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<http://www.truth-out.org/news/item/34012-native-americans-warn-native-hawaiians-of-the-dangers-of-federal-recognition>

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The Shoshone Flag Song. All images are of Shoshone people only, no other tribes are mixed in this video. youtube.com

GONA-Gathering of Native American Training in Yakama Nation

This video is about Yakama Youth 2012 GONA training conference filmed and edited by Myron... www.youtube.com

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Image Credit: Art Therapy Blog Senate Passes Act That The Arts Are Considered

Core Subjects Arts receive attention in new education plan. Matthew Denney in...

theodysseyonline.com

Myron Dewey

Got a 3a.m Paris France Fb call from Deborah Parker who is on the outside of negotiations representing our voice in song, communications, and Nicole Yanes who is Representing our voice inside Clime Change Negotiations.

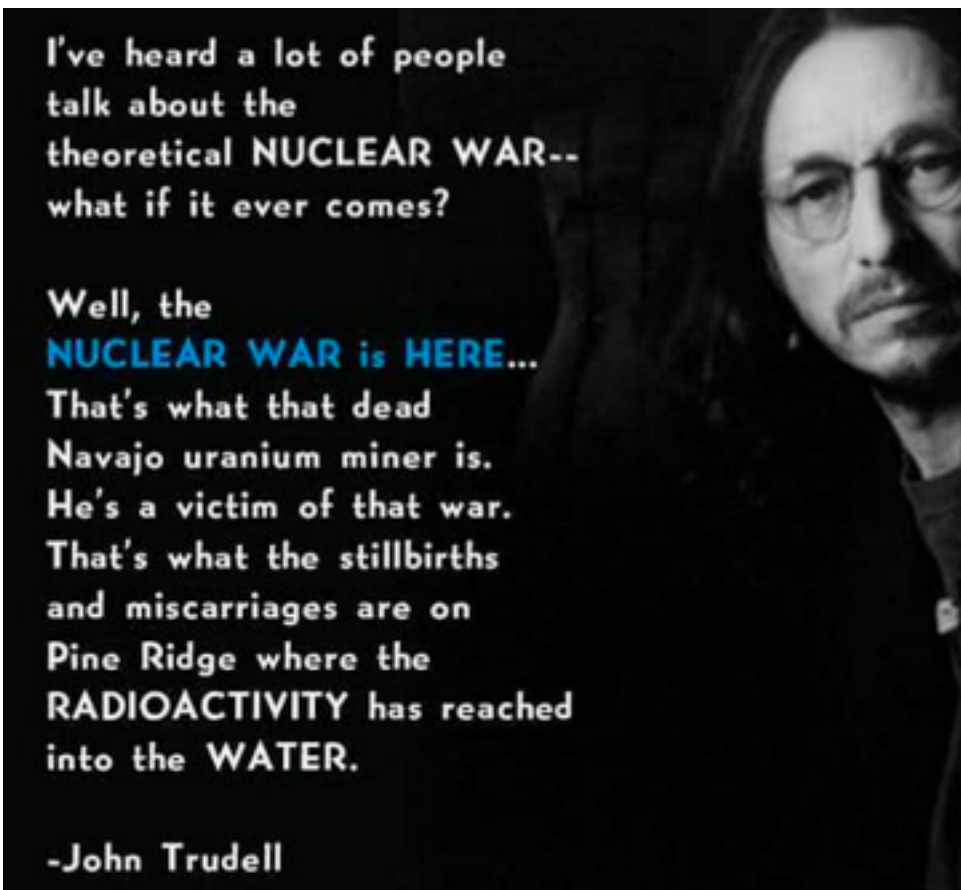
Sending strong blessings to our strong Indigenous Women, mothers, sisters representing our voice across the big waters.

Upon request Burning some medicine to carry those strong blessings and voice,

Pesha Nanishtohigh ...

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[Gina Howard](#)



In Memory of those friends and family who have gone on...REST IN PEACE

Lakota Peyote Healing Song

Lakota Peyote Healing Song by: Robbie Robertson
youtube.com

Drone Captures Alaskan Sockeye Salmon Run from Above

Fly high above Alaska's Lake Iliamna, following the crew of the Alaska Salmon Program as they conduct sockeye salmon surveys during one of the largest... twistedsifter.com

<http://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2015/dec/10/michelle-obama-rap-video-kids-college-jay-pharaoh>

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InterConnection Computer Grants

InterConnection Computer Grants are provided to nonprofit organizations that deliver necessary and valuable services to underserved communities throughout the United States. Click above to learn more about the funding guidelines and application process.

