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"Long hidden in the recesses of academic libraries, **special collections are on the brink of a renaissance**. These unique holdings contribute to an institution's prestige and serve as a rich mine for scholarly and popular research. Libraries have discovered imaging as one way of preserving original materials and providing greater access to primary resources, which are among a university's most captivating teaching tools.

The enthusiasm for providing both greater access and showcasing treasures will proceed from a trickle of digitized materials to a cascade."

~Barbara Baruth, Missing Pieces That Fill in the Academic Library Puzzle, American Libraries, June/July 2002, pp.58-60

Native American Diversity Guide

Native Americans have been living in Virginia for more than 15,000 years, thousands of years before the arrival of the first Europeans. However, written history prior to the 1600s is minimal. Pocahontas, the daughter of the Great Chief Powhatan of the Pamunkey Indian Tribe, lived in the area's first town, Henricus, where she also converted to Christianity and married tobacco planter and Englishman John Rolfe, resulting in improved relations between the English and Native Americans.

The Commonwealth of Virginia formally recognizes eight Native American Indian tribes, whose ancestors and cultural connections can be traced directly to groups documented to have been living in Virginia in 1607 at the time of initial English colonization. However, none of these tribes are formally recognized by the federal government. In 1985, the [Virginia Council on Indians](#) was organized as a state agency, and in 1999, both chambers of Virginia's General Assembly agreed to House Joint Resolution 754 urging Congress to grant federal recognition to the Virginia tribes and asking the state's delegation in Congress to take all steps to advance this

legislation. With support from the Virginia Indian Tribal Alliance for Life, area Native Americans continue to push for this legislation.

Although only the Mattaponi and Pamunkey Indians have reservations in Virginia, most tribes maintain their own continuing governing bodies. The governing bodies usually consist of a chief and council members elected every few years. The Chief and Council perform all tribal governmental functions as set forth by their laws. All of these laws are governed by the Tribe.

While modern Native American life is much different than it was 400 years ago, local tribes honor their heritage and traditions with a variety of cultural events throughout the year. Only a short drive from the Richmond Region in nearby King William County, you can experience a Native American pow-wow or visit a Mattaponi Indian reservation. You can also explore the Pamunkey Indian Museum, built to resemble the houses of the ancient Pamunkey and home to the only documented history of a tribe that has existed on its present homeland since the Ice Ages. In New Kent County, the Chickahominy Indians, Eastern Division, gather to support the community through religious, educational and charitable activities.

Most tribes host annual pow-wows with native dancers, music, crafts, food and cultural demonstrations. These gatherings serve not only as opportunities for the public to learn about Virginia's Native American culture, but most importantly as social events and homecomings for many of the tribal members. Check out our [cultural festivals sampler](#).

[Streaming Eagles](#) By JON MOOALLEM

A drama in a Minnesota nest reached millions online. Then things got really wild.

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Sunday Times Daily

Native Americans' frustration grows over \$3.4 billion land-trust settlement

By Matt Volz May 18

HELENA, Mont. — Laura Juarez is supposed to receive close to \$1,200 as her share of a \$3.4 billion settlement among hundreds of thousands of Native Americans whose land-trust royalties were mismanaged by the government for more than a century.

The Bakersfield, Calif., notary public was going to pool that money with her husband's share, along with a portion of what was coming to her father's estate, to send her 17-year-old daughter to a student-ambassador program in Australia.

But the money, which she expected in December, still hasn't come and her daughter isn't going on next month's trip.

The payments have been held up by more than 2,400 appeals by people who were ruled ineligible to participate in the settlement. As the special master appointed to the case goes

through those appeals, Juarez and other American Indians are growing increasingly frustrated over what they see as justice delayed.

“I know several others who have given up on it,” said Juarez, a 39-year-old member of the Comanche nation. “It’s created a sour taste in their mouths. We get our hopes up just to have it knocked down.”

The 493,724 beneficiaries identified as of the beginning of May already know how much they are supposed to receive from the settlement — the individual payments range from \$850 to nearly \$10 million — and many had earmarked those amounts to splurge on big purchases or simply pay their bills.

The delays have resulted in complaints to the claims administrator, an online petition, and even a letter from Montana Sens. Jon Tester and John Walsh about a lack of transparency and misinformation regarding the payments.

“This delay is placing a financial burden on Montana families, and forcing many who are expecting payments to take out loans that they are now unable to repay,” the April 3 letter to the settlement’s claims administrator, Garden City Group, said.

Jennifer Keough, Garden City Group’s executive vice president and chief operating officer, did not return a call for comment.

The attorneys representing the plaintiffs in the class-action lawsuit, recognizing the frustration, planned to ask a federal judge to allow the distribution to take place before the appeals are finalized.

