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**350.org's photo.*

Click LIKE if you agree: we will need everyone's help to fight this fever.

(photo: Shadia Fayne Wood)

Over the weekend was the largest ever rally in Washington, DC, calling for real action on the looming climate change catastrophe. It was right in front of the White House because the decision on whether to allow construction of the Keystone XL

pipeline is now an executive one in the hands of President Obama.

Reject Keystone XL Action Page:

from The Pen <http://www.peaceteam.net/>

Unist'ot'en Action Camp: stopping pipelines in their tracks
www.indiegogo.com

The Unist'ot'en Camp is a resistance community in Northern BC whose purpose is to protect sovereign Wet'suwet'en territory from several proposed pipelines.

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**Lakota Thunder - Sitting Bull Memorial Song**  
[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

This is track one off Lakota Thunder's 2000 Grammy nomimated CD Veteran's Songs from Makoche Recording Company. This is an old composed soon after Sitting Bu...

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Hoping that you could once again help us with getting the word out for another Sacred Sites training session to be held in Reno, NV at the Atlantis Hotel on April 10-12, 2013.

**Attachments: ProtSacred Sites Cultural Resource Monitoring Flyer.pdf**

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**Do you know undergraduate students who are still looking for summer internships and want to spend their summer doing service and getting experience in the non-profit world?**

The Office of Academic Community Engagement is accepting applications for summer 2013! Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until the final deadline of March 15th. If you or your students have any questions, please feel free to contact Ruth Kassel ([rkassel@siena.edu](mailto:rkassel@siena.edu)).

\*\*\*\*\*ANNOUNCEMENT\*\*\*\*\*

Interested in spending your summer making a difference in the community?

Summer Service Scholar                      June 3 – August 9, 2013  
Siena College – Albany, NY                [www.siena.edu/sss](http://www.siena.edu/sss)

\*\*\* APPLICATION DEADLINE – MARCH 15\*\*\*

The Office of Academic Community Engagement is pleased to offer a summer academic internship program in New York's Capital Albany, NY.

Highlights of the Summer Service Scholars program include:  
Internships – Competitive placements with local nonprofit organizations

Credits – Up to 6 transferable credits at reduced summer tuition rates  
Housing – On-campus housing at competitive rates (on-campus housing is not required)  
Professional Skills – each placement is carefully crafted to give interns professional nonprofit experience  
Guest Lectures – With local nonprofit executives and scholars  
Leadership & Professional Development – Leadership and career building activities with non-profit mentors.  
Team Building – Be part of a community of like-minded individuals who work individually and as a team  
Scholarships – Most students will qualify for an AmeriCorps Award of 1,175.00 to be applied toward student loans or tuition.

For more information or to start an application, please visit the website, [www.siena.edu/sss](http://www.siena.edu/sss). If you are considering a summer of service and have questions about the program, please feel free to contact Ruth Kassel at:

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## **Man's remotest relative and one of the world's oldest organisms found - in the sludge of a lake in Norway**

- **Creature is 'new category' of organism**
- **Evolved about a billion years ago**
- **Microscopic creature in lake in Norway, eats algae**

By [Ruth Whitehead](#) **PUBLISHED: 11:19 EST, 28 April 2012**

Scientists say they have found one of the world's oldest living organisms and man's remotest relative - after spending two decades examining a microscopic algae-eater that lives in a lake in Norway.

They have even had to invent a new category of organism for it called Collodictyon because it is not an animal, plant, parasite, fungus or alga, they said.

They said the elusive, single-cell creature evolved about a billion years ago.

Spot the family resemblance? The newly identified collodictyon is closer to human beings than to bacteria, according to the Norwegian scientists

"We have found an unknown branch of the tree of life that lives in this lake. It is unique!" University of Oslo researcher Kamran Shalchian-Tabrizi said.

"So far we know of no other group of organisms that descends from closer to the roots of the tree of life than this species."

Scientists believe the discovery may provide insight into what life looked like on earth hundreds of millions of years ago.