Volvo Environment Prize

The Volvo Environment Prize is awarded for outstanding innovations or scientific discoveries falling broadly within the environmental field. Click above to learn more about the nomination guidelines and application process.

National Funding

Support for Social Justice Groups in the U.S., Haiti, and Mexico

Peace Development Fund: Community Organizing Grants

The Peace Development Fund believes that the change in values needed to establish a more just and peaceful world can come about only if it is strongly rooted in local communities that value the importance of building movements to create systemic social change. The Fund's Community Organizing Grants provide support to community-based organizations in the United States, Haiti, and Mexico that are working for social justice. The funding priorities include organizing to shift power, working to build a movement, dismantling oppression, and creating new structures. Priority is given to new or emerging organizations, efforts that have difficulty securing funds from other sources, and groups that receive little other foundation support. Grants range from \$3,000 to \$10,000, with an average of \$5,000. Applying organizations must have an annual budget of \$250,000 or less. The application form will be available January 1, 2016, and the application deadline is February 1, 2016. Visit the Fund's website to learn more about the Community Organizing Grants program.

Theatre Programs for Children and Youth Funded

Children's Theatre Foundation of America: Aurand Harris Grants and Fellowship Fund

The Children's Theatre Foundation of America's grantmaking focus is on theatre for children and youth, the utilization of drama or theatre in education for children grades K-12, and development opportunities for theatre artists working in the area of children's theatre in the United States. The Foundation's Aurand Harris Grants and Fellowship Fund supports small and mid-sized nonprofit theatres for premieres of promising new plays for children and youth; the establishment of special production programs of children's theatre such as a touring program, a children's theatre playwriting program, or a production related symposium for a new work; assistance in securing scripts, supplies, and equipment for the production of premieres of promising new plays for young audiences; and performance expenses of U.S. children's theatres to send new plays to regional, national, or international festivals or conventions. Professional theatre artists working

in theatre for young audiences may also apply for support in the development of their artistic excellence. Grants range from \$1,000 to \$5,000. The deadline for the Request to Submit form is January 15, 2016; invited Full Grant Applications must be postmarked by April 18, 2016. Visit the Foundation's website to learn more about the Aurand Harris Grants Program.

Grants Promote Financial Markets Literacy Programs

NASDAQ Educational Foundation

The NASDAQ Educational Foundation is dedicated to promoting learning about capital formation, financial markets, and entrepreneurship through innovative educational programs. The Foundation's Educational Projects or Programs grant category provides support to educational institutions and nonprofit organizations for classroom and extracurricular financial markets literacy programs at the high school, college, and university levels. Programs targeting teacher training and professional development for adults are also eligible for support. In addition to the Educational Projects or Programs category, grants are provided for research, fellowships, and curriculum development at the university level. The upcoming deadline for letters of inquiry is February 1, 2016; invited full proposals are due April 1, 2016. Visit the Foundation's website to download the 2016 Grant Proposal Guide and Grant Proposal Instructions.

Youth Environmental Stewardship Projects Supported

Captain Planet Foundation: Small Grants

The Captain Planet Foundation supports educational programs that enable youth to understand and appreciate our world by getting involved in hands-on projects to improve the environment. The Foundation provides Small Grants to innovative programs that inspire youth to participate in community service through environmental stewardship activities. An additional priority is to fund programs that encourage environment-based education in schools. Public schools and nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply for grants of \$500 to \$2,500. Priority is given to projects with matching funds or in-kind support. The first application deadline for 2016 is January 31st. Online application guidelines are available on the Foundation's website.

Regional Funding

Funds for Organizations in California, Illinois, and Washington, DC

The Reva and David Logan Foundation

The Reva and David Logan Foundation primarily supports nonprofit organizations in California, Illinois, and Washington, DC, that address the arts, investigative journalism, scholarship, and social justice. The Foundation's grant categories include the following: The Social Justice category focuses on ensuring that all can participate in society without interference, and the benefits and responsibilities accrued from society are fairly distributed to all. The Scholarship category encourages collecting, studying, and codifying to preserve and understand the past, and to inform the future. The Arts category addresses all types of human expression, influenced by culture and driven by creative impulse, that contribute to the beauty and meaning of human life. The Journalism and the Fourth Estate category focuses on the press, news media, and investigative journalists whose courageous work exposes acts of tyranny, and stands as a bulwark for freedom, justice, and democracy. Although unsolicited proposals are not accepted, letters of inquiry from organizations in the targeted regions that address the Foundation's priorities are welcome throughout the year. Visit the Foundation's website to learn more about the letter of inquiry process.

