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**AmeriCorps VISTA** will be in Yerington, NV Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> conducting a grants workshop for interested tribal entities and their area partners. The workshop will provide guidance on how to obtain AmeriCorps VISTA and AmeriCorps NCCC resources. Please also feel free to share this opportunity. The workshop takes place from 9:30 am – 11:30 am and is taking place at the Yerington Tribe Community Center (171 Campbell Lane, Yerington).

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**From the Eagle Watch April 15, 2016**

A couple of things to note.

A Law is not necessarily Justice!

1) Patrick Brazeau was rewarded for the formation of CAP by being appointed senator against the wishes of Indigenous people who were speaking out against his abuse of women at the time. this has been coming for some time.

2) IMHO, the term "First Nations" is part of the divide & conquer strategy being used against the People. as well as David and Goliath scenario where each community has to deal with the gov in some farce called "nation to nation". Indigenous people need UNITY and intertribal alliances to be strengthened.

3) Talk is cheap but what is really going on??

4) and the timing of this nonsense while 3 INAC offices are being occupied by Indigenous people protesting the disaster unfolding at Attawapiskat where children are covered with sores from bad water, people are contemplating suicide every day and De Beers is hauling out \$\$\$millions in diamonds.

This is a disgrace for Canada, not appealing to its INVESTORS.  
Shame, Shame, Shame.  
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<http://www.cbc.ca/news/aboriginal/metis-indians-supreme-court-ruling-1.3535236?cmp=rss&cid=news-digests-canada-and-world-evening>

### **Unanimous ruling says Ottawa has jurisdiction over all indigenous people**

'This is a great day for over 600,000 Mā̃tis and non-status Indians,' says Dwight Dorey

By Tim Fontaine, CBC News Posted: Apr 14, 2016 9:54 AM ET Last Updated: Apr 14, 2016 3:30 PM ET

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What is a Mā̃tis

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Canada's top court has ruled that tens of thousands of Mā̃tis and non-status Indians are now under the jurisdiction of the federal government, in a decision that the prime minister says will have "broad consequences and impacts."

"This is a great day for over 600,000 Mā̃tis and non-status Indians," said

Dwight Dorey, national chief of the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples, after the Supreme Court of Canada decision was released Thursday, ending a 17-year battle.

"Now hopefully we will not have to wait any longer to sit at the table." SCC decision will have long-term implications: Mā̃t̃is journalist John Lagimodiere

Mā̃t̃is Nation B.C. reacts to Supreme Court of Canada ruling

Ottawa Mā̃t̃is ecstatic following Supreme Court ruling

In the unanimous ruling, which may serve now as a starting point for those pursuing land claims and additional government services, the court held that non-status Indians and Mā̃t̃is are considered "Indians" under Section 91(24) of the 1867 Constitutional Act.

"This is a landmark ruling that will have broad consequences and impacts," said Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, adding that the government will need to study what those impacts might be.

"But I can guarantee you one thing: The path forward will be together as we move forward."

The ruling extends the federal government's responsibilities to approximately 200,000 Mā̃t̃is and 400,000 non-status aboriginal people who are not affiliated with specific reserves.

Bruce Dumont, president of the B.C. Mā̃t̃is Nation, left, Audrey Poitras, president of the Alberta Mā̃t̃is Nation, front, and Gerald Morin, vice-president of the Saskatchewan Mā̃t̃is Nation, right, celebrate the Supreme Court of Canada decision. (Sean Kilpatrick/THE CANADIAN PRESS)

Without this clarity, indigenous communities were in a "jurisdictional wasteland with significant and obvious disadvantaging consequences," the ruling said. The result of this "political football" was that financially, Mā̃t̃is and non-status Indians were deprived of significant funding for programs, services and other benefits.

"I'm very happy that we were successful in removing a blockage," said Joseph E. Magnet, lead lawyer for the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples.

"The court recognized that this blockage has caused significant disadvantage discrimination, and resulted in denial of programs and services that all governments recognized were necessary."

"This is a dream come true," said Gail Gallupe, president of McMurray Mā̃t̃is Local 1935. The group represents Mā̃t̃is people in Fort McMurray and northeastern Alberta.

