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A message from SJSU School of Information

To maximize training opportunities for people engaged in sustaining and advancing indigenous culture, the [Institute of Museum and Library Services](http://www.dicwa.org) is providing up to \$75,000 in scholarship

funding for eligible applicants to attend the 2016 International Conference of Indigenous Archives, Libraries, and Museums at the Wild Horse Pass Resort and Spa in Phoenix, AZ (Gila River Indian Community). Pre-conference workshops take place on Monday, October 10 and conference sessions are scheduled Tuesday, October 11 and Wednesday October 12.

Click here to access the [Scholarship Application](#) .

[Applications must be received by April 15, 2016 at 11:59 PM CST. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.](#)

Eligible candidates include:

- Staff members of tribal archives, libraries, museums, historic preservation offices, and language programs.
- Staff members of non-tribal cultural institutions who are tribally enrolled, or working directly with Native collections.
- Students enrolled in college-level library, museum, or archival programs.

There are three levels of awards:

- \$300 for registration fee waiver
- \$534 for registration fee waiver and three nights shared lodging
- \$784 for registration fee waiver, three nights shared lodging, and a \$250 travel stipend. Travel stipends are rarely rewarded and applicants should anticipate covering their own travel.

If awarded a scholarship, recipients are expected to volunteer at the conference, commit to attending a minimum of seven concurrent sessions and write a brief impact report.

If you cannot complete the application once you start it, you have the option to save your information and resume later. If you choose this option, you will receive a unique link that will enable you to access your application at any time within the next 30 days to resume answering questions. Without the link, the data you have entered cannot be retrieved and you will have to start filling out the form at the beginning. ATALM will not receive information until you click the "submit" button. You will receive a copy of the information you submitted in an email confirming receipt of your application.

Please note that these scholarships are not intended to cover the full cost of attending the conference and successful applicants will be expected to make a contribution to their own expenses. Questions? Please email atalminfo@gmail.com .

Key Links for ATALM 2016 (October 10-12, 2016)

- Apply for a [conference scholarship](#). (Due by April 15, 2016).
- [2016 Early Registration](#) NOW OPEN!

- Reserve a discounted room in the ATALM block at the [Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort and Spa](#).
- Sign up to be a conference [volunteer](#).
- Contribute to the [2016 Scholarship and Programming Fund](#).
- [Exhibit, Advertise or Sponsor an Event](#)

ATALM is an international non-profit organization that maintains a network of support for indigenous programs, provides culturally relevant programming and services, encourages collaboration among tribal and non-tribal cultural institutions, and articulates contemporary issues related to developing and sustaining the cultural sovereignty of Native Nations.

Students may apply- **Inter-Tribal Youth Climate Leadership Congress**
Please share with others.

This just came from The Wildlife Society to students interested in going to the Inter-Tribal Youth Climate Leadership Congress in July for a week in Shepherstown, WV.

The congress will look at climate change and related environmental impacts on Native communities and is in a beautiful preserve where the US Fish & Wildlife Service does much of its staff training.

Students are accompanied and travel, lodging and food is paid for by BIA and other groups.

It would be great if someone in our group has a junior in high school who wanted to attend!

Teresa Seamster tc.seamster@gmail.com

Attachments: [ITYCLC Application Packet Fillable Form Final.pdf](#)

Heyday Calendar

April 9 - **Terria Smith** (Torres Martinez Cahuilla), editor of *News from Native California* and director of Heyday's Berkeley Roundhouse, will lead a workshop entitled "Indigenous Women Who Challenge Voicelessness in Academia and the Communities That Supported Them" at the Empowering Women of Color Conference at [UC Berkeley](#).

[Publishing Professionals Network Conference](#) Friday Apr 22 2016 8:00 AM
Golden Gate Club 135 Fisher Loop, San Francisco, CA [map](#)

Terria Smith, Director of California Indian Publishing at Heyday, will speak at the plenary session, "Emerging and Evolving Careers in Publishing," for the [Publishing Professionals Network Conference](#).

For more information visit pubpronetwork.org/2016-conference-plenary-session or download the full program [here](#).

A is for Acorn: California Indian Museum & Cultural Center

Saturday May 14 2016 2:00 PM
California Indian Museum & Cultural Center
5250 Aero Dr., Santa Rosa, CA [map](#)

Lyn Risling (artist) and **Analisa Tripp** (author) will give a presentation and sign copies of their book, *A is for Acorn*. Free and open to the public; for more information visit <http://cimcc.org/>.