Collodictyon lives in the sludge of a small lake called Ås, 30 kilometres south of Oslo.

Glorious mud: the find that scientists said was 'unique' was made in the sludge of a lake south of Oslo

It has four tail-like propellers it uses to move around called flagella, and at 30 to 50 micrometres (millionths of a metre) long it can only be seen with a microscope.

Collodictyon possess cell nuclei enclosed by membranes, which makes them less like bacteria and more like eukaryotes, that is, plants, fungi, algae and animals, including humans.

Using the characteristics of collodictyon, Dr Tabrizi said scientists inferred that prehistoric eukaryotes were probably a single-cell organism with finger-like structures that it used to catch microscopic prey.

"They are not sociable creatures," added co-researcher Dag Klaveness, who bred millions of the tiny organisms for the study.

"They flourish best alone. Once they have eaten the food, cannibalism is the order of the day."

They have not been found anywhere but in Lake Ås.

"It is quite fascinating that we can still find these kinds of organisms after so many years," Tabrizi told AFP.

"It has been outside our living rooms for millions of years and we haven't seen it."

Collodictyon was first found in the lake about 20 years ago by University of Oslo scientists who recognised it was unusual but "didn't know how important it was", he added.

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LEON SHENANDOAH was the Fire Keeper of the Central Fire for the Haudenosaunee Confederacy for over a quarter of a century. Leon Shenandoah held a very sacred and ancient title. He was the "Tadodaho" from 1967 to his passing in 1996. Shenandoah was a great orator who served the people well and preserved the traditions of the people. When Shenandoah was a small child, as he crawled along the floor, a pot of hot water was accidentally spilt on him scolding his entire body, which almost killed him. He was taken to a medicine man to be healed. A sacred ceremony was performed for Shenandoah, and during the ceremony a man stood up and said "You are that Boy!" (2) This same man predicted that someday Shenandaoh would hold a special position amongst his people. As we know, Leon Shenandoah did grow up to hold the special title of Tadodaho, and he was highly admired by all. He worked hard even in the face of great hardship to promote the teachings of the Great Law of Peace, Kaianeraserakowa. The proceeding account tells of how the Haudenosaunee Confederacy was founded and how the

Tadodaho came to accept the Great Law of Peace.

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## ATTN Nonprofits: New YouTube Channels Coming Early March 2013

February 17, 2013

tags: [YouTube](#)

YouTube has begun rolling out a new YouTube Channel design entitled [One Channel](#) to a very small group of YouTube users. A sitewide roll out is expected in early March. The new design offers much less customization, but enables more efficient browsing of your videos and the channels that you are subscribed to, and is more tailored for smartphone and tablet video watching. To prepare in advance for the new YouTube Channels, nonprofits will need to design a new banner. To keep it simple, YouTube has released new [Channel Art Guidelines](#) that indicate a banner that is in the “Safe Area” i.e., 1280 x 350 pixels, will be visible on all devices: desktop, tablet, smartphone and TV.

### New YouTube One Channel Design :: [Home View](#) :: [SORTED Food](#)

Please note the ability to embed your website links in the lower right of your banner and the new video and subscription activity feed on the left side of the screen.

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[HopeMob](#) is a crowdfunding platform built for individuals who are in financial need and in crisis. A nonprofit itself, the site is 100% fee-free and each story posted is independently researched and verified. While it's not a fundraising tool built specifically for nonprofits, if your nonprofit works with individuals and communities who are in financial need and in crisis, HopeMob has a large community of supporters that can help.

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The Allegheny County Department of Human Services is announcing the launch of a new employment opportunity designed to create a pathway for talented individuals who have past or current **lived experience** within a human service system to shape the work of DHS. Eligible applicants for the **Allegheny County Fellows in Local Government Program** will have received a bachelor's degree between March 2011 and June 2013 in a field related to human service delivery or administration. The program seeks individuals with leadership potential and a commitment to public service.

