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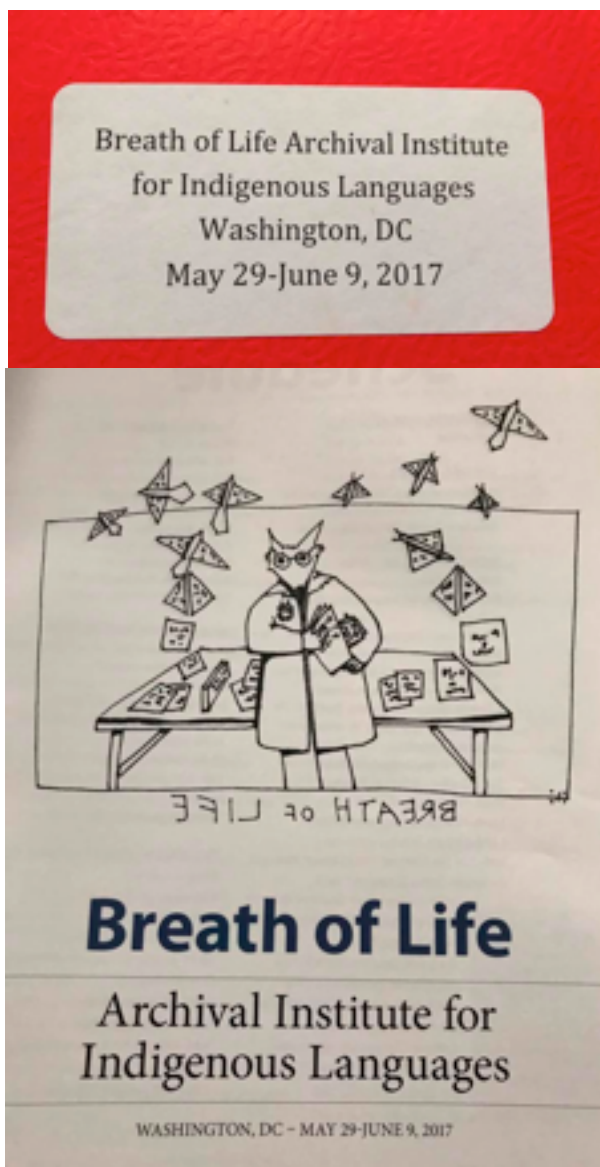
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The largest group of indigenous experts will meet in Hamilton bring almost \$2 million into NZ.
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University of Waikato has secured hosting rights for a meeting of the world's largest group of indigenous experts.

And with conference attendees spending twice that of tourists, Tourism New Zealand says the conference will deliver \$1.7 million to the local economy.

University of Waikato professor Brendan Hokowhitu said being chosen to host the four-day the conference in 2019 gives New Zealand "heaps of kudos".

"It's going to bring really highly-regarded academics, and it will be important for our students to be able to interact with these people."

Hamilton will be the first city outside North America to host the conference, which Hokowhitu has attended since its 2007 inception.

"We're going to do it our way, we'll have a powhiri. We'll have various kinds of evening events. They might be comedy, or some kind of music."

The Native American and Indigenous Studies Association (NAISA) is the largest organisation of academics, researchers and professionals involved in indigenous studies.

Over 800 experts meet annually to discuss indigenous song, colonial history, technology, health and law, among other subjects.

Conference attendees will spend a day in the community doing environmental, history, or other relevant work.

Securing the NAISA conference was the result of a successful bid backed by Tourism New Zealand

Tourism New Zealand manager of business events Lisa Gardiner said New Zealand is often a "bucket-list" destination for attendees.

The country is increasingly successful at attracting large conferences. Tourism New Zealand estimates conferences last year contributed an estimated \$39.7 million to the economy.

Conference attendees spend twice that of a tourist and generally come during the off-season.

"It's a great way to get people out to the regions."

New Zealand was generally strong with agribusiness, wine, marine and geo-earth science conferences, she said.

"The close connections with iwi and being able to really offer up that unique and authentic Maori culture experience was a key factor in our success with this one."

Other drawcards include Hobbiton, Waitomo caves and nearby geothermal areas.