“The agreement says that no trust administration class payments can be made until all the members are identified,” said David Smith, an attorney for Kilpatrick, Townsend and Stockton LLP. “There are a lot of appeals, and many are extremely lengthy. We want to make sure everybody has a chance to participate in the settlement, and it’s not a rush job.”

At issue is the second of two distributions in one of the largest U.S. government settlements ever, prompted by a suit filed in 1996 by Blackfeet elder Elouise Cobell of Montana. Cobell sued the government after realizing that many Indians who owned land held in trust for them by the government lived in poverty with no accounting of the royalties they were due when the Interior Department leased their land for development, oil exploration or grazing.

The lawsuit alleged that the Interior Department mismanaged and squandered billions of dollars that were supposed to go to the landowners since the 1880s, but incomplete and missing records prevented them from determining how much was lost.

It took about 14 years to reach a settlement with the government, then another year for Congress to approve the deal in December 2010. It wasn’t until December 2012 that all the appeals over the settlement were dismissed and the first monetary distributions were mailed.

Those 339,106 beneficiaries, called the historical accounting class, received a flat payment of \$1,000 apiece. That was the easy part.

The second round of distributions go to what is called the trust administration class in varying amounts based on a formula that looks at 10 years of the highest earnings in the royalty accounts held by the government.

Identifying the people in that second class — which also contains members of the first class — has proven to be a challenge due in part to the Interior Department’s incomplete record-keeping, Smith said. For example, the Interior Department had no records for thousands of people in Oklahoma who had made claims, leading to an extension of the appeals period while they tried to prove their claims by going to the state courts for documentation.

Plus, there were no known addresses for 65,000 people identified as beneficiaries, which Garden City Group has been able to whittle down to about 14,000.

The search for those still on the list continues, though it won’t hold up the payments.

That’s little consolation to the beneficiaries who are waiting. Not only are their payments delayed, but their checks are diluted when more class members are added.

In Juarez’s case, she was told last summer she would receive \$1,260. As of February, that had been reduced to \$1,197 with the addition of more beneficiaries.

“If they’re entitled to that money, that’s great — awesome — but the timing is taking way too long,” Juarez said. “They are holding up so many people.” — Associated Press

[The Mind Unleashed](#) with [Ron Maser](#) and [31 others](#)

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World Learning Youth Programs needs you! We are still looking for **two** individuals, couples, or families in the Reno area and beyond who would like to open their homes and communities to a high school exchange student sponsored by the U.S. Department of State!

All types of families are welcome to host, including single parents and empty-nesters. Families can host for **an academic year, a semester, or as little as two months**. In return, your family and community will develop lifelong friendships and be exposed to the people, languages, and cultures of the world.

Are you or someone you know interested in learning more? If so, read our [Host Family FAQs](#) or contact Carina Black of Northern Nevada International Center at cblack@unr.edu or 775-784-7515 ext. 221.

<http://wlademicyearprograms.tumblr.com/Host%20Family%20FAQ>

[The Secret to Creativity, Intelligence, & Scientific Thinking](#)

Belle Beth Cooper, Fast Company

Here's how to connect the dots

Meet Hunter Cox – Siletz Grant Recipient from the Native American Rights Fund!

Each summer NARF hosts the summer clerkship program, a ten to twelve week program for second year law students. Unlike most law clerk projects that consist mainly of legal research and writing, NARF's projects are extremely challenging because NARF practices before federal, state, and tribal forums, and because most of its cases - whether at the administrative, trial, or appellate level - are complex and involve novel legal issues.

This summer the law clerk program was supported by a grant from the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians through the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund. This summer NARF has six law clerks – two in the Alaska office, one in the D.C. office, and three in the Boulder office. Law Clerk Hunter Cox (Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation), was chosen to be the recipient of this grant due to his recent and impactful work collaborating with NARF attorney Steve Moore to protect the rights of Native high school students to wear their eagle feathers during their graduation ceremony.

Earlier this month, NARF, California Indian Legal Services (CILS), and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Northern California advocated on behalf of Native students in Lemoore, California, who wanted to wear eagle feathers at their graduation ceremony. The gift of an eagle feather is a great honor and is typically given to recognize an important transition in a young person's life. Many graduates are given eagle feathers in recognition of their educational journey and the honor the graduate brings to his or her family, community, and tribe. Hunter, along with Steve, CILS, and ACLU, sent a letter on the students' behalf requesting the school district to allow the students to wear their eagle feathers during graduation. After initially denying the students requests, the school district relented once receiving the letter, and allowed the students to wear their feathers despite originally denying the students request.

To read the letter sent on the students' behalf, [click here](#). And, to read the press about the students wearing their feathers, [click here](#).

NARF thanks the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians and the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund for its grant to further the NARF law clerk program, which allows Native law students to make an impact on Indian law and to Native people during their term at NARF.

