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*Others  
graduating  
in other  
places:*

Michael Prior, Danielle Ike, Earla Whiterock, Brooke Putra, Toneekia Hernandez

### **Defend The Sacred – New Documentary Produced by Adam Beach & Kyle Bell**

A lot of people have been drawn to Standing Rock, including many talented filmmakers and photographers. Director Kyle Bell recently teamed up with Adam... [powwows.com](http://powwows.com)

### **There's Already Been a Leak on the Dakota Access Pipeline**

*Kate Yoder, Grist*

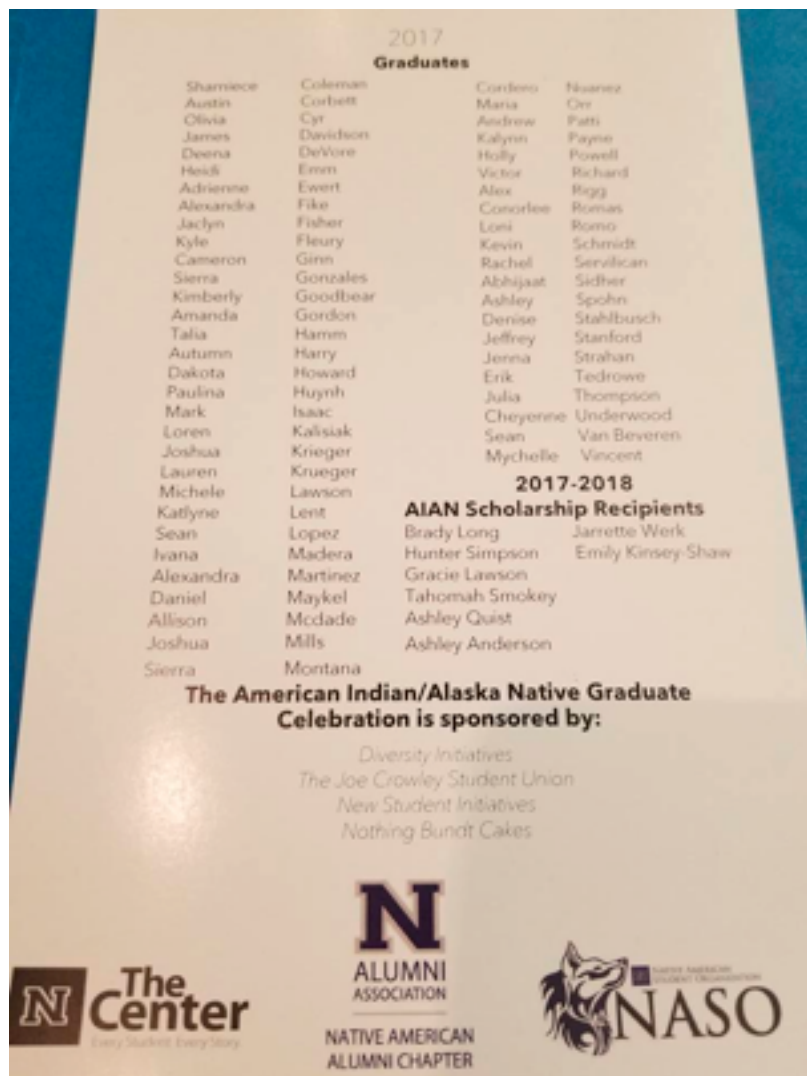
Yoder writes: "There's already been a leak on the Dakota Access Pipeline. Dakota Media Group reported Wednesday that a small 84-gallon spill occurred at a pump station in Crandon, South Dakota, last month. Energy Transfer Partners, the company behind the pipeline, moved to clean up the leak quickly." [READ MORE](#)

**318 liters** of oil [spilled at a pump station for the Dakota Access oil pipeline](#) in South Dakota last month. The pipeline has been at the center of protests by Native American communities and environmental groups, who worry that spills could contaminate water supplies. *Guardian*

### **U.S. blocks major pipeline after 18 leaks and a 2 million gallon spill of drilling mud**

The \$4.2 billion Rover gas pipeline is being constructed by the same company that built the controversial Dakota Access pipeline. [washingtonpost.com](http://washingtonpost.com) By [Steven Mufson](#)

**"Eyes of the World Are Watching" After Dakota Access Pipeline Leak**  
[Read the Article at Global Justice Ecology Project](#)





