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At least 9 cities have joined in refocusing Columbus Day on indigenous natives

time.com

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Elko Standing With Standing Rock! (by Bucky Harjo)

Native American Forum on Nuclear Issues

University of Nevada Las Vegas, Boyd School of Law
October 10th and 11th, 2016

“Protecting the people and land”

October 9, 2016

6:00 pm Reception/Debate Viewing

October 10, 2016

8:00 am Sign-In/Coffee/Tea

8:30 am Welcome/Blessing

Ian Zabarte, Native Community Action Council

Darlene Graham, Pooha-Bah Spiritual Leader

William Anderson, Southern Paiute

9:30 am Plenary Session-Policy/Ethics of Nuclear Development, Science and Economics

Kristin Shrader-Frechette, O'Neill Professor, Biological Sciences, Philosophy, and Director of the Notre Dame Center for Environmental Justice, University of Notre Dame

10:45 am Break

11:00 am Tom Goldtooth, Indigenous Environmental Network

12:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm Breakout Session 1-Radiation Basics

Native Community Action Council

Breakout Session 2-Uranium Mining

Klee Benally, Dine'

Leona Morgan, Dine'

Sarah Fields, Uranium Watch

2:30 pm Breakout Session 3-Nuclear Colonialism

Joe Kennedy, Timbisha Shoshone Tribe

Carletta Tillousi, Havasupai Tribe

Michael Lerma, Northern Arizona University

Breakout Session 4-Protecting the Planet

Claus Beigert, Uranium Mining Ban

Christain Gerlach, Sierra Club

4:00 pm Dance/Drum Exhibition

Las Vegas Indian Center

5:00 pm Media Event

October 11, 2016

8:00 am Sign-In/Coffee

8:30 am Welcome/Blessing

Patrick Naranjo, UNLV Academic Multicultural Resource Center

Professor Brett Birdsong, UNLV Boyd Law School

Darlene Graham, Pooha-Bah Spiritual Leader

9:30 am Plenary Session-Yucca Mountain

Marta Adams, Special Deputy Attorney General, Nevada

Attorney General's Office/Nevada Agency for Nuclear Projects

10:45 am Break

11:00 am 1-Human Impacts of Nuclear Development

Ian Zabarte, Western Shoshone Government

Professor Jessica Schwartz, UCLA

12:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm Breakout Session 1-Public Involvement

Judy Treichel, Nevada Nuclear Waste Task Force
Kevin Kamps, Beyond Nuclear
Steve Frishman, State of Nevada Policy Advisor

Breakout Session 2-Depositories

Corey Lampert, UNLV Libraries NTS Oral History Project
Donnelyn Curtis, University of Nevada Reno Libraries-Yucca
Mountain/Dann Collection

2:30 pm Breakout Session 3-

William Anderson, Southern Paiute Nation
Joe Kennedy, Timbisha Shoshone Tribe

Breakout Session 4

Roundtable Discussion-Sustainability Student Led

4:00 pm Media Event***October 12, 2016***

8:00 am Yucca Mountain Tour Departs

4:00 pm Yucca Mountain Tour Returns

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NEWS RELEASE

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October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. In Nevada, Native Americans are preparing to meet the threat by educating themselves and the public about cancer risks by hosting the Native American Forum on Nuclear Issues 2016 (NAFNI 2016) at UNLV Boyd School of Law. Joe Kennedy of the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe in Death Valley stated, "our effort is focused on cancer prevention by understanding exposure pathways and conducting risk mitigation in Native American tribal communities." Since 1951 the US and UK have conducted nuclear testing within Western Shoshone homelands causing a wide variety of adverse health consequences known to be plausible from exposure to radiation in fallout. The proposed Yucca Mountain high level nuclear waste repository, if licensed, will add significant risk factors to the lives of the Western Shoshone and Southern Paiute people. According to Ian Zabarte, Secretary of the Native Community Action Council (NCAC), "Due to lifestyle differences, Native American exposure to radiation in fallout is significantly higher than the nearby non-Native Americans. This is our primary contention at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission licensing of Yucca Mountain."