CONTACT: For questions regarding eagle feathers - Steve Moore, Native American Rights Fund - 303-447-8760

For questions about NARF's Law Clerk Program - Matthew Campbell, Native American Rights

Fund - 303.447.8760

[IEEE](#)

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Thanks to Facebook community member Jemuel Hamilton for sharing this story with us! <http://onforb.es/1kzKuXa>



EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy announces Clean Power Plan

https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=GCSQqzfy6TA#t=17 Allan

Houser Gallery Special Exhibition

BEN WRIGHT "Within the Seventh Fires"

Ben Wright White Rain Woman, acrylic, 48:" X 38"

The Allan Houser Downtown Gallery will showcase Cherokee artist, Ben Wright, June 13 through July 9, 2014. Ben's new series, "Within the Seventh Fires," reveals the prophetic story of the Ojibway People's seven predictions, also known as seven fires. The message of the seventh prophet is that a new people will emerge who are eager for the spiritual teachings and medicine of the prophets, and will create a time of peace and harmony. "It is said that we live in this time of renewal, the time of the 'Seventh Fire,'" says Ben Wright about the present time and about his series being showcased in June. "Within the Seventh Fires" opens Friday, June 13, 2014, with a special reception for the artist from 6:00 to 8:00 PM

The Allan Houser Gallery presents changing invitational exhibitions and features a premier selection of bronze and stone sculptures by Allan Houser. For more information call (505) 982-4705 or [click here](#) to view works from our available inventory.

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Pediatrics Group to Recommend Reading Aloud to Children From

Birth By MOTOKO RICH

With the increased recognition that reading to children enhances vocabulary and other important skills, the American Academy of Pediatrics is asking its members to become advocates.

Policy Brief on Chairman Wheeler's E-Rate Modernization Proposal

Attachments: [CN Policy Brief - FCC Chair E-Rate Proposal 06232014.pdf](#)

Last Friday, Chairman Wheeler formally circulated to other FCC Commissioners his proposal for modernizing the E-rate fund. The attached Policy Brief summarized what we know about this proposal. The FCC is scheduled to vote on the proposal at its July 11 meeting in three weeks.

Policy Brief (contains links to reactions from many groups):

http://www.connectednation.org/sites/default/files/bb_pp/cn_policy_brief_-_fcc_chair_e-rate_proposal_06232014.pdf

CN Comments in E-Rate Docket:

http://www.connectednation.org/sites/default/files/13-184_09-16-2013_connected_nation_7520944011.pdf (Sep 2013 comments)

http://www.connectednation.org/sites/default/files/connected_nations_reply_comments_e-rate_modernization.pdf (Nov 2013 replies)

http://www.connectednation.org/sites/default/files/20140407_connectednation_e-rate_comments_final.pdf (April 2014 comments) http://www.connectednation.org/sites/default/files/20140421_connected_nation_e-rate_reply_comments_final.pdf (April 2014 replies)

[University of Montana Western - Carson Library Website](#)

The Lucy Carson Library of the University of Montana Western meets the informational, educational, cultural, and recreational needs of the community of users through an organized collection and list of services relevant to the college's mission and the campus curriculum. The library is committed to instruct patrons in critical skills related to research and to promote information and technology literacy as well as lifelong learning.

This resource shows nothing under Indian, Native American or tribal search terms. Appalling There are several others in the West with similar paucity.

[University of Idaho Library Website](#)

The University of Idaho Library has grown from a single classroom located in the University Administration Building in 1892, to become the largest library in the state of Idaho. The University of Idaho library houses well over a million books and almost ten thousand periodical subscriptions, in print and online. It has served for over a century as an official regional depository of U.S. federal government publications, making almost two million government documents available to the public. The library's Special Collections are an invaluable resource for researchers, providing access to historical photographs, state documents, university historical materials, rare books, digital collections, and the International Jazz Collections, the premiere jazz archives of the Pacific Northwest.

The Digital Initiatives department works to preserve and make accessible collections from the library, the University of Idaho, and the State of Idaho via its digitization, database, and digital archiving services.

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[Indian and Wedge peaks, Ennis, Montana.](#) [Northwest Historical Postcards](#) [1910-1920 University of Idaho Library](#)

[Agnes Deernose. A Crow Indian of the Yellowtail family.](#) [Northwest Historical Postcards](#) [1950-1960 University of Idaho Library](#)

[Louise Sheryl Edmo. Bannock Shoshone. Miss Indian America XIX.](#) [Northwest Historical Postcards](#) [1973 University of Idaho Library](#)

[Indian corn: its production and improvement \(057, AES Bulletin, 1907\)](#) [Agricultural and Extension Publications](#) [1907-04 University of Idaho Library](#)

With Lewis and Clark over the Lolo Indian Trail. Ten photos in folding unit.
Northwest Historical Postcards 1950-1960 University of Idaho Library