Grants Enhance Services for Minnesota Children

The Sheltering Arms Foundation

The Sheltering Arms Foundation provides grants to nonprofit organizations in Minnesota that benefit children and families who have the least access to resources. The Foundation supports high quality direct service programs for children, ages 0-12, in the areas of early childhood and



youth development. In addition, the Foundation supports advocacy efforts that raise the level of public awareness and commitment to the well-being of children. The application deadline is January 22, 2016. (Prior to submission of a funding request, organizations are requested to contact Foundation staff to talk about how a project fits with the Foundation's guidelines.) Visit the Foundation's website to learn more about the funding guidelines and online application process.

Support for Local Organizations in Company Communities

Georgia-Pacific Foundation

The Georgia-Pacific Foundation supports a wide range of nonprofit organizations that improve the quality of life in communities where Georgia-Pacific operates, and where company employees live and work. The Foundation has identified the following key investment areas: Education, including college scholarships, K-12 public schools, workforce development, and literacy; Community Enrichment, including affordable housing, arts and culture, youth enrichment programs, employee volunteerism, and safety programs; Environment, including resource conservation, environmental education, recycling, and clean air/clean water; and Entrepreneurship, especially youth entrepreneur education and capacity building programs for women and minorities. Grant requests are reviewed on a rolling cycle throughout the year. (Early submission is encouraged.) Visit the company's website to take the required online eligibility survey.

Education Programs for Youth and Adults in the Washington, DC, Region Funded

The Herb Block Foundation: Pathways Out of Poverty

The Herb Block Foundation is committed to defending the basic freedoms guaranteed all Americans, combating all forms of discrimination and prejudice, and improving the conditions of the poor and underprivileged. The Foundation's Pathways Out of Poverty program is dedicated to helping needy young people and adults gain a quality education. For projects serving youth, the focus is on improving student achievement and healthy development of young people of middle school age and above. Projects may include in-school and community-based educational programs, after-school activities, and mentoring programs. For projects serving adults, the Foundation's focus is on literacy education, GED preparation, vocational training, and job

placement. Eligible projects must provide services in the greater Washington, DC, region, including the District of Columbia, the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, and the city of Alexandria in Virginia, and Montgomery and Prince George's counties in Maryland. Letters of inquiry are due February 3, 2016; invited proposals must be submitted by April 20, 2016. Visit the Foundation's website to submit an online letter of inquiry.

Federal Funding

Funds Available to Develop Rural Health Networks

Health Resources and Service Administration

The Rural Health Network Development Planning Grant Program promotes the planning and development of healthcare networks in order to achieve efficiencies; expand access to, coordinate, and improve the quality of essential healthcare services; and strengthen the rural healthcare system as a whole. The application deadline is January 8, 2016.

Humanities Efforts Supported

National Endowment for the Humanities

Museums, Libraries, and Cultural Organizations Grants support projects for general audiences that encourage active engagement with humanities ideas in creative and appealing ways. The application deadline is January 13, 2016.

Indian Law Online Master Degree (MJIL)

The Master of Jurisprudence in Indian Law (the "MJIL") at the University of Tulsa, College of Law is a cutting edge degree program that moves your career forward and helps you work effectively in Indian Country. The courses in the MJIL program are developed and taught by [TU professors as well as other recognized experts](#). MJIL candidates will successfully complete seven required courses, elective courses of their choice, and a capstone master project totaling 30 credit hours. The [curriculum](#) can be viewed here.

The seven required courses are: (16-19 credit hours)

- [Introduction to the Federal Legal and Administrative System](#)
- [Principles of Federal Indian Law](#)
- [Tribal Government](#)
- [Introduction to Legal Writing](#)
- [Research Methods in Indian Law](#)
- [Intro to Capstone Master Project](#)
- [Capstone Master Project](#) (3-6 credit hours)

Twelve to fifteen elective credit hours to be taken from [18 different elective courses](#).

MJIL Program Costs

The total cost for tuition is \$27,090 (\$903 per credit hour). This is a 30 credit program. On average, it will be approximately \$5,400 per semester, depending on the number of credit hours you are taking at the time.