Applications are currently being accepted through March 8, 2013. The Fellow will be selected in early spring and will begin work in June or July 2013.

The successful candidate will receive practical experience in direct service and/or administrative human service activities through assignment to a DHS program or support office. Specific projects are tailored to the current needs of the Department and the unique skill sets and interests of the Fellow.



If you know someone who meets the program requirements, please forward this email to them.

For more information about this opportunity, including the application form, answers to Frequently Asked Questions and a brochure, please visit the DHS website at [www.alleghenycounty.us/dhs/fellows.aspx](http://www.alleghenycounty.us/dhs/fellows.aspx). Specific questions can be directed to

[fellows@alleghenycounty.us](mailto:fellows@alleghenycounty.us).

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Isaiah, Fr. Kim, Fr. Jim, Rev. Pat & **Deacon Reynelda** at WinterTalk 2013 at St. Crispin's Conference Center, Wewoka, OK. — with [Reynelda James](#).

**HOW MANY YEARS DO YOU HAVE LEFT?!**

**Watch your age in the upper right corner!**

**Kinda fun to watch your age go up and down as you answer the questions.**

**Now this is interesting, give it a try....**

**How long will you live? This is a calculator that estimates your life expectancy.**

**It was developed by Northwestern Mutual Life. It's interesting that there are only 13 questions.**

**Yet, they can predict how long you're likely to live.**

<http://media.nmfn.com/tnetwork/lifespan>

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**[Acupuncture for Drug & Alcohol Withdrawal - New Study](#)**

[www.healthcmi.com](http://www.healthcmi.com)

[Acupuncture helps with drug and alcohol withdrawal according to a new study.](#)

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**Specific current Nevada Legislation regarding NATIVE AMERICANS**

Cigarette manufacturers, qualified escrow funds, assignment of interest to tribe, [SB 67](#)

Cigarettes and other tobacco products, agreements to enforce, administer or implement state laws, [SB 67](#)

Nevada Tribes Legislative Day, establishment as day of observance, [SB 23](#)

Telephone service, rate reduction, [SB 41](#)

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**NCAI Calendar**

**World Conference on Indigenous Peoples North America Preparatory Meeting**

Feb 28, 2013 - Mar 1, 2013                      El Cajon, CA

**North American Indigenous Peoples' Caucus Preparatory Meeting**

Mar 2, 2013 - Mar 3, 2013                      El Cajon, CA

**2013 NCAI Executive Council Winter Session**

Mar 4, 2013 - Mar 7, 2013                      Washington, DC

**2013 NCAI Mid Year Conference**

Jun 24, 2013 - Jun 27, 2013                      Reno, NV

**70th Annual Convention and Marketplace**

Oct 13, 2013 - Oct 18, 2013                      Tulsa, OK

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Reminder:

**NCAI TRIBAL LEADER/SCHOLAR FORUM**

Proposals due February 22

**Planning for Change in Native Communities:**

*Using Research to Understand Economic, Civic, and Cultural Transformation*

The **call for proposals** for the 8th Annual NCAI Policy Research Center's Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum ('the Forum') is now open. Proposals are being accepted until 5pm EST on **Friday, February 22, 2013**, and should be submitted via email to Beth Bahe at [bbahe@ncai.org](mailto:bbahe@ncai.org).

**The NCAI Policy Research Center Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum will be held on Wednesday, June 26, 2013, in Reno, Nevada, at NCAI's Mid Year Conference.**

The Forum provides a space for tribal leaders and citizens, researchers, and policy research organizations to discuss how to strengthen public policy and community-based initiatives based on meaningful data and research. This year's Forum will feature compelling research with significance to **Native communities experiencing, planning for, and leading change** in a range of areas, including but not limited to: workforce preparedness for the new economy; grassroots community movements and new types of civic engagement (e.g., voting reform, youth and Elder engagement, intergenerational coordination, men's and women's initiatives); demographic changes stemming from mobility between rural and urban communities, immigration, and environmental change; measuring how tribes and Native people contribute to rapidly changing regional economies; and innovations in technology that may bring both benefits and dangers (e.g., telemedicine, energy advancements, sharing information across distances, and digital means of teaching culture and language).