Lake Chatcolet, in the Picturesque Mountains of the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation
Northwest Historical Postcards 1938 University of Idaho Library

Indian tunnel. Craters of the Moon National Monument near Arco, Idaho. Northwest
Historical Postcards 1910-1920 University of Idaho Library

Chief Whitecalf of the Blackfeet Reservation. **Northwest Historical Postcards**
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Alexander Blockhouse **Northwest Historical Postcards**
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Burial place of Old Chief Joseph **Northwest Historical Postcards**
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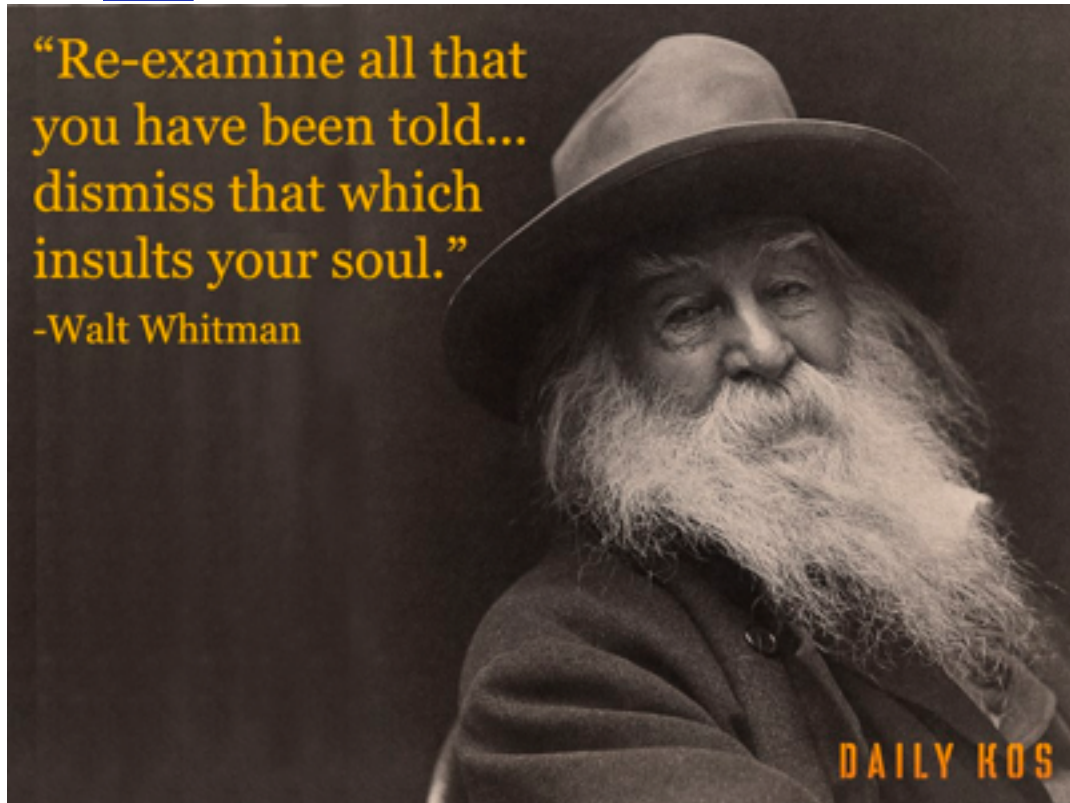
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[Postal History Foundation web page at Arizona Memory Project](#)

Founded in 1960 as the Western Postal History Museum, the Postal History Foundation is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to postal history and research. Renamed in 1990, the Foundation's mission is to promote an appreciation of stamp collecting and postal history through the preservation of philatelic collections, literature and documents, and the enhancement of youth education using stamps as teaching tools.

- See more at: <http://www.mwdl.org/partners/267.php#sthash.myzdFWQr.dpuf>

[Lagoon Indian School, Phoenix, Arizona Territorial and Early Statehood Arizona Postcards 1912 ca. Postal History Foundation](#)

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[Moqui Indian prisoners under military guard, Fort Huachuca, Arizona Territorial and Early Statehood Arizona Postcard 1907 ca. Postal History Foundation](#)

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[U.S. Mail carrier \(Indian reservation\) Territorial and Early Statehood Arizona Postcards 1908 ca. Postal History Foundation](#)

[Indian pueblo. Zuni, Arizona Territorial and Early Statehood Arizona Postcards 1908 ca. Postal History Foundation](#)

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[San Carlos, Gila County Arizona Territorial Post Offices 1880 ca. Postal History Foundation](#)

[White River, Navajo County Arizona Territorial Post Offices 1904-11-11 Postal History Foundation](#)

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[Sacaton, Pinal County Arizona Territorial Post Offices 1883-11-08 Postal History Foundation](#)