'1,2,3 punch'

Jason Madden is a Mā̃t̃is lawyer with Pape Salter Telleit, a firm specializing in Mā̃t̃is and First Nations law. He calls Thursday's decision a "1,2,3 punch" that affirms the government has jurisdiction over, a fiduciary responsibility to and the duty to negotiate with Mā̃t̃is and non-status peoples.

"It's about certainty and accountability," he said. "Without the certainty, government gets to play games and duck and deny."

"We believe that now we can move forward; now there is no jurisdictional barrier," said Clément Chartier, president of the Métis National Council. "[Government] cannot say, 'Well we can't deal with you because Section 91 (24) doesn't include you.' This of course strengthens our position."

Definition of 'Indian'

The word Indian has two meanings, the ruling explains:

A broad interpretation that includes all aboriginal people.

A narrow meaning to distinguish First Nations from other groups.

For the purpose of defining federal jurisdiction, the broad meaning applies. However, the ruling also does not distinguish which communities are Métis and which are non-status Indians. Determining whether particular individuals are non-status Indians or Métis is a "fact-driven question to be decided on a case-by-case basis in the future."

What does it mean to be Métis?

"There is no consensus on who is considered Métis or a non-status Indian, nor need there be. Cultural and ethnic labels do not lend themselves to neat boundaries," the ruling said.

"Which is good," Madden said. "Those issues are best left for the communities themselves to answer."

'Overwhelmed and ecstatic'

The landmark case was launched in 1999 by prominent Métis leader Harry Daniels, then president of the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples, along with Leah Gardner, a non-status Anishinaabe woman, and Terry Joudrey, a non-status Mi'kmaq man. Daniels died in 2004.

In 1999, prominent Métis leader Harry Daniels started the landmark Métis and non-status Indian rights case. Daniels died in 2004. (Métis Council of

Prince Edward Island)

"I'm overwhelmed and ecstatic, and I wish my father were here to see this," said Gabriel Daniels outside the court. "He'd probably do a jig right now."

The case, known as Daniels vs. Canada, went to trial in 2011 and final arguments were heard in 2015.

Canada's top court was asked to rule on whether the federal government has the same responsibility to Métis and non-status Indians as to status Indians and Inuit.

Leaders were screaming

Duane Morrisseau-Beck was one of about 100 people in the foyer of the Supreme Court when the decision was released.

"You should have seen the energy in this room go from zero to a hundred," said the Māori man who lives in Ottawa, although most of his family are still in Manitoba. "The Māori leadership came walking down the hall, screaming, you could hear it."

Morrisseau-Beck said his mother was overcome with emotion after learning of the decision.

"I guess it's just relief and happiness," he said. "She wants to know who the judges are so she can thank them."

Morrisseau-Beck said he still doesn't know exactly what the decision means, but hopes it leads to land claims for Māori communities and increased services.

He also calls [https://scontent.xx.fbcdn.net/hphotos-xpf1/v/t1.0-9/12924380\\_1137703936269860\\_7098502218918715073\\_n.jpg?oh=2b4c876bab645036ab7b85d15ae7c01&oe=57AC6A38](https://scontent.xx.fbcdn.net/hphotos-xpf1/v/t1.0-9/12924380_1137703936269860_7098502218918715073_n.jpg?oh=2b4c876bab645036ab7b85d15ae7c01&oe=57AC6A38) a validation of Māori rights and history.

With files from Janyce McGregor

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**Today's selection -- from *The War That Ended Peace* by Margaret MacMillan.** By 1914, Europe controlled 84 percent of the world, humans were increasingly rational in their affairs, and progress was both linear and inevitable:

"In 1900 Europeans had good reason to feel pleased with the recent past and confident about the future. The thirty years since 1870 had brought an explosion in production and wealth and a transformation in society and the way people lived. Thanks to better and cheaper food, improvements in hygiene, and dramatic advances in medicine, Europeans were living longer and healthier lives. Although Europe's population went up by perhaps as much as 100 million to a total of 400 million, it was able to absorb the growth thanks to increased output in its own industry and agriculture and imports from around the world. (And emigration acted as a safety valve to avoid an even more dramatic increase -- some 25 million Europeans left in the last two decades of the century for new opportunities in the United States alone and millions more went to Australia or Canada or Argentina.) ...