Other expenses include (the following costs are estimated):

Textbooks – \$100-\$200

Headset – \$50 – \$75

Internet – Varies

PC/Laptop – Varies

The MJIL is a part of the Native American Law Center, and the Worcester Sovereignty Project – these are path-marking entities at the TU College of Law, seeking to promote awareness of Indian Sovereignty, while helping to defend issues important to Indians and Indian tribes across the nation. Many of the courses offered in the MJIL are the same as those found in the upper division Indian Law classes at the TU College of Law.

http://masterinlaw.utulsa.edu/indian-law-mjil/?utm_medium=banner&utm_source=http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/&utm_campaign=ICTM%20Spring&utm_term=300x250&utm_content=image

The Struggle Continues: Garifuna Land Defender Shot in Honduras

Sandra Cuffe, IC Magazine: Outspoken Garifuna land defender Vidal Leiva believes his three attackers were hired to kill him due to his involvement in the local struggle to recuperate and defend Garifuna land. Collective land belonging to Garifuna communities along the Trujillo Bay are being taken over by Canadian developers for tourism. [Read the Article](#)

U.S. Department of Justice Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation

The U.S. Department of Justice announced the opening of the grant solicitation period for comprehensive funding to American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments and tribal consortia to support public safety, victim services and crime prevention improvements.

For the FY 2016 CTAS, a tribe or tribal consortium will submit a single application and select from any or all of the nine competitive grant programs referred to as “purpose areas.” This approach allows the department’s grant-making components to consider the totality of a tribal nation’s overall public safety needs.

The nine purpose areas (PA) are:

- PA1 - Public Safety and Community Policing (COPS)
- PA2 - Comprehensive Tribal Justice Systems Strategic Planning (BJA)
- PA3 - Justice Systems and Alcohol and Substance Abuse (BJA)
- PA4 - Corrections and Correctional Alternatives (BJA)
- PA5 - Violence Against Women Tribal Governments Program (OVW)
- PA6 - Children’s Justice Act Partnerships for Indian Communities (OVC)
- PA7 - Comprehensive Tribal Victim Assistance Program (OVC)
- PA8 - Juvenile Justice Wellness Courts (OJJDP)
- PA9 - Tribal Youth Program (OJJDP)

[Read DOJ’s Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2016 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation \(CTAS\).](#)

Read the [CTAS fact sheet](#).

Tribes or tribal consortia may also be eligible for non-tribal, government-specific (non-CTAS) federal grant programs and are encouraged to explore other funding opportunities for which

they may be eligible. Additional funding information may be found at the [Department of Justice's Tribal Justice and Safety website](#).

Department of Transportation

Beyond Traffic: The Smart City Challenge

The USDOT is encouraging cities to put forward their best and most creative ideas for innovatively addressing the challenges they are facing. The vision of the Smart City Challenge is to demonstrate and evaluate a holistic, integrated approach to improving surface transportation performance within a city and integrating this approach with other smart city domains such as public safety, public services, and energy. The USDOT intends for this challenge to address how emerging transportation data, technologies, and applications can be integrated with existing systems in a city to address transportation challenges. The USDOT seeks bold and innovative ideas for proposed demonstrations to effectively test, evaluate, and demonstrate the significant benefits of smart city concepts.

The USDOT will make an award of up to \$40 Million award for one mid-sized city that can demonstrate how advanced data and intelligent transportation systems (ITS) technologies and applications can be used to reduce congestion, keep travelers safe, protect the environment, respond to climate change, connect underserved communities, and support economic vitality.

The USDOT will issue two separate solicitations to carry out this challenge. This solicitation will result in selection of an estimated five Smart City Challenge Finalists who will receive funding to support concept development and planning activities. The follow-on second solicitation, which will be released in March 2015, will invite the Smart City Challenge Finalists to apply for funding to support implementation of their proposed demonstration.

Funding Opportunity Informational Webinars

The United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) will host Informational Sessions.