Leaked Documents Reveal Counterterrorism Tactics Used at Standing Rock to "Defeat Pipeline Insurgencies" [Read the Article at The Intercept](#)

Farm to School Program Saves Big Bucks, Slashes Carbon Footprint at 100 Oakland Schools <https://www.ecowatch.com/pipeline-resistance-grows-2421668806.html>

Hundreds of Australian Aboriginal leaders gathered on Friday to call for a road map to a treaty and to enshrine an indigenous representative body in the Constitution. Around the same time, a new emoji was quietly added to Twitter: the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags (NYT)

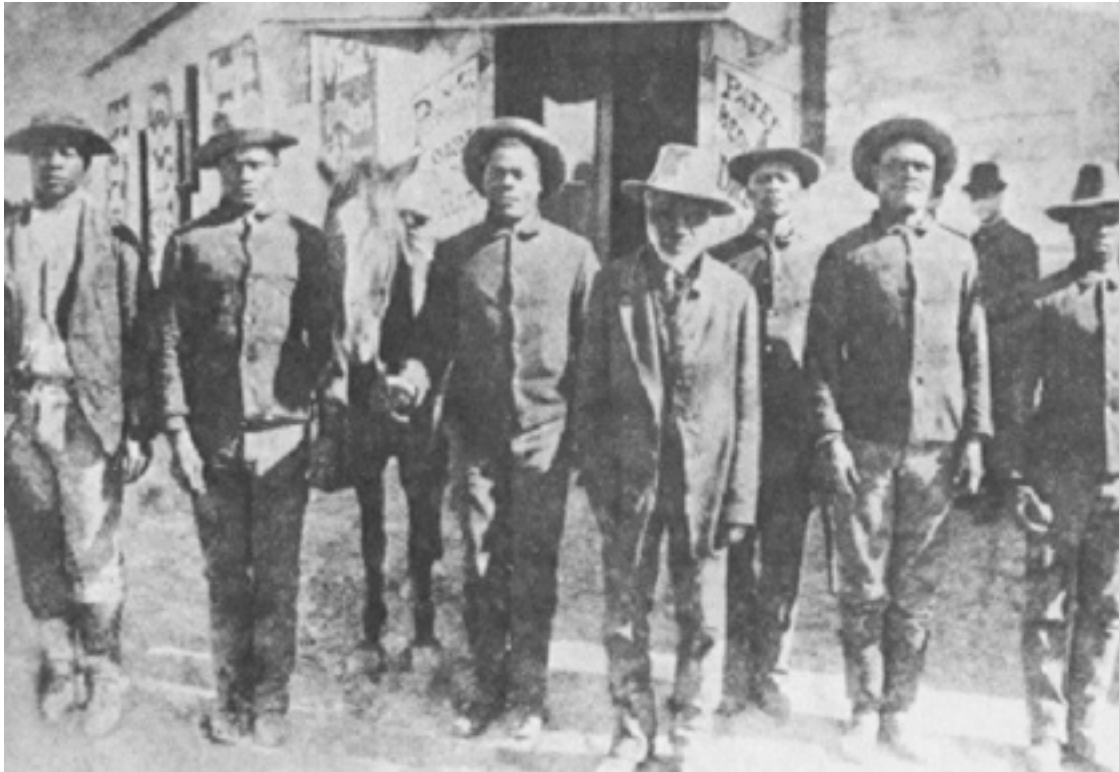
The African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, the continent's highest human rights court, ruled that **Kenya violated the rights of the indigenous Ogiek people by evicting them from the Mau Forest**. The forest is Kenya's largest water catchment, and the government used protection of forest resources as a justification for the evictions — a position the court rejected.
Reuters

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Zapatistas Back Indigenous Woman to Run for Mexico's Presidency

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Excerpt: "Maria de Jesus Patricio 'Marichui' Martinez will be backed by the Zapatista Army of National Liberation in a break from more than two decades of the rebel group's rejecting the Mexican state and its electoral politics." [READ MORE](#)



Texas Seminole Scouts: Descendants of Runaway Slaves

The Texas Seminole Scouts were descendants of runaway slaves who fled into Florida before the Civil War. Freedom offered by the Spanish was all it took to encourage South Carolina and Georgia slaves to vote with their feet. Many blacks joined the Seminoles, and in some cases became slaves for the Seminoles as well. Although the Seminole [...][Read More](#)

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National Funding

Support for Organizations Addressing the Needs of the Underserved

Walmart Foundation State Giving Program

The Walmart Foundation State Giving Program awards grants to nonprofit organizations throughout the U.S. and Puerto Rico for programs that give individuals access to a better life. There are three funding cycles per year; the first two funding cycles are targeted to specific states. For the final funding cycle of the year, requests are accepted from organizations

nationwide in the following categories: Hunger Relief supports programs such as food pantries, backpack programs, and SNAP outreach. Community Engagement supports other programs that focus on the unmet needs of underserved low-income populations. Examples of eligible programs include career opportunity, disaster preparedness, education programs, healthcare access, shelters, etc. Grants range from \$25,000 to \$250,000; the average grant size is \$40,000. Applications for the final funding cycle will be accepted from August 7 through August 11, 2017. Visit the Foundation's website to learn more about the State Giving Program.