### **Rancher gifts land to First Nation during title and rights ceremony**

“He said ‘I’m 86 years old and I can’t look after the land anymore,’ and I want to give it to your people,” Belleau said. “He said ‘it was always your land, I’m giving it back to the people.

whitewolfpack.com

<http://ow.ly/pNpP30bBRfs>

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### **Oregon's Klamath Tribes show stewardship with *water* call**

**The Hill (blog)**

Their *water* call helps native fishes and wetlands, but has stirred a backlash from ranchers who truck their cattle in from *California*. “In

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1946 Eisenhower observes that “*The man hysterically fearful either runs and a Munich results, or in his stupid belief that he can bluff the other fellow, he goes too far the other way. The strong man can go down the middle of the road. Someone once said the man who is sure of his footing doesn’t have to mount a horse.*”

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May 11 in **1921** what was reportedly the first auto made the trip on the new Walker Lake Highway from Hawthorne to Yerington (DennisM)

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Geoff Ellis      **The Wa She Shu Casino is hiring.**

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## North American Collections (Yale)

*Green stone pipe in the shape of a duck with snake around neck  
Cahokia Mounds, Illinois YPM catalog no. 246188*



*Coiled grass basket decorated with dyed black triangles with  
negative crosses, men and animals YPM catalog no. ANT.201273*



The North American anthropology collections in the [Division of Anthropology](#) include a mixture of systematically collected archaeological material from the Southeast, the Southwest and Alaska, and a variety of ethnographic collections from across the continent. The Southeast archaeological collections from Florida are extensive, and there are significant additional collections from Louisiana, Missouri, Mississippi and West Virginia.

The North American baskets are of great significance because they represent a wide range of ethnic groups and were collected at a time when traditional cultures and crafts were still active and comparatively unaffected by outside influences. Baskets of comparable quality and style are no longer available and this collection is therefore an archive of traditional technology and stylistic motifs

While the culture areas of all regions of North America are represented in the collection, the largest number of baskets are from the Southwest (279 baskets), California (245 baskets), the Northwest Coast (243 baskets) and the Eastern Woodlands (105 baskets). Some of the best represented culture groups include the Apache, Hupa, Klamath, Makah, Paiute, Pima, Pomo, Passamaquoddy, Tlingit and Yokuts. These baskets were collected primarily between 1890 and 1930 and constitute a unique and irreplaceable assemblage of Native American artifacts.

The Yale Peabody Museum's North American ethnographic holdings are also particularly rich in Plains Indian objects, including clothing, weapons, pipes and utilitarian items. William Sargent and George Grinnell are two of the important donors of this material.

The Yale Peabody Museum's collections are available to legitimate researchers for scholarly use. Loans are issued to responsible individuals at established institutions. Loans and access to the collection can be arranged through the [Collections Manager](#).



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Study of the collections is restricted to students and scholars working on formal research projects who have obtained authorization from a divisional curator. This is necessitated by the limited available study space and the requirement that staff supervise visitors at all times. Scholars are strongly encouraged to view the collections at the Museum. Ongoing inventory of objects may restrict access to some collections.

<http://peabody.yale.edu/collections/anthropology/north-american-collections>

**Examples:**

[Tobacco sack. Grinnell #145. Ft. Bridger 1870. Pinte. \[Acc. notes: property of Jose Allejo Telemanche, guide and packer for Prof. O.C. Marsh, during his expedition south from Fort... hide; glass](#)

[Wooden trap triggers. Pah Ute \[Paiute\] Indian, Southern Utah.; YPM ANT 005369](#)  
wood; plant matter

[Sandals made from fibre of Yucca Baccata made by Paiute woman. Collected by Edward Palmer in 1875.; YPM ANT 005370; plant matter](#)

[Small bowl, reddish with elaborate basket-like corrugations on exterior. Pah Ute \[Paiute?\]. 15 miles north of Adamana, Arizona. \(243\).; YPM ANT 015315; ceramic](#)

[Small, unpitched water bottle, Wickerwork weave. Single, plaited fibre handle. Paiute \(?\) Indians. Southwest.; YPM ANT 021421; plant matter](#)

[Sticks made of bamboo \(11\) used for gambling \(after the manner of dice\). Pah Ute \[Paiute\] Indian, Southern Utah.; YPM ANT 005368](#)

**plus 41 baskets**                      <http://collections.peabody.yale.edu/search/Search/>

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[1 Bow taken from Shoshone chief by Lt Stanton; YPM ANT 014696](#)

hide; feathers; textile; metal; wood

**plus four baskets and a major collection of plants**

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**(Washo)**

**five baskets plus major collection of plants**

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**[Census Director Resigns Amid Budget Crunch That Could Harm Communities of Color](#)**

