=58>

View webcasts of readings, performances, and lectures of authors at the 2011 National Book Festival in Washington, D.C.

Library of Congress **National Book Festival : 2010**

<http://www.loc.gov/today/cyberlc/results.php?mode=s&cat=54>

View webcasts of readings, performances, and lectures of authors at the 2010 National Book Festival in Washington, D.C.

Images from Space Track **Relentless Spread of Humanity** : CNN special report

<http://www.edition.cnn.com/specials/world/road-to-rio/satellite-photos-urban-sprawl>

CNN special report with photos from space (created ...for CNN by NASA's Landsat department in collaboration with the U.S. Geological Survey) that reveal the impact of vast population shift from rural areas to cities around the world.

Plant Exploration and Introduction : Library of Congress Science Tracer Bullet

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/scitech/tracer-bullets/plantexploration.html>

Library of Congress research guide to help you locate information on the history of plant exploration and introduction. Guide consists of brief introduction, lists of resources, and strategies for finding additional resources.

Economic Botany: Useful Plants and Products : Library of Congress Science Tracer Bullet

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/scitech/tracer-bullets/economic-botanytb.html>

Library of Congress research guide to help you locate information on the use of plants by people (includes references to materials on food plants, fiber plants, dye plants, edible plants, medicinal plants, oilseed plants, as well as plants used in ceremonies, cultivated for commercial purposes, or used as shelter).

Guide consists of brief introduction, lists of resources, and strategies for finding additional resources.

[Warm Spring May Mean Drought and Wildfires in West](#)

Decreased snowpack in the Rocky Mountains may compound problems for Colorado, Arizona, California, and other Western states. [Paul McRandle, National Geographic News](#)

This story is part of a special National Geographic News series on global water issues. The early spring of 2012 raised both temperatures and eyebrows, including President Obama's.

[Earth Focus - Watershed: Solutions for the Future of the American West](#) Linktv

Producer James Redford and Director Mark Decena on their new film, Watershed: Exploring a New Water Ethic for the New West. The Colorado River is the lifeline for an expanding population in seven US and two Mexican states and their booming urban centers that demand water for drinking,

Karuk Tribe has two openings

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[Regarding Navajo Water Rights](#)

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Last week both Arizona Senators visited the Navajo Nation to persuade tribal officials that they should agree to waive most of Navajo claims to the Lower Colorado River in order to receive \$350 ...