"Europe's countries dominated much of the earth's surface whether through their formal empires or by informal control of much of the rest through their economic, financial and technological strength. Railways, ports, telegraph cables, steamship lines, factories around the world were built using European know-how and money and were usually run by European companies. And Europe's dominance had increased dramatically in the nineteenth century as its scientific and industrial revolutions gave it, for a time at least, an edge over other societies. ... In 1800 before the gap in power opened up, Europe had controlled approximately 35 percent of the world; by 1914 that figure was 84 percent. True, the process had not always been a peaceful one and European powers had come close to war several times over the spoils. By 1900, however, the tensions caused by imperialism seemed to be subsiding. There was not much left to divide up in Africa, the Pacific or Asia, and there was, or so it seemed, a general agreement that there should be no sudden land grabs in such declining states as China or the Ottoman Empire, tempting though their weakness made them to imperialists. ...

"Given such power and such prosperity, given the evidence of so many advances in so many fields in the past century, why would Europe want to throw it all away? There were many Europeans ... who thought that such recklessness and folly was simply impossible. Europe was too interdependent, its economies too intertwined, to break apart into war. It would not be rational, a quality greatly admired at the time.

"The march of knowledge throughout the nineteenth century, in so many fields from geology to politics, had, it was widely assumed, brought much greater rationality in human affairs. The more humans knew, whether about themselves, society, or the natural world, the more they would make decisions based on the facts rather than on emotion. In time, science -- including the new social sciences of sociology and politics -- would uncover everything we needed to know. 'The history of mankind is part and parcel of the history of nature,' wrote Edward Tylor, who was one of the fathers of modern anthropology, 'and our thoughts, wills, and actions accord with laws as definite as those which govern the motions of the waves, the combination of acids and bases, and the growth of plants and animals.' Tied to this faith in science -- or positivism, as it was usually referred to at the time -- was an equal faith in progress, or, as Europeans often wrote, Progress. Human development was, so it was assumed, linear, even if not all societies had reached the same stage. Herbert Spencer, in his time the most widely read British philosopher, argued that the laws of evolution applied as much to human societies as they did to species. More-over, progress was generally seen to be across the board: advanced societies were better in all respects from the arts to political and social institutions to philosophy and religion."

### **The War That Ended Peace: The Road to 1914**

Author: Margaret MacMillan

Publisher: Random House Trade Paperbacks

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Pages 9-10, 16-17

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### **GrantStation**

#### **[The Vilcek Prizes for Creative Promise](#)**

The Vilcek Prizes for Creative Promise honor foreign-born scientists and artists living in the United States who have demonstrated outstanding early achievement in their careers. Click above to learn more about the funding guidelines and application process.

#### **[Open Society Initiative for West Africa](#)**

The Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA), part of the global Open Society Foundations Network, works to support the creation of open societies in West Africa marked by functioning democracy, good governance, the rule of law, basic freedoms, and widespread civic participation. OSIWA has issued a call for proposals to address open society challenges in West Africa. Click above to learn more about the call.

### ***National Funding***

Support for Environmentally Significant Land Acquisition

#### **[National Fish and Wildlife Foundation: Acres for America](#)**

Acres for America, a partnership between Walmart Stores, Inc. and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, supports efforts to conserve lands of national significance, protect critical

fish and wildlife habitat, and benefit people and local economies. Preference will be given to projects that achieve more than one of the following program priorities: conserve critical habitats for birds, fish, plants, and wildlife; connect existing protected lands to unify wild places and protect critical migration routes; provide access for people to enjoy the outdoors; and ensure the future of local economies that depend on forestry, ranching, and recreation. All grant awards require a minimum 1:1 match of cash or contributed goods and services. Nonprofit organizations, state and local government agencies, Indian tribes, and educational institutions are eligible to apply. Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the Regional Office Director in their area to discuss project ideas prior to applying. Pre-proposals are due May 19, 2016; invited full proposals must be submitted by July 28, 2016. Visit the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation website to review the Request for Pre-Proposals.