[View the USDOT virtual session presentations.](#)

Informational Sessions: Beyond Traffic: The Smart City Challenge

Session: In Person: Smart City Forum

Date: 12/15/2015 **Time:** 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM EST

Location: U.S. Department of Transportation (1200 New Jersey Ave SE, Washington, DC)

[Register for this session](#)

Session: Virtual: Data, Architecture, and Standards

Date: 12/16/2015 **Time:** 1:00 to 2:30 PM EST [Registration: By 12/15/2015](#)

Session: Virtual: Connected Vehicles and Automation

Date: 12/17/2015 **Time:** 1:00 to 2:30 PM EST [Registration: By 12/16/2015](#)

Session: Virtual: The Sharing Economy, User-Focused Mobility, and Accessible Transportation

Date: 12/18/2015 **Time:** 1:00 to 2:30 PM EST [Registration: By 12/17/2015](#)

Session: Virtual: The Smart City Challenge Application and Selection Process

Date: 12/21/2015 **Time:** 1:00 to 2:00 PM EST [Registration: By 12/18/2015](#)

Deadline: February 4, 2016

[Read DOT's Funding Notice.](#)

World Monuments Fund

The interior of Mission San Xavier del Bac, decorated with paintings, carvings, and statues, looking towards the sanctuary and the carved altar. The church, located in Tucson, Arizona, is close to reversing the effects of past repairs so that it may be preserved for visitors and the local Tohono O'odham nation. The church is on the 2016 World Monuments Watch: <http://bit.ly/1LXrtv1>

Sierra Nevada confirmed to be 40 million years old San Jose Mercury News

Trapped in this clay are chemical traces of *water* -- oxygen and hydrogen -- left behind ... "The Sierra are important to the whole story of *California*," he said.

Old Lawsuits Never Die. They Don't Even Fade Away, Tribe Learns

Bloomberg

California's latest *water* war is being waged at the edge of wine country against an Indian tribe planning a massive casino expansion as a group of landowners.



Much of what passes as **historical markers in Nevada** could use a similar treatment. CSS<http://boston1775.blogspot.com/2015/12/how-deerfield-updated-monument.html>

Innovative CDFI Partnership

In October 2013, RCAC and Native Home Capital (NHC) launched a three-year initiative- Tribal Housing Excellence Academy (THE Academy) to increase the variety and volume of housing on Tribal lands.

For more information on THE Academy and this innovative partnersh[Canada's Indigenous Bands Rise Up Against a Tar Sands Pipeline](#)

Jim Robbins, Yale Environment 360: TransCanada, the company behind the now-defunct Keystone XL, is proposing another pipeline that would ship Alberta tar sands oil to Canada's Atlantic coast. But fierce opposition from First Nation communities could derail this controversial project. [Read the Article](#)

**14th Annual Native
Tommo Craft Fair**
- Tommo means Winter in Paiute -

December 18-19, 2015
34 Reservation Road (Gym)
Reno, NV 89502
(Off Interstate 395, take Mill Street or Glendale Off Ramp on Westside)

Open 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. both days

Come and support our local and surrounding area
Native Craft Vendors!

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Beaded Items- Native Jewelry- Native Artwork- Books & Music, and many one-of-a-kind items!	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Native Blankets- Baked Goods- Handmade Quilts
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Native vendor tables available: \$40 each table, per day. A preference discount will be given to vendors that sell both days. First come, first serve basis—don't wait to reserve your spot!

For more information, contact Joanne at (775) 442-3939 or via e-mail:
tommo.native.craft.fair.2015@gmail.com

A portion of the proceeds will go to help our Human Services clients during the Holidays!

- Ask about our Coat Drive -
Here's wishing everyone a very safe & happy holiday season!

A New World Beckons: The Future Belongs to Renewables

Michael T. Klare, TomDispatch: The future belongs to renewable energy. Inevitably, ever more people - especially the most dynamic and creative of young people - will be hitching their futures to the coming of a genuinely green civilization, ensuring its ultimate triumph. [Read the Article](#)

Tracy Calvin-Wasson at the age of 40 left this world to be with the Creator. Tracy unexpectedly passed away on December 11th by a car accident. Tracy left her husband, six children, multiple family and friends. Donations would be greatly appreciated to help ease the financial burden of the memorial service.

Tracy was a kind woman who had love for many and without judgement she accepted many into her life. Tracy gave birth to six wonderful children who range from six to nineteen years of age. She loved children, floating the boise river, participating in sweats, the Sundance Ceremony, traveling and being surrounded by family and friends. If you have ever needed help, someone to talk to, laugh or cry with; Tracy would be there offering an ear, a smile, a lot of jokes or some advice.

All donations will be greatly appreciated and will help the fund Tracy's celebration of life service. The remainder of funds will help ease the financial burden for her children.

Tracy Calvin Memorial Fund by Erica Anne Jones - GoFundMe
<https://www.gofundme.com/j3ejkhek>