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Te Kotahi Research Institute will be holding the 2nd He Manawa Whenua Conference in 2015. Link to Website: https://wired.ivvy.com/event/HMW15/

Abstract Call is open until 1 October 2015.

Early Bird Registrations are now open.

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http://www.nevada150.org/video-the-spirit-of-nevada/

Play "Spirit of Nevada" and then also see Waddie Mitchell

The Sesquicentennial Commission is winding down, but we are still looking for your Nevada story. Please go on the nevada150.org website and write your story about your life in Nevada. We have an editor who will help you with your punctuation. Hope you will share your experiences with us.

For Early Childhood Education, NV Libraries May be Best-Kept Secret

November 7, 2014 - Troy Wilde, Public News Service (NV)

RENO, Nevada - As research continues to link early-childhood education with later academic success, parents in Nevada may want to consider the local library as a resource for their youngsters.

Early literacy programs, available for free at most libraries, help prepare children for school and also show the adults in their lives how to help them learn, said Beate Weinert, programs and community collaborations coordinator for the Washoe County Library System.

"You're role-modeling the fun interaction you can have with literacy," she said. "You're teaching the basic language through songs and reading, and you're role-modeling for the parents as well for the adults, the caregivers that bring their children to the story times."

Weinert said story time and other literacy programs also teach children to sit and listen, and to interact with other kids - skills they may not otherwise learn until kindergarten.

Weinert said pediatricians are now prescribing that parents read to their children, because research shows many benefits.

"Reading regularly with young children stimulates optimal patterns of brain development and strengthens parent-child relationships at a critical time in child development," she said, "which in turn builds language, literacy, and social-emotional skills that last a lifetime."

Primitive society lacked class divisions, women's oppression

Sexism and Science by Evelyn Reed is one of Pathfinder's Books of the Month. Reed (1905-1979) is the author of many works on women's oppression and the fight for their emancipation. A leader of the Socialist Workers Party and participant in the women's liberation movement of the 1960s and '70s, she defended early anthropologists' scientific findings on the origins of humanity and women's oppression, speaking about and debating these issues throughout the world. The piece below, written in 1957, is from the chapter "Evolutionism and Antievolutionism." Copyright ©1978 by Pathfinder Press. Reprinted by permission.

BY EVELYN REED

Anthropology, like everything else in this world, was born in and through struggle. It emerged as a branch of science about a hundred years ago through a series of colossal battles against religious dogmas and petrified ideas.

The first major dispute centered around the antiquity of humankind. Theologians had established the duration of humanity in accord with the Bible at some six thousand years. Even the great French biologist Cuvier adhered to this orthodox view and argued that fossilized bones of men antedating this time did not exist. However, another Frenchman, Boucher de Perthes, exploded this prejudice by his discoveries of ancient stone axes in French deposits which paleontological tests proved were much older. His book published in 1846, demonstrating that fossil men and their tools dated back tens of thousands of years, was greeted with skepticism and scorn.

Continued discoveries of ancient human fossils and tools soon settled this question beyond dispute. ...

The second great battle was waged around the animal origin of humankind. It began with the publication in 1859 of [Charles] Darwin's *Origin of Species*, followed in 1871 by his *Descent of Man*. Darwin's proof that humanity arose out of the animal world, more specifically out of the anthropoid species, was a direct blow to the Adam-and-Eve myth. This was a more serious challenge to the divine origin of humanity than simply pushing the birth of mankind farther back in time. Yet, despite the hostility it encountered, Darwin's view became the point of departure for the first scientific study of the formation of humanity. A biologist applying materialist methods had cleared the road for linking anthropology to natural science. ...