DOE Announces Funding for 16 Tribal Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency Projects

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announced more than \$9 million in funding for 16 clean energy and energy efficiency projects affecting 24 American Indian and Alaska Native communities. The announcement was made today by Office of Indian Energy Director Chris Deschene during the opening general session of the National Reservation Economic Summit (RES) in Las Vegas.

As part of the Obama Administration's commitment to partner with tribal nations, these projects provide Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages energy solutions that will reduce fossil fuel use and save money. They also support national energy goals of strengthening tribal energy sufficiency and creating jobs in these predominately rural and remote communities.

The projects represent a total investment value exceeding \$25 million. DOE's funding is expected to be leveraged by nearly \$16 million in cost share under these selected tribal energy projects. Read more about the projects in the [press release](#).

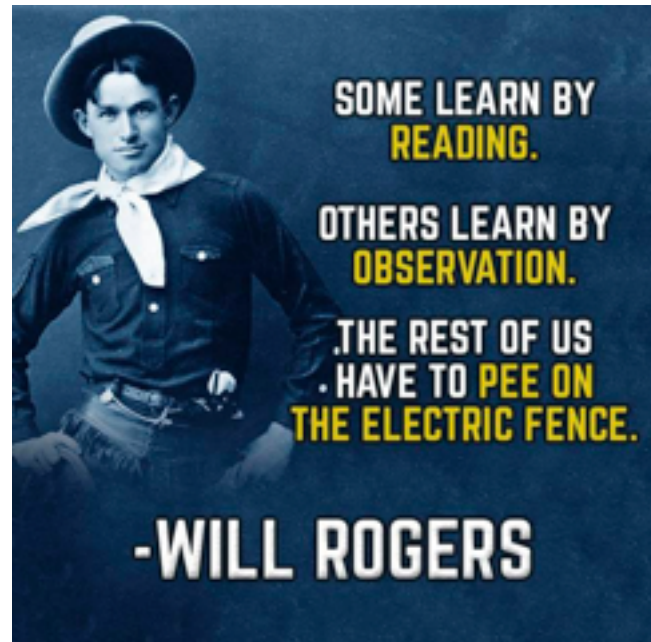
Since 2002, DOE has invested over \$50 million in nearly 200 tribal clean energy projects, and continues to provide financial and technical assistance to maximize the development and deployment of energy solutions for the benefit of American Indians and Alaska Natives.

The following projects (in alphabetic order) were competitively selected to receive funding:

Akwesasne Housing Authority (St. Regis Mohawk Tribe) New York
615-kilowatt (kW) community-scale solar photovoltaic (PV) system

Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium Alaska
Energy efficiency retrofits to the community water treatment plants in the Native Village of Kotlik, Village of Alakanuk, and the Noorvik Native Community

Alaska Village Electric Cooperative, Inc./Pitka's Point Native Corporation Renewable Energy Joint Venture



Alaska 900-kW wind turbine to provide electricity for the Alaska Native communities of Pitka's Point, St. Mary's, and Mountain Village

Bishop Paiute Tribe California 120 kW of solar PV on 34 single-family low-income homes

Chippewa Cree Tribe Montana
21 kW of solar PV on three duplexes (6 units) on the Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation

False Pass Tribal Council Alaska
50-kW marine hydrokinetic (tidal) power system in the Isanotski Strait in the Aleutian Islands

Hughes Village Council Alaska 150-kW solar PV array and lithium battery

Little Big Horn College Montana 45-kW roof-mounted, awning-style solar PV array

NANA Regional Corporation Alaska
500-kW, 75-kW, and 50-kW solar PV systems in Kotzebue, Buckland, and Deering

Northern Pueblos Housing Authority (on behalf of Picuris Pueblo) New Mexico
1-megawatt (MW) solar PV array

Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi Michigan
600-kW natural gas combined heat and power system

Rosebud Sioux Tribe Utility Commission South Dakota
58 kW of grid-tied residential solar PV on 10 homes

San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians California
42 grid-tied, solar electric PV systems, totaling at least 170 kW, on 40 low-income single-family homes and two community buildings

Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians California
1-MW ground-mounted, fixed-tilt, solar PV system

Sokaogon Chippewa Community - Mole Lake Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
Wisconsin 605.36 kW of solar PV to serve 15 governmental buildings

White Earth Reservation Tribal Council Minnesota 60.8 kW of ground-mounted solar PV systems ranging in size from 12 to 36.5 kW on three community buildings

Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs 1000 Independence Ave. SW DC 20585 For more information on the Office of Indian Energy, visit our [website](#) and see our [brochure](#).