Programs Led by Women and Girls Funded

[Open Meadows Foundation](#)

The Open Meadows Foundation is dedicated to funding projects that are led by and benefit women and girls, particularly those from vulnerable communities in the U.S. and worldwide. The Foundation supports projects that are designed and implemented by women and girls, reflect the diversity of the community served by the project, promote building community power, and encourage racial, gender, and economic justice. Priority is given to organizations that have limited financial access or have encountered obstacles in their search for funding. The Foundation provides grants of up to \$2,000 to nonprofit organizations with annual budgets of \$75,000 or less. (The Foundation also administers several special funds that are targeted to specific groups or activities.) Proposals for all of the Foundation's grant opportunities may be submitted between July 1 and August 15, 2017. Visit the Foundation's website to review the application guidelines.

Grants Promote Youth Education

[American Honda Foundation](#)

The American Honda Foundation supports nonprofit organizations and educational institutions nationwide that address the areas of youth and scientific education. The Foundation's primary funding priority is youth education, specifically in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; the environment; job training; and literacy. Grants range from \$20,000 to \$75,000. The upcoming deadline for organizations that have never received funding from the Foundation is August 1, 2017. Visit the Foundation's website to take the required eligibility quiz and submit an online application.

Climbing Programs Supported Nationwide

[American Alpine Club: Cornerstone Conservation Grants](#)

The American Alpine Club's Cornerstone Conservation Grants, funded by REI, create healthy climbing landscapes, promote respect for the places people climb, and empower local climbing communities. Grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$8,000 are provided for projects that improve land conservation and climber practices. Examples of funded projects include new trails and human-waste management systems. Nonprofit organizations, or organizations with nonprofit fiscal sponsors, are eligible to apply. Applications will be accepted from June 15 to August 15, 2017. Visit the American Alpine Club's website to learn more about the grant guidelines and to download the application form.

Regional Funding

Matching Funds for Conservation Projects in Selected States and Canadian Provinces

[National Fish and Wildlife Foundation: ConocoPhillips SPIRIT of Conservation and](#)

Innovation

The ConocoPhillips SPIRIT of Conservation and Innovation program, a partnership between ConocoPhillips, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, provides matching grants for habitat restoration, water and biodiversity conservation, and innovative conservation projects in selected U.S. states and Canadian provinces. (Projects focused on water innovation are eligible throughout the U.S., Alberta, and British Columbia.) Approximately \$1 million will be available in 2017, with grants ranging from \$25,000 to \$250,000. Nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, government agencies, and Indian tribes are eligible to apply. The proposal deadline is June 29, 2017. Visit the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation website to review the 2017 Request for Proposals.

Grants Benefit Disadvantaged New Jersey Residents

Robert and Joan Dircks Foundation

The mission of the Robert and Joan Dircks Foundation is to support nonprofit organizations that enrich and improve the quality of life for individuals living in New Jersey. The focus is on encouraging programs that benefit children and adults who are physically, mentally, or economically disadvantaged. The Foundation concentrates on small nonprofit organizations and prefers programs that focus on preventing or solving problems, rather than meeting basic needs. Grants generally range from \$1,000 to \$15,000. The remaining application deadlines for 2017 are July 31 and October 27. Visit the Foundation's website to learn more about the application process.

Support for Quality of Life Programs in Oklahoma and Colorado Springs

Inasmuch Foundation

The Inasmuch Foundation is dedicated to the betterment of people, neighborhoods, and communities in Oklahoma. The Foundation primarily provides grants to nonprofit organizations throughout the state for programs that result in the greatest positive outcome for Oklahomans. (Support is also considered for nonprofit organizations that address the Foundation's priorities in Colorado Springs, CO.) The Foundation's areas of interest include education, community enhancement, and health and human services. Projects that involve collaborative community efforts to avoid duplication of services are encouraged. The upcoming deadline for letters of inquiry is August 15, 2017. Visit the Foundation's website to submit an online letter of inquiry.