Presentations should identify how current research can lead to **policy priorities** that can benefit Native health, education, community, and legal realities. Participants can submit proposals to



present using one of the following **presentation formats**, including: Panel proposals, Individual Paper proposals, Research Planning Roundtable proposals, or Poster proposals.

**Proposals should be submitted via email to Beth Bahe at [bbahe@ncai.org](mailto:bbahe@ncai.org) by 5pm EST on Friday, February 22, 2013.**

[Click here to download the full Call for Proposals.](#)

[Click here to link to a proposal template.](#)

***NCAI Contact Information: Beth Bahe, Policy Research Fellow -[bbahe@ncai.org](mailto:bbahe@ncai.org)***

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### **IMLS Message**

The President's State of the Union address focused on growing a strong middle class and it struck me, once again, how U.S. libraries and museums are part of the solution, whether the issue is

- providing an onramp to high-tech manufacturing jobs,
- reimagining learning spaces to prepare teens for work,
- meeting the needs of the youngest learners with rich learning environments that stimulate brain development,
- providing a pathway to citizenship with English language learning and civics education for new immigrants, or
- doing the hard work of community revitalization and providing opportunities for families (including dads!) to learn and have fun together.

IMLS is providing funding and leadership to help libraries and museums make a difference in their communities. Here are some recent examples:

### **Manufacturing**

Museums and libraries are exploring how they can be part of a growing movement of hands-on, mentor-led learning environments to make and remake the physical and digital worlds. For example, a grant to the Chicago Public Library will make it possible for it to partner with Museum of Science and Industry and the STEM & Entrepreneurship Exchange. Together they create a place where mentor-led learning will introduce adults, families, teens, and children to technology and equipment that is creating new forms of personal manufacturing and business opportunities.

### **Reimagining Learning Space for Teens**

Together with the MacArthur Foundation, IMLS is supporting the development of "learning labs" in libraries and museums. These spaces are designed to provide young people with a learning approach designed for our times – relevant to the digital age. The learning lab programs are

designed to build the intellectual curiosity and the peer and mentor networks young people need to succeed.

### **Early Learning**

Together with the Campaign for Grade Level Reading, IMLS is making the case for the critical role of libraries and museums in fueling love of learning and inspiring school success from a child's earliest days. A new report, due in the spring, will describe how parents and caregivers can give children a stronger start by taking advantage of library and museum resources, experiences and programs.

### **Immigration**

An emerging partnership between IMLS and U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services will help libraries to meet the needs of immigrants and refugees. An example is an IMLS-supported project at the Hartford Public Library, which is partnering with Catholic Charities Migration and Refugee Resettlement Services, the City of Hartford's Office of Human Relations, Everyday Democracy, and the University of Connecticut's School of Social Work to promote immigrant civic engagement to provide immigrants with a sense of belonging in America and experience as active community participants and civic-minded individuals.

### **Community Revitalization**

IMLS support is helping the American Library Association (ALA) to develop a new initiative to improve community engagement and innovation in the library sector. The project will develop a new training curriculum to help library leaders serve as conveners and facilitators in their communities. More than 350 librarians will take part in a range of professional development activities planned during the grant period.

And this past August, IMLS entered into a cooperative agreement with Local Initiative Support Corporation (LISC) to systematically review lessons learned from the growing number of comprehensive community development initiatives that involve libraries or museums.

Museums and libraries are trusted institutions that are continually taking leadership in their communities to tackle tough problems and deliver great results. Let us know how libraries and museums in your community are making a difference.

—Susan Hildreth, Director, IMLS

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### **Call for Applications: 2013 Native Hawaiian Library Services Program**

Applications are now being accepting for the Native Hawaiian Library Services Grant program. Note that the program's deadline is now April 1, 2013. [Read More](#)

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