Congratulations to all tribal award recipients!

Yesterday the Supreme Court of the United States issued a unanimous decision in favor of the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, holding that the tribe's reservation boundaries were not diminished by Congress. NARF and the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) filed an amicus brief in support of the Omaha Tribe, joined by many tribal Nations and intertribal organizations. Below is the NARF and NCAI press release with links to more information on the case. Congratulations Omaha Tribe of Nebraska for this historic victory!

Supreme Court Unanimously Holds Reservation Boundaries not Diminished in Favor of the Omaha Tribe in Nebraska v. Parker

On Tuesday, March 22, 2016, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled in a unanimous decision written by Justice Clarence Thomas in favor of the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska in Nebraska v. Parker (14-1406) that an 1882 Act of Congress did not diminish the Tribe's reservation. The judgment upholds the decision of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

"The Supreme Court's unanimous decision to uphold the Omaha Tribe's reservation lands which were established by treaties is a substantial victory for Indian Country," said NCAI President Brian Cladoosby. "The ruling in Nebraska v. Parker reaffirms long settled legal precedent protecting reservation lands from erroneous claims of diminishment. It also provides tribes with additional certainty when exercising jurisdiction, self-governance, and self-determination over their lands."

John Echohawk, Executive Director of Native American Rights Fund, said, "I congratulate the Omaha Tribe and its attorneys on today's unanimous decision. Every judge that heard this case, from the District Court all the way to the United States Supreme Court, has affirmed and followed long-standing legal rules protecting reservation lands. This tribe's hard-won victory is also an important win for Indian Country."

[Read Full Press Release Here.](#)

Scholarships

[Northwestern University to Resolve Student Loan Debt?](#)

Northwestern University has hopped aboard the no-loan trend and coming this fall of 2016, will offer grant and scholarships to combat student debt, for qualifying students. Northwestern's deliberate tuition hikes in the past years have not helped the issue of crippling student debt.
[Read more](#)

[Top Food & Beverage Company Scholarships](#)

You probably turn to your favorite food chains to satisfy your hunger and thirst, but now you can help reduce your college tuition burden with scholarships offered by some of the most well-known and popular Food & Beverage Companies.
[Read more](#)

[Check-Out These Fresh Spring Scholarships!](#)

[Apply for Chegg's \\$1,000 Monthly Scholarship](#) - New winner every month!

[Apply for ScholarshipPoints' \\$10,000 Scholarship](#) - New winner every month!

[Apply For Niche's \\$2,000 "No Essay" College Scholarship](#) - It's quick and easy!

America's Astounding Human Rights Hypocrisy in Cuba

Harvey Wasserman, Reader Supported News

Wasserman writes: "Our American president's long-overdue visit to Cuba has been a great thing for many reasons. But maybe our elected officials should cease their hypocritical yapping about the human rights situation in Cuba until they come clean about what's happening here in the

United States."

[READ MORE](#)

Extract: There are numerous political prisoners being held without human rights guarantees throughout the US prison system whose "offenses" are every bit as illusory as many of the prisoners held in violation of human rights in Cuba.

Among them is **Leonard Peltier**, a native American wrongly convicted of murder four decades ago. Peltier has repeatedly petitioned for a new trial and been turned down by presidents Carter, Reagan, Bush, Clinton, Bush and now Obama, even though the evidence overwhelmingly indicates he is innocent of the two murders for which he was convicted in the mid 1970s. Peltier is now suffering from advanced diabetes. He's being held under extremely harsh conditions in clear violation of a wide range of laws allegedly protecting the basic human rights guaranteed all prisoners by the US criminal justice code and by international law. Peltier has grandchildren and great grandchildren he has never seen. If he were being held under the same circumstances in Cuba, the US would be screaming for his release.

In 2001, as he was leaving office, Bill Clinton chose to pardon multi-millionaire Marc Rich, with immense direct and indirect benefits later coming to the Clintons and their various interests. Though Clinton was thoroughly and repeatedly briefed about Leonard Peltier, he chose to leave Peltier in prison, to not grant him a new trial, and to do nothing to mitigate the illegal conditions under which he's being held.