#### K-12 Service Learning Programs Funded

##### **Youth Service America: State Farm Good Neighbor Impact Schools Grants**

The State Farm Good Neighbor Impact Schools Grants program, a partnership of Youth Service America (YSA) and State Farm, supports K-12 administrators who want to create a culture of meaningful learning through service at their school or school district. The program will select 20 K-12 public schools or districts to be recognized as Good Neighbor Impact Schools. Each selected school or district will receive a grant of up to \$5,000 to support their efforts to authentically engage students in service during the 2016-2017 academic year. Administrators will also receive travel support to attend a training symposium in Washington, DC, as well as ongoing technical support, resources, and networking. The application deadline is May 6, 2016. Public schools and school districts throughout the country are eligible to apply. Visit the YSA website for details.

#### Grants Promote Education, Gender Equality, and Women's Financial Empowerment

##### **PIMCO Foundation**

The mission of the PIMCO Foundation is to empower people globally to reach their full potential. The Foundation has recently released a request for proposals (RFP) for nonprofit organizations nationwide that address one of the following categories: Education, or Gender Equality and Economic Development. (A third category, Critical Human Needs, is limited to organizations serving Orange County, CA, or the New York City metropolitan area.) In the Education category, the Foundation supports organizations that are concentrated on early childhood education or college access for low-income, high-risk, first generation college students. In the Gender Equality and Economic Development category, the Foundation supports organizations that empower women and girls to develop their collective voice to bring about change, as well as long-term approaches to women's and girls' financial empowerment. In both categories, grants range from \$25,000 to \$100,000. The application deadline is May 31, 2016. Visit the Foundation's website to download the RFP.

#### Public Transportation Advocacy Efforts Supported

##### **American Public Transportation Association: Local Coalition Grant Program**

The American Public Transportation Association (APTA) and its members and staff work to ensure that public transportation is available and accessible for all Americans in communities across the country. APTA's Local Coalition Grant Program supports projects that focus on grassroots advocacy efforts that can help achieve specific state and local public transportation

goals. Funded activities could include initiatives to support public transportation, national efforts to obtain additional revenue support at the federal level, programs in partnership with local Chambers of Commerce or other business organizations that support public transportation and community mobility, efforts to educate decision-makers about policies favorable to public transportation, etc. Any local transit coalition is eligible, provided it has the support of the local APTA transit system member(s) and is a member of the [National Alliance for Public Transportation Advocates](#). The application deadline is June 10, 2016. Visit the APTA website to review the grant guidelines.

### ***Regional Funding***

Funds for Mid-West College Programs for Underserved Students

#### **Great Lakes Higher Education Corporation: College Completion Grant**

The Great Lakes Higher Education Corporation (Great Lakes) supports colleges and community-based organizations in Arkansas, Iowa, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin that address barriers to college success. Great Lakes is currently accepting applications for the 2017-2019 College Completion Grant, a new program that invites colleges to address the barriers preventing near-completers from earning degrees in high-demand career fields. Two-year and four-year nonprofit colleges in Arkansas, Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, Ohio, and Wisconsin are eligible to apply for grants up to \$200,000. Each college receiving a grant will collaborate within their institution to create and sustain innovative interventions that increase graduation rates among underserved students who have finished at least 75 percent of their degree program requirements. Funding will support the planning and implementation of interventions over a two-and-a-half year period, from January 2, 2017, through July 1, 2019. The application deadline is June 30, 2016. Visit the Great Lakes website to learn more about the program.

Grants Address Environmental Issues in Virginia, Kentucky, and West Virginia

#### **Virginia Environmental Endowment**

The mission of the Virginia Environmental Endowment is to improve the quality of the environment by using its capital to encourage all sectors to work together to prevent pollution, conserve natural resources, and promote environmental literacy. The Endowment provides grants to nonprofit organizations for programs conducted in the state of Virginia and in the Kanawha and Ohio River Valleys of Kentucky and West Virginia. The Virginia Program focuses on water quality, land conservation and use, Chesapeake Bay environmental issues, and environmental education. The Kanawha and Ohio River Valleys Program focuses on research, education, and community action on water quality and the effects of water pollution on public health and the environment. The upcoming deadline for both programs is June 15, 2016. Visit the Endowment's website for application guidelines.