Organizations Working to Strengthen Oregonians Funded

The Reser Family Foundation

The Reser Family Foundation supports nonprofit organizations in Oregon that benefit the residents of the state. Grants, ranging from \$500 to \$50,000, are provided to organizations that address one of the following four impact areas: education, health, the arts, and the environment. The Foundation offers two grant programs: the Fast Track Grant Program for requests under \$12,500 and the Reser Family Foundation Grant Program for requests from \$12,500 to \$50,000. The final application deadline for 2017 is August 1. Visit the Foundation's website to learn more the targeted impact areas and the application process.

Federal Funding

Rural Schools Supported

Department of Education

The Small, Rural School Achievement Program provides support to local educational agencies to address the unique needs of rural school districts. The application deadline is June 30, 2017.

Program Helps Reentry of Incarcerated Individuals

Department of Justice

The Second Chance Act Comprehensive Community-Based Adult Reentry Program provides support for reentry services and programs that will reduce recidivism by facilitating the successful reintegration of formerly incarcerated individuals as they return to their communities. The application deadline is July 5, 2017.

The US and Israel Share a History of Ethnic Cleansing

Mark Karlin, Truthout: Those who work to decolonize Palestine while in the US or Canada should be aware that they themselves operate on colonized ground, says author and academic Steven Salaita. Both US and Israel see themselves as agents of predestination and are particular about who can properly inhabit their settler nations, which have no room for Native subjects, except perhaps as a source of cheap labor. [Read the Interview](#)

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https://www.ecowatch.com/great-climate-robbery-2421546595.html?utm_source=EcoWatch+List&utm_campaign=02cc17350f-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_49c7d43dc9-02cc17350f-85895669

Today's selection -- from *Literary Wonderlands* edited by Laura Miller. Planned as a textbook, [*The Prose Edda*](#) is a collection of Norse mythology written by Snorri Sturluson around 1220. Here we read a summary of the collection. A note, for those who are curious, explore [*American Gods*](#) and [*Norse Mythology*](#), both by Neil Gaiman:

"Snorri's main purpose in writing *The Prose Edda* was to provide a guide to poetic diction and allusion for future poets. He drew on and quoted older poems, both heroic and mythological, of which many survive as a group called *The Poetic Edda*.

"Snorri's text describes a variety of interrelated worlds: The gods (or Æsir) live in Asgard; the giants in Jötunheim; Svartalfheim is home to the dwarfs; Alfheim is where the 'light-elves' live; and Niflheim is a dark world of primordial chaos. The world of humans is a flat disk encircled by ocean, with girdling walls erected by the gods to keep out the giants, called *Mithgarthr* in Old Norse, usually Anglicized as Midgard. At the center of the cosmos is the great ash-tree Yggdrasil. Its three roots extend to Asgard, to Niflheim, and to the land of the frost-giants. In the ocean around Midgard lives the dreaded Midgard Serpent, also known as Jörmungand.

"Perhaps the most striking thing about this Northern cosmology is its sense of grim threat. The dragon Nidhögg eternally gnaws the root of Yggdrasil. The squirrel Ratatosk runs up and down conveying messages of hate and defiance between Nidhögg at the bottom and an eagle at the top. The sun and moon move across the sky constantly pursued by two great wolves called Sköll and Hati: and one day it is expected that they will catch up. Gods and men are under constant threat from the monster-world, and this will end in Ragnarök, 'the doom of the gods,' when gods and

heroes will fight a final battle against the giants and the monsters -- and it is known to all that they will lose, hoping only to lose gallantly and destructively.

"Furthermore, the universe of *The Prose Edda* is one of moral neutral-ity, or even moral indifference. Humans are on the gods' side against the monsters, but no one can trust Odin, the All-Father, who betrays heroes on the battlefield in order to bring them to Valhalla and swell his armies. Thor, the thunder-god, and Frey, a god of fertility, may seem friendlier, but another lurking presence among the Æsir is the god Loki, who continually brings trouble.