The third major struggle unfolded over two interrelated basic distinctions between the institutions of modern and primitive society: the question of the matriarchy versus the patriarchy, and the question of the clan versus the family. In his book *Das Mutterrecht*, published in 1861, [Johann Jakob] Bachofen, using literary sources as evidence, set forth the proposition that an epoch of matriarchy had preceded the patriarchal form with which we are so familiar. Bachofen noted that one of the most striking features of primitive life was the high social status and exceptional authority enjoyed by primitive women in contrast to their inferior status in the subsequent patriarchal epoch. He believed that this epoch of "mother right" which preceded "father right" resulted from the fact that fathers were unknown and the primitive group identified themselves exclusively through the maternal line.

The question of matriarchy was inextricably linked with the clan group of primitive times as contrasted with the individual family of modern times. Lewis Morgan, in his book *Ancient Society*, published in 1877, disclosed that the unit of primitive society was not the individual family but the gens, or clan.

[Frederick] Engels believed that Morgan's discovery was as important to the study of the primitive social structure as the discovery of the cell was to biology, or as Marx's concept of surplus value was to economics. Given the unit of the gens, or clan, the road was opened for anthropologists to investigate and reconstruct the formation and organization of tribal life. As a result of his pioneer work, Morgan is hailed as the founder of American anthropology.

Morgan believed that the family, as it is constituted today, did not exist in ancient society and is essentially a product of civilized conditions. Before the family came the clan, which was composed not of fathers and mothers but of kinsmen and kinswomen, or clan "brothers and sisters." Morgan also indicated that the clan structure was matriarchal. Thus the dispute around the historical priority of the matriarchy over the patriarchy became inseparable from the controversy around the historical priority of the clan over the individual family.

The fourth and most persistent struggle unfolded around the sharp contrast between the basic economic and social relations of primitive and civilized society. Morgan demonstrated that modern society, founded upon the private ownership of the means of production and divided by class antagonisms between the propertied and nonpropertied, is the opposite of the way primitive society was organized. In the primitive community, the means of production were communally owned and the fruits of their labor equally shared. The clan was a genuine collective in which every individual was provided for and protected by the entire community, from the cradle to the grave.

This most basic feature of primitive life was characterized by Morgan and Engels as "primitive communism." But this collectivist social system as well as its matriarchal aspects were frowned upon and discounted by those who wished to perpetuate the dogma that the modern system of private property and class distinctions have persisted without essential change throughout the whole history of humankind.

The struggles around these four major issues, which arose through the researches of the nineteenth-century pioneer thinkers, gave birth to the science of anthropology. Although many questions remained unanswered, the classical school of anthropologists provided the keys for opening a series of hitherto closed doors into the recesses of ancient society. They were founders of the scientific investigation.

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RESOURCES/WEBSITES FOR TRIBES AND TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS:

- 🖫 Centralized website for federal grant opportunities: www.grants.gov
 - Government Information by Topic: http://www.usa.gov/.
- HUD's PIH Notices to Tribes and TDHEs are electronically posted at http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/regs/notices.cfm.
- HUD's Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities: www.hud.gov/sustainability.
- Federal Register Today: http://www.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/fr-cont.html.
- Environmental Resources http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/codetalk/resources/env.cfm
- National Resource Database for Tribal Water System Operators: www.smallwatersupply.org
- Multi-agency Infrastructure Task Force in Indian Country: http://www.epa.gov/tp/trprograms/ infra-water.htm
- Asset Building for Native Communities: http://www.idaresources.org/page?
 pageid=a047000000ArRPk

- Native American Contractors Association: http://www.nativecontractors.org/
- Native Learning Center (NLC): FREE courses & training for Native Americans. www.nativelearningcenter.com
- Native Home Capital (CDFI) http://www.nativehomecapital.com/

- ▼ Southwestern States Inter Tribal Councils

Inter Tribal Council of Arizona: http://www.itcaonline.com/
Inter Tribal Council of California: http://www.itccinc.org/
Inter Tribal Council of Nevada: http://www.itcn-snac.org/

All Indian Pueblo Council (of New Mexico): http://www.aipcnm.org/

Resources

Native Health News Alliance to help reporters find personal stories about health and wellness in Native communities through the Public Insight Network Bureau. To learn more or participate click here.