Interior Department Wavers on Arctic Oil and Gas Leasing

Elizabeth Shogren, High Country News: The US Interior Department is decidedly on the fence when it comes to the future of offshore oil and gas leasing in the Arctic and Alaska's Cook Inlet, and is looking for public input on the decision. Environmentalists hope public pressure will sway the proposal, as it did in the Atlantic. [Read the Article](#)

NNIC - Upcoming Dinner and Home Hosting Opportunities

Seven Visitors from Brazil on Accountability, the Media and Good Governance (Dinner Hospitality)

Seven journalists, university professors and government officials from Brazil will visit Reno to learn about transparency in the United States. They would like to be hosted for dinner on April 7, 8 or 9th.

Georgian Group to Learn about Children in the US Justice System (Dinner Hospitality)

Four government officials (plus two interpreters) from Georgia will visit Reno April 20-26, 2016 to learn about the legal structures in place to protect children. They would like to be hosted for dinner on April 21, 22, 23, 24 or 25th.

Eight Visitors from Various Countries to Learn About Youth and Community Conflict (Dinner Hospitality)

Eight visitors will visit Reno to learn about various approaches to teach youth to reduce conflict in their communities. They would like to be hosted May 6, 7, 8, 9th or 10th.

Contact Carina Black at cblack@unr.edu if you are interested in hosting!

Interested in Hosting Visitors for Overnight Stays?

Social Workers from Belarus (April 13-May 4, 2016)

10 female social workers from Belarus will visit Reno April 13-May 4 (Date changed from original e-mail) to learn about how the US assists youth with intellectual disabilities. We are looking for a host for one of the participants.

Four Legislative Fellows from India and Pakistan (May 3-30)

Two Indian and two Pakistani fellows will visit Reno to learn about youth activism, monitoring and evaluation, youth empowerment and and communications. We are looking for both internship placements for them and home hosts.

Government Officials from Kosovo (May 14-22, 2016)

Six officials will visit to learn about e-government and corruption from May 14-22, 2016. We are looking for home hosts for the three final participants.

Louisiana's Vanishing Island: The Climate "Refugees" Resettling for \$52 Million

[Read the Article at the Guardian US](#)

[Meth March Makes an Impact in Eagle Butte](#)

Despite a startling lack of local media interest, and a day that was cloudy and cold, the community in Eagle Butte made themselves heard last Friday in a rally to end the methamphetamine epidemic. ... eastsjustice.wordpress.com

[The importance of keeping a beat: Researchers link ability to keep a beat to reading, language...](#)

The findings of a Northwestern University study of more than 100 high school... medicalxpress.com

[Water Affordability Is A New Civil Rights Movement in the United States](#)

Stirred by the shutting off of water to thousands of Detroiters in 2014, grassroots activists are building a national campaign for affordable water for the poor. The campaign is the result of three trends: a U.S. economy that is cleaving in two, the poor falling farther behind, and water systems that need as much as \$US 1 trillion in investment.

[World Water Day Rises to International Prominence](#)

[World Energy Council Advances New Details on Water-Energy Nexus](#)

[Storing excess surface water in underground aquifers that have been depleted](#) could be a successful way for communities to moderate extremes between droughts and floods, according to a study published in the journal *Environmental Research Letters*. Groundwater levels in areas that have been managed this way have risen an average of 9 centimeters to 48 centimeters each year, researchers found. *Phys.org*

Water from Mexico's Laguna Salada, just south of the U.S. border, [may be used to revive](#)

California's ailing Salton Sea if a new plan is funded and approved. Researchers say toxic dust from the bed of the drying Salton Sea could cause social and economic costs between \$29 billion and \$70 billion over the next 30 years. *The Desert Sun*

The leaders of **Canada's First Nations have expressed skepticism of federal government pledges to end boil water advisories** in their communities within five years, saying the issue is complex and can't be fixed by investment alone. Eighty-six First Nations in Canada have boil water advisories, not including British Columbia. *Vice News*

This is just a friendly reminder that applications for Streetsmart 4 Youth are due one week from today, March 31, at noon. If you are an organization that assists youth who are homeless, runaways, or aged out of foster care we encourage you to apply. Applications and a list of participating criteria may be found at <https://fs21.forms.site.com/CFWN/Streetsmart/index.html>.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. Thank you for your time and have a wonderful day.

Kindly, Camille Glanzmann, *Associate Director of Initiatives*, Community Foundation of Western Nevada
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Chapter 3 of Canadian budget specifically addresses needs of indigenous people...

<http://www.budget.gc.ca/2016/docs/plan/budget2016-en.pdf>

<http://www.desmog.ca/2016/03/17/want-prevent-suicide-native-communities-stop-destroying-land>

Supreme Court To Hear Ktunaxa Nation's Jumbo Glacier Resort Appeal on Freedom of Religion Grounds By [Judith Lavoie](#) • Thursday, March 17, 2016 -

The Ktunaxa Nation, which for 25 years has battled plans to build a massive ski resort on land that is considered sacred, will make its case to Canada's top court with a freedom of religion argument that could set a precedent for indigenous people worldwide.