Support for Art and K-12 Education Initiatives in Oregon

#### **James F. and Marion L. Miller Foundation**

The James F. and Marion L. Miller Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for all Oregonians. The Foundation supports nonprofit organizations and government agencies throughout the state that advance the arts or education. In the Arts category, the focus is providing project and capacity building support to organizations whose primary mission is to deliver artistic programming to Oregon residents. The Education category currently supports



K-12 organizations that strengthen or lift the level of student achievement and success. Applying organizations must have a minimum of three years of successful operation. Requests are reviewed quarterly; the remaining application deadlines for 2016 are July 11 and October 3. Application guidelines and forms are available on the Foundation's website.

Health Programs for Maine Children Funded

**Sadie and Harry Davis Foundation: Small Grants Program**

The Sadie and Harry Davis Foundation is dedicated to the advancement of Maine children's health. The Foundation's Small Grants Program supports nonprofit organizations that promote the health of children in Maine, with priority given to programs that address the state's poorest and most underserved populations (e.g., low-income, rural, etc.). Grants generally range from \$3,000 to \$15,000. Letters of Interest must be submitted by May 16, 2016; invited proposals are due June 20, 2016. Visit the Foundation's website to learn more about the 2016 Small Grants Program.

***Federal Funding***

Program Supports Outdoor Recreation

**National Park Service**

The Land and Water Conservation Fund Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program provides support to state, local, and tribal governments to acquire or develop public land for outdoor recreation purposes. These lands must be located in or serve an urbanized area. The application deadline is May 20, 2016.

Funds Available for Anti-Gang Efforts

**Department of Justice**

The Comprehensive Anti-Gang Strategies and Programs initiative supports community partnerships implementing anti-gang programs, including primary and secondary prevention, gang intervention, and targeted gang enforcement. The application deadline is May 23, 2016.

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**New Washington State Law: 'You Hit It You Eat It'**

This is rather morbid but all be it, a new law has been passed in Washington State by the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission allows people to salvage deer or elk killed in motor vehicle accidents under certain circumstances. 1027kord.com

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**Indigenous americans      Navajo Pow Wow in Baghdad Iraq at Saddams old Palace**

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**Water Shorts**

**3/4** Proportion of the world's small islands that are [expected to become more arid by 2050](#), according to a study published in the journal *Nature Climate Change*. *Climate Home*

A scorching read on how other countries like Saudi Arabia are buying up arable land and pumping billions of gallons of water to grow the food staples that they need.

<http://www.motherjones.com/environment/2016/04/water-scarcity-wikileaks>

The Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint river basin, shared by Alabama, Florida, and Georgia, was [named the most threatened river in the United States](#) this year by environmental organization American Rivers. The report cited outdated water management as the primary cause of the river basin's troubles. Its waters are currently at the center of a court battle pending before the U.S. Supreme Court. *National Geographic*

The United States Environmental Protection Agency is [failing to adequately oversee and collect information](#) about state actions to protect underground water sources from oil and gas wastewater injection wells, according to a report by the Government Accountability Office. The report found that, as of 2013, there were more than 176,000 of these class II wells in the country. *The Desert Sun*

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### **Dam Destruction Agreement Will Allow Endangered Salmon to Finally Swim Home**

Jonathan J. Cooper, Associated Press

Endangered salmon blocked for nearly a century from hundreds of miles of the Klamath River in Oregon and California are expected to return en masse under unusual agreements signed Wednesday to tear down four hydroelectric dams.

## **Annual Pinenut Blessing at Desert Creek**

**April 28, 2015**

Starting time: **Around noon 12pm**

The Blessing will be by an Elder

Round Dancing will follow the blessing by those who can dance

A potluck sharing of foods will follow. Each Reservation or Colony is encouraged to bring food and water. Also tables, canopies and chairs should be brought. The Forest Service will provide toilet facilities.

Young people are encouraged to attend and help the elders.





# Dahwani Nazanga Nekkappah

*“Spring Hand-Holding Dance”*

**April 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> 2016**

**Buffalo Lodge, Fort Hall, Idaho**

*Natayaa “processional prayer” begins at sundown.*

*Potluck feast on Saturday night. Traditional attire encouraged.*

**Open Invitation to All Shoshone Circle Dance Singers.**

**Advisor: Howard Hardy**

**Info: (208) 335-2351**

*This is a drug and alcohol free event. Committee is not responsible for lost or stolen property.*