Arizona Commission of Indian Affairs (ACIA) Sate-Tribal Resource Directory - Call (602) 542-4426 or click here.

U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Launches Minority Health Newsletter. For information click here.

Affordable Housing Locator - For housing locations all over United States. Click <u>here for more information</u>.

HUD's Southwest Office of Native American Programs - To view the listing of Regional Training Workshops click here.

Proposed (BDRs) Nevada Legislation to Watch

Tourism, Commission on

Creates gift fund for Nevada Indian Commission and designates Commission as coordinating agency for buildings and grounds of former Stewart Indian School.

Conservation and Natural Resources, State Department of

Establishes an account for the protection and rehabilitation of the buildings and grounds of the former Stewart Indian School and authorizes sale of two parcels of land and deposit of proceeds of sale in the new account. 18-360

Water Resources, Division of-Conservation and Natural Resources

Makes various changes relating to the adjudication of vested water rights, appropriation of public waters, underground water and wells and planning and development of water resources. 48-366

Water Resources, Division of-Conservation and Natural Resources 48-367

Revises provisions governing groundwater management plans and critical management areas.

Senate Committee on Judiciary

Authorizes industrial hemp farming in Nevada. 49-423

Senator Segerblom

Proposes to revise provisions relating to the preservation and promotion of the arts and museums in this State. 424

Senator Segerblom

Revises provisions governing fracking to restrict fracking, require regulation of fracking solely by the Division of Environmental Protection, and make other changes. 46-438

Senator Segerblom

Enacts an "Environmental Policy Act" for Nevada. 18-439

Senator Goicoechea

Joint Requester: Senator Gustavson, Assemblyman Ellison, Assemblyman Hansen, Assemblyman Oscarson, Assemblyman Wheeler, Assemblyman Hambrick, Assemblyman Duncan, Assemblyman Kirner, Assemblywoman Fiore

SJR: Urges Congress to enact legislation transferring title and ownership of certain public lands to the State of Nevada pursuant to the plan recommended by the Nevada Land Management Task Force. R-451

Legislative Committee on Public Lands (NRS 218E.510)

_JR: Expresses support for the State Plan developed by the Sagebrush Ecosystem Council and urges the Federal Government not to list the Greater Sage-Grouse under the Endangered Species Act of 1973. R-480

Legislative Committee on Public Lands (NRS 218E.510)

Creates a statewide committee to study present and future supplies of water and allocation levels in Nevada. 481

These Incredible Tiny Islands Suck Pollution Out of Water http://t.co/CymQxeV290 via @TakePart

These Incredible Tiny Islands Suck Pollution Out of Water

Empowering the Next Generation http://t.co/mSWuPHUWzb via @gatesfoundation

With the launch of the Putting Women and Girls at the Center of Development Grand Challenge, we are looking to invest in innovative programs that expand the body of work and knowledge on the intersection of gender equality,... gates.ly

U.S. Government Builds a Home for Water Data

The Open Water Data Initiative wants a common house for real-time U.S. water information. The collection of water data is rather like a sedate zoo. The data sets,... **Read More...**

Big Data Requires Strong Relationships to Improve Farming

To influence water and food systems, the data revolution needs more than billions of bits. Brett Walton analyzes the lessons from last week's Water for Food Global... Read More...

October 27: EPA Watchdog Rejects Senator's Request to Halt Hydraulic Fracturing Study

In a letter, EPA Inspector General Arthur Elkins reminded the senator that neither Congress nor the EPA is allowed to interfere with the inspector's work. E ... Read more...

AASLH Call for Proposals

Now Accepting Session and Workshop Proposals for the 2015 Annual Meeting

Louisville, Kentucky Dates: September 16-20, 2015

Theme: The Power of Possibility

Session Proposals Due: November 17, 2014

Learn more about submitting a proposal.