**Mike Ludwig, Truthout**

**The director of the US Census Bureau has announced his resignation amid significant funding shortfalls at the bureau. This matters: Census data is a crucial tool used by the government and civil rights groups to defend communities of color. Observers fear Republicans want to weaken and then privatize the agency. [Read the Article](#)**

*If the US can pull out of the Paris Accords, what's an Indian Treaty or two? sdc*  
**Repeating:**

## **Trump Advisors Plan to Privatize Native Lands to Tap Into Oil Rich Reservations**

The [Dakota Access Pipeline](#) (DAPL) is only one battle in a larger war. Following news of the Army Corps' [decision](#) to halt the pipeline's construction, [Reuters](#) reported that President-elect [Donald Trump](#)'s advisors are seeking to privatize Native American reservations, which sit on [an estimated](#) 20 percent of the nation's oil and gas, along with large amounts of coal reserves. These resources are worth nearly \$1.5 trillion.

Fracking flares near agricultural land and a lake near the Fort Berthold Reservation, North Dakota. Emily Arasim

"We should take tribal land away from public treatment. As long as we can do it without unintended consequences, I think we will have broad support around Indian country," said Rep. Markwayne Mullin (R-OK), a Cherokee tribe member and chair of Trump's 27-member [Native American Affairs Coalition](#).

The formation of the coalition was announced in October with the aim of electing Trump for president.

"As a local elected official, I am outraged that Indian Country is prevented from harnessing our own energy resources by ever-increasing regulations," state Rep. Sharon Clahchischilliage (R-NM 4th District), a Navajo tribe member and coalition co-chair, said in October. "The Trump Administration will ease restrictions on American energy reserves worth trillions of dollars. Together we will block the bureaucrats holding Native American businesses back and bring new jobs into our communities."

As it happens, three of the four chair-level coalition members have ties to Big Energy. According to campaign finance disclosures cited by Reuters, Mullin has received about eight percent of his campaign funds from energy companies while Clahchischilliage has received about 15 percent of her campaign funds from energy companies.

Fellow co-chair and Cherokee nation ex-chief Ross Swimmer said it is possible to privatize reservations while limiting land sales to non-Indian buyers.

"It has to be done with an eye toward protecting sovereignty," said Swimmer, who is a partner at an Native American-focused investment fund that has invested in Energy Transfer Partners, the owner of the heavily contested DAPL.

However, prominent Native American leaders have spoken against privatization.

"Our spiritual leaders are opposed to the privatization of our lands, which means the commoditization of the nature, water, air we hold sacred," said Tom Goldtooth, who runs the Indigenous Environmental Network and is a member of both the Navajo and the Dakota tribes.

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"Privatization has been the goal since colonization—to strip Native Nations of their sovereignty," Goldtooth added.

Thousands of Dakota Access Pipeline protestors are celebrating after the Army Corps' rejection of the DAPL project but many water protectors also recognize the fight is not yet over. As Goldtooth [said](#), this is "check, not checkmate."

Despite the Army Corps' decision, Energy Transfer Partners said that it is still committed to seeing this "vital" pipeline "brought to completion."

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Some [Native American Coalition](#) players

[Rep. Markwayne Mullin](#) (R-Oklahoma), a citizen of the [Cherokee Nation](#) who chairs the coalition for Republican president-elect [Donald Trump](#)

[Rep. Tom Cole](#) (R-Oklahoma), a citizen of the [Chickasaw Nation](#)

Gavin Clarkson, a professor and member of the [Choctaw Nation](#)

New Mexico [Rep. Sharon Clahchischillie](#) (R), a member of the [Navajo Nation](#)

[Navajo Nation Council](#) Speaker LoRenzo Bates

Chairman JoDe Goudy of the [Yakama Nation](#)

Jacqueline Pata of the [National Congress of American Indians](#)

[Carlyle Begay](#), a Navajo citizen who has said he will be [working for Trump in the White House](#).