The Supreme Court of Canada has agreed to hear the Ktunaxa appeal of a 2012 decision by the B.C. government to approve plans by Glacier Resorts Ltd. for a 6,250 bed, all-season ski resort on Crown land in the Purcell Mountains, about 55 kilometres west of Invermere.

Plans called for [Jumbo Glacier Resort](#) to be built at the foot of Jumbo Glacier in an area known as [Qat'muk by the Ktunaxa](#) who believe it is where the Grizzly Bear Spirit was born, goes to heal itself and returns to the spirit world. That means it is an area where Ktunaxa people receive strength and guidance and they believe the development would desecrate the sacred area.

The Ktunaxa previously [argued unsuccessfully](#) in front of B.C. Supreme Court and the B.C. Court of Appeal that allowing the development to go ahead violated the Nation's right to freedom of religion and that the B.C. government failed to consider that right or adequately consult Ktunaxa on their constitutionally protected aboriginal rights. Both cases were dismissed. Kathryn Teneese, Ktunaxa Nation Council Chair, said in an interview that she is elated about the Supreme Court decision.

"I am certainly pleased that, at last, we are going to have the opportunity to present our story to the Supreme Court of Canada," she said.

"Our right to freedom of religion should not be held in less regard than that of other Canadians. We are confident that the Supreme Court of Canada will agree that Ktunaxa beliefs and practices are vital to who we are and must be taken into account by statutory decision-makers."

The fight is not just for Ktunaxa, but for every Canadian who values the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, Teneese said.

The case will inevitably be watched closely by groups throughout Canada and the world, said Teneese, who added that legal teams are already looking at lists of possible intervenors.

"It is my hope the Supreme Court of Canada is cognizant of the impact this case may have on indigenous people, not just in Canada, but worldwide," she said.

Looking at average wait times for Supreme Court cases, it is possible the case will go to court in the winter of 2017, which will give plenty of time to prepare, Teneese said.

The [Jumbo Glacier battle](#) has brought a diverse group of environmentalists, business people, local politicians and First Nations together in opposition and Robyn Duncan, Wildsight executive director, said people in the area are overjoyed that the Ktunaxa values and spiritual beliefs will be explained in the highest court in Canada.

"People locally are very excited — not only for what this means for Jumbo, but what it means to the Ktunaxa. The fight to protect Qat'muk has built a bridge between the Ktunaxa Nation and non-native locals to work together to protect this special place," Duncan said.

The immediate effect of the appeal is not likely to be apparent because Environment Minister Mary Polak ruled that the project had not been substantially started and pulled the project's Environmental Assessment Certificate last year.

However, the development group, Pheidias Project Management Corp., is asking for a judicial review of that decision and has alleged that Polak's friendship with Teneese influenced the decision.

That came as a surprise, Teneese said, with a laugh.

"I didn't know we were that close. I have a cordial working relationship with all the government

officials I have to deal with and I certainly don't know Ms. Polak in a way that would suggest a friendship."

The development group is also looking at scaling down the scope of the resort to fewer than 2,000 beds in an effort to avoid starting the environmental assessment process from scratch.

Tommaso Oberti, Phaedias Group vice-president, said in an interview that he does not yet know the effect the Ktunaxa leave to appeal will have on the company's plans, but it is obviously important.

"We hope justice will be served," he said.

There are currently several balls in the air, but the project is still alive, said Oberti, reiterating that, with a smaller resort, there will be no need to go back to square one.

"We are trying to understand the process and it seems to be at the minister's discretion," he said.

"We are waiting for direction from the province."

A smaller, cozier resort is very doable and would fit well with the area, Oberti said.

But Teneese emphasized that the objections would be the same, whatever the size of the resort.

"Legal counsel has advised us that they have no legal authority to do anything right now because they don't have an Environmental Assessment certificate," she said.

Duncan agreed that Glacier Resorts has no legal authority to move forward with any size of resort.

"The Jumbo Valley is sacred territory for the Ktunaxa and critical grizzly bear habitat. No permanent development should take place there," she said.

[Try watching this video on www.youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com), or enable JavaScript if it is disabled in your browser.



Jumbo Wild, a documentary about the battle over the Jumbo Glacier Resort, has recently been added to Netflix.