Another key exposure pathway affecting Native Americans is technologically enhanced naturally occurring radioactive material (TENORM). TENORM is tailings left over from uranium mining and detritus coal ash from coal fired power generation. Dine' (Navajo) and Havasupai tribal members are participating in the NAFNI 2016 to bring awareness to the problems of mining within the Colorado River watershed. Klee Benally stated, "On the Navajo Nation alone we have 523 abandoned uranium mines of the 15,000 across the US. The Environmental Protection Agency has closed over 22 wells on the Navajo Nation due to high levels of radioactive pollution. Yet to this day, there has never been a comprehensive study of human health from exposure to radiation from uranium mining. There is no safe level of radioactive pollution. We face daily the health consequences that include cancer, including breast cancer and birth defects. The largest mining accident in US history released 100,000,000 gallons of toxic waste

from a uranium mill site in Church Rock, NM in 1979.”

The NAFNI 2016 will have presenters speaking about protecting the Grand Canyon including Carletta Tilousi, Havasupai Tribe; Klee Benally, Dine’ (Navajo); Leona Morgan, Dine’ No Nukes and presenters seeking greater protection of the Colorado River Watershed. Others presenters include the Nevada Special Deputy Attorney General, Marta Adams; Dr. Kristin Shrader-Frechette, O’Neil Professor Biological Science, Notre Dame; Western Shoshone and Southern Paiute presenters.

A press conference will take place on October 10th at 4:30 pm in front of the Thomas and Mac Moot Court at the Boyd Law School on the campus of UNLV.

[Join the Gwich'in Nation's call to President Obama to protect the coastal plain of the Refuge for generations to come.](#)

Hundreds from the Gwich'in Nation were joined by international supporters to form the shape of a caribou and the message 'Protect Forever' calling for the permanent protection of the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge at the 2016 Gwich'in Gathering in Arctic Village, Alaska.

Photo Credit: Photo by Florian Schulz/Spectral Q

My name is Bernadette Demientieff, from Gwichyaa Zhee, Fort Yukon, in Alaska. I am Executive Director of the Gwich'in Steering Committee -- formed in 1988 in response to proposals to drill for oil in the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

As far back as I can remember, the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge has been sacred to my people. I was always told that if this place -- the Sacred Place Where Life Begins -- was ever disturbed it would be the end of the Gwich'in Nation. These lands are sacred to us because these are the birthing grounds of our Porcupine Caribou Herd, which has sustained us for over 20,000 years.



Every two years, our people come together to reaffirm their commitment to protect the coastal plain of the Refuge from drilling. This year, we held our 14th Gwich'in Gathering in Arctic Village

-- a powerful gathering with people from the 15 villages that make up the Gwich'in Nation. We danced. We sang. We were well provided for, and I felt that our ancestors were sitting there with us.

[Please join us in showing your support for protecting these sacred lands. By sharing your commitment to protect the Arctic Refuge, together we can send a powerful message to President Obama.](#)

I do not want to see my culture wiped off the face of the earth or my people gone. I am proud to be Gwich'in and so proud of my people. They are master survivalists. They have been through some of the craziest, scariest times in life. They stood together, they helped each other, and they survived. I can't just let that go. I can't let that die.

As a mother, I understand the importance of teaching my children that their heritage, culture, and traditional lifestyle is very important and depends on protecting the Arctic Refuge. So just as my elders have done, I will continue this for the next generation.

[Will you join me and show your support for the protecting the Arctic Refuge for future generations?](#)

Once you damage the land, the caribou don't come back. It makes me want to cry to think that someday my caribou won't come. They're a part of who we are; we expect them every year -- just like greeting family.

We are caribou people. If they go, we go. Part of us will die with them, and the other half can't survive without them.

[If we work together -- both indigenous and non-indigenous people -- we can protect the Arctic Refuge. Please sign-on to our resolution and share it with President Obama.](#)

Many Thanks, Bernadette Demientieff
Executive Director, Gwich'in Steering Committee

P.S. Please share this with your friends and family. Together, we can protect the coastal plain of Arctic Refuge for generations to come.

[Winnemem Wintu Journey Highlights Struggling California Fisheries](#)

News Deeply

The Run4Salmon journey, a prayerful 300-mile trek led by the Winnemem Wintu tribe, aims to restore salmon runs and protect the *water*, writes Caleen Sisk, the ...

GrantStation

[National Dairy Council: Fuel Up to Play 60](#)

The Fuel Up to Play 60 program for K-12 schools nationwide provides grants of up to \$4,000 to help implement one Healthy Eating Play and one Physical Activity Play from the 2016-17 edition of the Fuel Up to Play 60 Playbook. Click above to learn more about the funding guidelines and application process.