Just as Louisville's growth and success spring from the barriers faced by Ohio River travelers at the Falls of the Ohio, the power of possibility allows the public history field to see opportunities instead of obstacles. Momentum is building once again! So, how do we demonstrate, encourage, and inspire the Power of Possibility within the realm of history organizations and far beyond?

We all know that history organizations continue to operate in a highly challenging environment. Those organizations that keep within the boundaries and simply repeat past procedures, programs, and operations continue to fall behind. Those who identify the spaces of possibility and adjust strategies make inroads to the future.

At our peril, we implement change by forcing the questions of either public programs or academic research, either contemplative or participatory experiences, content versus skills development, and either existing membership or new audiences. If we truly intend to survive and positively impact the future, we need to reject the exclusionary phrase "either/or" and move in the direction of "and." We can be both creative and disciplined, consistent and fresh, informative and fun.

As they like to say in Louisville, "It's possible here." Join us as we find ways to blend what appear to be opposite extremes and we navigate boundaries and barriers, ultimately unlocking the Power of Possibility!

- In the spirit of this theme, the Program Committee seeks proposals that:
- Demonstrate innovative approaches to telling the stories of ordinary people doing extraordinary things
- Illustrate activity that is unusual, innovative and creative—even if it didn't work
- Introduce provocative ideas for discussion
- Encourage public involvement in our work, connecting history to everyday life
- Reflect and feature diverse settings and people

- Connect personal and community histories to larger themes
- Promote organizational review and revitalization

"Whether our contaminants take the form of a discarded lunch, human excrement or billions of metric tonnes of airborne pollutants, we're left with an unfortunate but clear answer: there probably is no place on Earth without pollution." — Rachel Nuwer, science writer, on the end of pristine places. (BBC)

According to an investigation by the science writer Rachel Nuwer, there may not be a single pristine, unpolluted location left on the planet, excepting caves too deep in the earth to experience air exchange with the outside, and glacial formations that date from before the industrial revolution. BBC

Selling the Sacred Carelessly: Get Your Master's in Native American Shamanism? http://bit.ly/1zx2wB6

Selling the Sacred: Get Your Master's in Native American Shamanism?

"Practicing ceremonies without understanding is dangerous. We see so many deaths." indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com

Bob Tregilus

Uh-oh, the **Keystone XL pipeline is now filibusterer proof**. It's going to be interesting to see how the energy landscape changes once the new Congress is seated. From the article: "The CEO of the nation's top oil lobby the American Petroleum Institute said energy "was the clear winner" Tuesday night." Which means, as the article I posted last night suggests: "The biggest loser in this election is the climate."

OVERNIGHT ENERGY: Election gives GOP votes to pass Keystone

CO2 & the Atmosphere

Air Force research on missiles and the story of Ice Ages both reveal the effects of carbon dioxide. youtube.com

If you want to plan for a year, sow rice.

If you want to plan for a decade, plant trees.

If you want to plan for a century, educate women.

-Chinese Proverb

Native Runner Carries Injured Competitor Across the Finish Line; Appears on Ellen

Melanie Bailey, a senior at Devils Lake High School in North Dakota, is the kind of runner you want indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com

Did you know that almost 90% of the world's farms are family owned?

Test Your Farmer IO

The UN declared 2014 the Year of Family Farming because of the role farmers play in ending hunger. Test your knowledge of the people who put food on our plates.

www.oxfamamerica.org

Thresholds - Resolving Social & Cultural Challenges in, with and through the Arts July 2015 Bellingham, WA

Western Washington University and <u>The Flow Project</u> invite you to an international summit on the relevance of the Arts in resolving social and cultural challenges, with an emphasis on leadership. This interdisciplinary inquiry explores the applicability of the Arts in:

- Leadership
- Social change/Social entrepreneurship
- Business
- Education
- Health
- Environmental Issues
- Embodied Spirituality
- Sciences and Technology
- Governance/Civic Engagement

The strategic relevance and practical value of the Arts in resolving social and cultural challenges represents a threshold concept.