"The other side of Norse myth, surprisingly, is its sense of (sometimes cruel) humor. Thor, with his powerful hammer, Mjölnir, which always returns to his hand, is at once the hero and the butt of several tales. Snorri gives an extended account of the visit made by Thor and Loki to the giant Utgarda-Loki. The giant challenges Thor to an easy test of strength. He is asked to drain a drinking-horn, but fails even after three drafts; to pick a cat off the floor, but can only raise one of its paws; and to wrestle with an old woman called Elli, who forces him to one knee. Thor is humiliated, but the tests were not as they seem. The drinking horn was connected to the ocean, and Thor has just created the tides. The cat was really the Midgard Serpent, and the old woman's name, Elli, means 'Old Age,' which as the Eddic poem *Hávamál* says, 'gives no-one mercy.'

"Snorri tells some twenty stories of this nature in *The Prose Edda*. The most influential of them in the modern world is the long tale of the Völsungs and the Nibelungs. The tale centers on a ring belonging to the Nibelungs, which Loki extorts from the dwarf Andvari in order to pay restitution to the giant Hreidmar (Loki having mistakenly killed and flayed Hreidmar's son, Otr, when he was in the form of an otter). The ensuing story of the ring brings in the dragon Fafnir, the hero Sigurd, and eventually the historical kings of the Burgundians, wiped out by the Huns in the year 437. Richard Wagner famously re-created the story in his four-opera cycle [*Der Ring des Nibelungen*](#) (1876, see page 96), and J. R.R. Tolkien attempted to re-create the lost original poetic version -- on which he thought all others must have been based -- in his posthumously published [*Legend of Sigurd and Gudrún*](#) (2009). ...

"[T]he whole mythology of *The Prose Edda* has since become a favorite source for authors of fantasy. Tolkien's Middle-earth represents his highly eclectic re-imagining of Midgard, with elves, dwarves, and other creatures, but without the pagan gods. A somewhat similar, but independent work by the prominent science-fiction author Poul Anderson, [*The Broken Sword*](#) (1954), tells the story of a human changeling brought up by the elves and a half-troll reared by humans, both embroiled in human and also elf-troll warfare unscrupulously fomented by Odin. Northern (and other) deities are brought into the contemporary American world in Neil Gaiman's *American Gods* (2003) and Joanne Harris retells the tale of the ultimate trickster in [*The Gospel of Loki*](#) (2014)."

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from Circle of Blue:

A new type of **membrane technology** could [help recover nearly all of the water contained in extremely salty brines](#), such as those produced during hydraulic fracturing, according to researchers at the University of California, Riverside. The disposal of large quantities of brine by injecting the wastewater underground has raised concerns about earthquakes in some areas, including Oklahoma. *Science Daily*

In context: [California water board to investigate use of oilfield wastewater to irrigate crops.](#)

A Creationist Wants Rocks to Study. The Grand Canyon Says No.

By [FERNANDA SANTOS](#)

A lawsuit by a creationist geologist brings to light a dispute between science and religion at Grand Canyon National Park.

from delanceyplace.com: **Today's selection -- from *Achieving Our Country* by Richard Rorty.** [John Dewey](#) (1859-1952) was an American philosopher, psychologist and educational reformer. [Walt Whitman](#) (1819-1892) an American poet, essayist and journalist. Both hoped for a thoroughly secular "democracy" as a civil religion displacing conventional religion:

"Whitman and Dewey were among the prophets of [an American] civic religion. They offered a new account of what America was, in the hope of mobilizing Americans as political agents. The most striking feature of their redescription of our coun-try is its thoroughgoing secularism. In the past, most of the stories that have incited nations to projects of self-improve-ment have been stories about their obligations to one or more gods. For much of European and American history, na-tions have asked themselves how they appear in the eyes of the Christian God. American exceptionalism has usually been a belief in special divine favor, as in the writings of Joseph Smith and Billy Graham. ...

"Dewey and Whitman wanted Americans to continue to think of themselves as exceptional, but both wanted to drop any reference to divine favor or wrath. They hoped to separate the fraternity and loving kindness urged by the Christian scriptures from the ideas of supernatural parentage, immor-tality, providence, and -- most important -- sin. They wanted Americans to take pride in what America might, all by itself and by its own lights, make of itself, rather than in America's obedience to any authority -- even the authority of God. Thus Whitman wrote:

And I call to mankind, Be not curious about God, For I who am curious about each am not curious about God.

"Whitman thought there was no need to be curious about God because there is no standard, not even a divine one, against which the decisions of a free people can be measured. Amer-icans, he hoped, would spend the energy that past human so-cieties had spent on discovering God's desires on discovering one another's desires. Americans will be curious about every other American, but not about anything which claims authority over America. ...