[MusicCounts: Band Aid Program](#)

MusiCounts seeks to ensure that children in Canada, regardless of socio-economic

circumstances or cultural background, have access to a music program through their school. The MusiCounts Band Aid Program provides support to diverse school music programs across Canada for the purchase of musical instruments and educational equipment. Click above to learn about the funding guidelines and application process.

National Funding

Innovative Urban Projects Recognized

Rudy Bruner Award for Urban Excellence

The Rudy Bruner Award for Urban Excellence, an initiative of the Bruner Foundation, is a national design award that recognizes transformative urban places distinguished by their economic and social contributions to cities throughout the United States. The award seeks to promote innovative thinking about the built environment and to advance conversation about making cities better by celebrating and sharing the stories of creative and inspiring urban development projects. Eligible projects must be located in the contiguous United States; not in Alaska or Hawaii. The Gold Medal winner will receive a \$50,000 award, and four Silver Medal winners will receive \$10,000 each. The application deadline is December 8, 2016. Visit the Bruner Foundation's website to learn more about the Rudy Bruner Award for Urban Excellence. Support for Sports Programs for Native Youth in the U.S. and Canada

N7 Fund

The N7 Fund, an initiative of Nike, is committed to inspiring and enabling participation in sports for Native American and Aboriginal communities in the United States and Canada. The N7 Fund offers grants of \$15,000 or \$20,000 to nonprofit organizations, Indian tribes, and schools that provide sports and physical activity programs for Native American and Aboriginal youth of high school age or younger. Applicants should demonstrate consistent or sustained community programming and impacts, rather than offering one-time events. The application deadline is December 15, 2016. Online application guidelines are available on the N7 Fund's website.

Artist Fellowships Address Racial Justice and Mass Incarceration Issues

Robert Rauschenberg Foundation: Artist as Activist Fellowships

The Robert Rauschenberg Foundation is dedicated to fostering the legacy of the artist's life, work, and philosophy that art can change the world. The Foundation's *Artist as Activist* Fellowships support independent artists and art collectives that have a demonstrated commitment to applying their creative work to the public sphere. The focus of the 2017 Fellowships is on addressing racial justice through the lens of mass incarceration. Applicants should present works that highlight the need for more aggressive reform on issues such as immigrant detention, policing, and the privatization of prisons. Fellows receive funding of up to \$100,000 over two years as well as professional development opportunities through a group gathering at the Foundation's residency campus in Captiva, FL. U.S.-based artists and artist collectives seeking to work full-time on an ambitious creative work tackling this issue are eligible to apply. The application deadline is December 5, 2016. Visit the Foundation's website for more information about the Fellowship program.

Green Infrastructure Projects Developed by K-12 Students Funded

Nature Works Everywhere Grants for K-12 Schools

Nature Works Everywhere Grants for K-12 Schools, an initiative of The Nature Conservancy, supports projects that involve students in developing a nature-based, green infrastructure solution

to an environmental challenge in their community. (Green infrastructure uses vegetation, soils, and natural systems to protect or restore urban areas, and refers to the patchwork of natural areas that provide habitat, water management, clean air, and water within a city.) The program will award a total of 55 grants of \$2,000 to schools across the country, with at least five grants awarded specifically for projects in the Puget Sound region of Washington State. K-12 public and charter schools are eligible to apply. The application deadline is October 31, 2016. Visit the Nature Works Everywhere website to download the Grant Description and submit an online application.

Regional Funding

Matching Capacity Building Grants Enhance Parks in New York State

Parks & Trails New York: Park and Trail Partnership Program

Parks & Trails New York (PTNY) is dedicated to improving health, the economy, and quality of life through the use and enjoyment of green space across New York State. PTNY's Park and Trail Partnership Program provides matching grants to nonprofit Friends organizations that support New York State parks, trails, and state historic sites. This capacity building matching grants program is open to Friends organizations whose primary mission is the preservation, stewardship, interpretation, maintenance, or promotion of a specific New York State park or historic site (or multiple sites). The following four types of grants are available: Capacity and Organizational Effectiveness Grants of up to \$35,000; Step-up Grants of up to \$7,500; Professional Development Grants of up to \$7,500; and Stewardship and Public Access Capacity Grants of up to \$50,000. The application deadline is December 2, 2016. (Professional Development Grants require the submission of a letter of inquiry by October 11, 2016.) Visit the PTNY website to learn more about the grant categories and download the Request for Applications.