Threshold concepts may be considered to be akin to passing through a portal or conceptual gateway that opens up previously inaccessible ways of thinking about something. (Meyer & Land, 2003)

Join us for a global conversation. This international summit will be held at Western Washington University in beautiful Bellingham, Washington, USA. Produced in partnership; <u>The Flow Project</u> and Western Washington University.

The **Call for Proposals** will be issued in Fall 2014.

The radical shift in the structure of the world begs for creativity; it asks us to rethink who we are as human beings.. It may be that writers, painters, and musicians have an unprecedented opportunity to be co-creators with society's leaders in setting a path. For art, after all, is about rearranging us, creating surprising juxtapositions, emotional openings, startling presences, flight paths to the eternals. (Nancy Adler, 2006)

To join the Thresholds Summit email list, <u>click here</u>

A Ray of Light By Charles Pierce, Esquire 06 November 14

Casting about for a reason to get out of bed for the next two years, I found a reason to put at least one foot on the floor. It was out in Nebraska's Second Congressional District. Republican incumbent Lee Terry, who is perhaps the Keystone XL pipeline's BFF 4-ever, got skunked by his Democratic challenger, a state senator named Brad Ashford. Terry didn't help himself much, either. He went public about keeping his congressional salary during the 2013 government shutdown. And then, late in the game, he set aloft perhaps the most mendacious, race-baiting television advertisement of the past 25 years. (Terry also likely did not profit by a last-minute endorsement in court from the crazy killer whom he'd dragooned into his campaign.) But there is no question that the people who have been organizing on the ground against the pipeline in Nebraska organized against Terry. There is no question that, come January, Lee Terry will be an ex-congressperson. (He'll be an extraction industry lobbyist about 11 seconds after he hands over the keys to his office.) I choose not to believe that this is coincidence.

I mention this to highlight the fact that anyone who believes that the fight against the death-funnel ended on Tuesday night, either because the Republicans have the clout to force the issue now, or because the president will use it as a bargaining chip, are sadly mistaken. Ordinarily, I don't have a lot of patience for not-in-my-backyard issues. The one exception I make is when people's actual backyards are at stake. There is a constituency in Nebraska that does not want this pipeline built because it will endanger their health and their personal economies. This constituency also has grown tired of being lectured by pundits and by oil-soaked and money-fattened politicians through whose backyards no pipeline will ever run. TransCanada, the multinational behind the death funnel, has progressed from threatening individual landowners to threatening the entire country, largely because the efforts of this constituency have been effective in those places where the pipeline actually will go, if not in Arlington or Bethesda, or the downslopes of Capitol Hill. Lee Terry got crossways with this constituency, and Lee Terry no longer has a job. This is not a coincidence.

Bryan Fischer Suggests Native Americans Were Justifiably Removed From Their Land

On "Focal Point" today, host Bryan Fischer once again linked the supposed moral failings of Native Americans to the seizure of their land by European colonists.... rightwingwatch.org

Must Watch: Video of Homeless Native Piano Player Racks Up 3.5M Views

November 10 in 1890, in Chicago, General Nelson Miles said he had just traveled through Montana, Dakota, and Nebraska and those regions were alive with the Ghost Dance, taught by Nevada Paiute prophet Wovoka that whites found so threatening. In 1963 to fill previously

unfilled postion, the Nevada Board of Regents appoint Dorothy J. Jones as District Home Agent for Indian Programs at a salary rate of \$7000 based on twelve months' service.

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In Remembrance of our beloved Viola "Granny" Zuniga



A memorial will be held on Saturday, November 22, 2014 @Sunrise

Brunch to follow at the Hungry Valley Community Center

All food donations appreciated please contact: Vicki Moore 775 425 8540 or Jenny Lowery 775 337 1763