"Both Dewey and Whitman viewed the United States as an opportunity to see ultimate significance in a finite, human, historical project, rather than in something eternal and nonhuman.

They both hoped that America would be the place where a religion of love would finally replace a religion of fear. They dreamed that Americans would break the traditional link between the religious impulse, the impulse to stand in awe of something greater than oneself, and the infantile need for security, the childish hope of escaping from time and chance. They wanted to preserve the former and discard the latter. They wanted to put hope for a casteless and classless America in the place traditionally occupied by knowledge of the will of God. They wanted that utopian America to replace God as the unconditional object of desire. They wanted the struggle for social justice to be the country's animating principle, the nation's soul."

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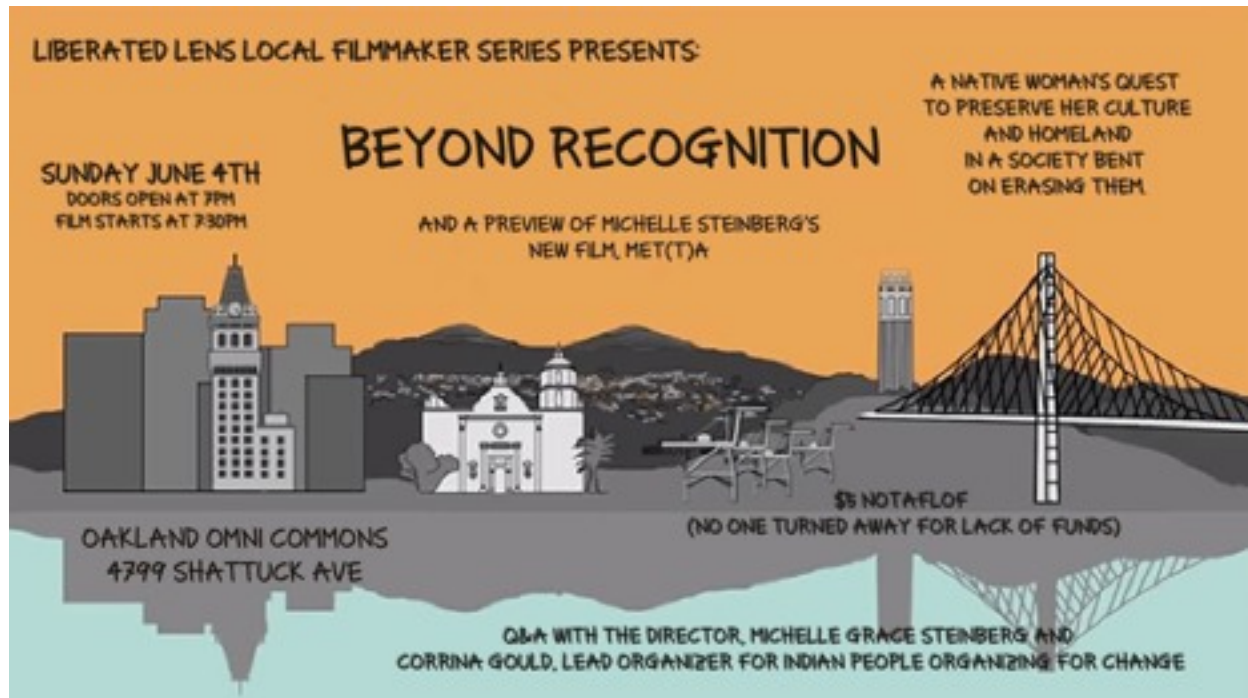
Indian People Organizing for Change (IPOC) and the Sogorea Te Occupation - FoundSF

A small monument built at the Bay Street Mall in Emeryville, California, as a symbolic compensation to the Ohlone who originally inhabited the site and built the shellmound which remains buried under the shopping center.

foundsf.org



We want to let you know about "Beyond Recognition", an excellent short documentary being screened this Sunday, 6/4 at the Omni Commons! The film focuses on current Ohlone issues in the Bay Area. There will be a Q & A afterwards with Corrina Gould from [Indian People Organizing for Change](#) and [Sogorea Te' Land Trust](#), and director Michelle Steinberg after the screening. You can learn more about the event [here](#).



"Resistance as daily existence": One woman's story as a climate scientist under Trump

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