Organizations Serving Needy Children in North Carolina Supported

Kids 'N Community Foundation: Game Changer Grants

The Kids 'N Community Foundation supports nonprofit organizations in North Carolina that specialize in working with needy children. The Foundation's Game Changer Grants program provides funding to organizations that focus on helping underserved children in the areas of health and wellness as well as education and literacy. Five \$5,000 grants, five \$10,000 grants, and five \$15,000 grants will be awarded. The application deadline is November 1, 2016. Visit the Foundation's website to submit an online application for the Game Changer Grants program.

Funds for Coastal Health Education Programs in California

Whale Tail Grants Program

The goal of the Whale Tail Grants Program, an initiative of the California Coastal Commission, is to support projects that teach California's children and the general public to value and take action to improve the health of the state's marine and coastal resources. Funded projects should fall into one of the following categories: Adopt-A-Beach programs, youth programs, or programs for the general public, including projects addressing climate change or ocean acidification. Priority is given to projects that reach communities that are currently poorly served in terms of marine and coastal education. Nonprofit organizations, schools, and government entities may apply. Grants will range up to \$50,000; one-quarter to one-half of the funding will be allocated in

small grants under \$10,000. Applications must be postmarked by November 1, 2016. Application guidelines and forms are available on the California Coastal Commission's website.

Grants Advance Quality of Life in Oklahoma

Sarkeys Foundation

The mission of the Sarkeys Foundation is to improve the quality of life in Oklahoma. The Foundation's major areas of grant support include education, social service and human service needs, and cultural and humanitarian programs of regional significance. Preference is given to organizations that have been in operation at least three years. The upcoming deadline for letters of inquiry is December 1, 2016. (Interested applicants should speak with a Foundation staff member prior to submitting a letter of inquiry.) Invited proposals will be due February 1, 2017. Visit the Foundation's website for more information on the application process

Federal Funding

Program Supports Nursing Diversity

Department of Health and Human Services

The Nursing Workforce Diversity program seeks to increase nursing education opportunities for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds, including ethnic and racial minorities who are underrepresented among registered nurses. The application deadline is November 14, 2016.

Funds Available to Support Firefighters

Federal Emergency Management Agency

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant program provides support to help firefighters and other first responders obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training, and other resources needed to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards. The application deadline is November 18, 2016.

NEON MUSEUM UNVEILS FIRST STAGE OF EXPANSION PLANS

The Neon Museum on Friday unveiled the first stage of its expansion plans that includes a partnership with Las Vegas-based Marshall Retail Group to build a retail store. <http://erj.reviewjournal.com/ct/uz3688753Biz30396424>

Move Over, Rats. New York Is Planning an Underground Park.

By WINNIE HU

Efforts are underway to build what its supporters say would be the world's first subterranean park, in an abandoned trolley terminal on the Lower East Side.

RCAC is hiring! Rural Development Specialist - Housing Counseling

Now is your chance to be part of a cohesive team dedicated to and passionate about helping rural communities thrive.

Increase homeownership through training and provide technical assistance to other nonprofit agencies who implement our housing counseling programs to help improve rural communities throughout the West.



Major responsibilities include, but are not limited to: conduct site visits to ensure sub-agency compliance with contract requirements; provide technical assistance; perform outreach and networking; program development; plan and/or deliver training and administrative duties.

West Sacramento is the preferred location, but other locations within RCAC's footprint may be considered.

[Download the job description and apply >>](#)

[Vickie Simmons](#) Lost City Museum, me and cousin Ural Begay with Grandma Topsy's little basket and great Grandma Maggie's big basket. Awesome surprise!

I can't believe this! The new archeologist who just got there, (a Nice Young Lady) went back and looked up our

grandma's name and called me over to show me baskets they had in the back. There is supposed to be MORE!!!!!! So excited to see what else they have to see. Almost teared up! SO PROUD

[Shawna Higgins](#) So lucky I've been down there before and they only offered a poster. I told them we were Topsy's grand children. I knew they were supposed to have baskets there. Take pictures please. Would of been nice if they had taken photos with the baskets.



[KOLO 8 News Now](#)

[October 7 at 5:58pm](#) ·

A federal judge has sided with Nevada tribes in a voting rights case.

<http://bit.ly/2dSYRpg>

[Elveda Martinez](#) shared [KOLO 8 News Now](#)'s photo.

Alright. We'll get early voting sites on our reservations. Thanks to Bret Healy and the Veterans, Johnny Williams Jr., Bob James and [Ralph Burns](#) for stepping up. Thanks to all of the Tribal members who completed the surveys as well. That information was used in the hearing. A great win for equal voting rights.