Kevin Allis, member of the Forest County Potawatomi Community and the founder of a

[Washington lobbying firm](#)

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### **Trump Puts \$654 Million in Native American Housing Block Grants in Jeopardy**

Published May 7, 2017 WASHINGTON – For those who think Donald Trump is good for Indian Country,... [nativenewsonline.net](#)

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## **EPA and the Army Corps begin revision of the WOTUS rule**

*From Somach Simmons & Dunn:*

On February 28, 2017, President Donald J. Trump signed an Executive Order directing the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to review the Obama Administration's Clean Water Rule, known as the WOTUS rule, which stands for Waters of the United States. Under the Clean Water Act (CWA), a person must acquire a permit to dredge and fill within "waters of the United States," which includes wetlands. President Trump's Executive Order directs the EPA and the Corps to consider interpreting the term "waters of the United States" as the late Justice Antonin Scalia did in the United States Supreme Court's plurality opinion *Rapanos v. United States*, 547 U.S. 711 (2006) (*Rapanos*). There, Justice Scalia interpreted the CWA to include jurisdiction over more permanent water bodies and wetlands that have a continuous surface water connection to those more permanent water bodies.

In contrast, the Obama Administration's formulation of the WOTUS rule adopted Justice Anthony Kennedy's interpretation from *Rapanos*, which defined the CWA's jurisdiction to include water bodies and wetlands that have a "significant nexus" with those water bodies. The

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current WOTUS rule was challenged in court and is currently subject to a stay while the Supreme Court considers a different jurisdictional issue. The Trump Administration is motivated to replace the current WOTUS rule before the end of 2017 because once the Supreme Court decides the jurisdictional issue, it could call into question the stay and potentially cause the current WOTUS rule to go into effect. ...

**Continue reading at Somach Simmons and Dunn here:**

#### **[EPA and the Army Corps begin revision of the WOTUS rule](#)**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is making its Water Finance Clearinghouse available for testing; giving organizations an opportunity to update information before the website goes live. The clearinghouse provides a one-stop shop for water funding sources.

The EPA will be conducting two webinars next week to provide an overview on using the website.

#### **EPA webinars will provide overview of Water Finance Clearinghouse**

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation is offering a new version of its Reclamation Water Information System (RWIS). This pilot version consolidates the bureau's water data, making it easier to locate, access, and use. There are interactive maps to help find information.

A short video on RWIS is also available.

New regulations in China will [require mining companies to meet more stringent environmental standards](#), including higher levels of wastewater recovery and upgraded storage facilities to prevent water contamination from mine tailings. The regulations will immediately apply to all new mines, and existing mines will be required to improve their operations. *Reuters*

An indigenous community in Borneo has warned that the timber being used to build the Olympic stadium in Japan [comes from logging operations that threaten its water and land](#). "We lost our livelihoods because the water is polluted by the logging," said a village leader. "The situation is becoming worse and worse." *Reuters*

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#### **NCAI Names Dr. Yvette Roubideaux as New Director of Policy Research Center**

Published on Apr 26, 2017

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) is pleased to announce the selection of Dr. Yvette Roubideaux as the new Director of the NCAI Policy Research Center, located at the Embassy of Tribal Nations in Washington, DC. The NCAI Policy Research Center was launched in 2003 as a think tank focused on issues facing tribal communities. The Policy Research Center works with its partners to inform public policy at the tribal, federal, and state levels with quality and timely data.

Dr. Roubideaux is a member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe of South Dakota, and comes to NCAI with an accomplished career reflecting her commitment to the wellness of American Indians and Alaska Natives. After receiving her M.D. and her M.P.H from Harvard University, Dr. Roubideaux focused her career on teaching and research related to health issues and the development of Indian health programs, with an emphasis on diabetes prevention. She has been



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active for years at the federal level in efforts to increase resources, research, and the quality of services to tribal communities.

“I am grateful and humbled to be selected as the new Policy Research Center director,” said Roubideaux. “I have seen the powerful impact of the work that the Policy Research Center has contributed to Indian Country, and I am excited to be a part of this impressive team.”

The Policy Research Center collects, creates, and distributes the data that helps drive policy and program achievements in Indian Country. “NCAI is fortunate to have the decades of experience and credentials that Dr. Roubideaux brings to her role with the Policy Research Center,” said NCAI President Brian Cladoosby. “With Yvette at NCAI, we will continue to grow our partnerships with tribes, scholars, community partners, and policy makers to create informed advocates and allies.”

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### **"Tribal Nations and the United States: An Introduction"**

Developed by NCAI, this guide seeks to provide a basic overview of the history and underlying principles of tribal governance. [View & Download the Guide](#)

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[Tribal Interior Budget Council, July 25 - 27, 2017](#)

[Jul 25, 2017 - Jul 27, 2017](#)

[Twin Arrows Navajo Casino Resort, 22181 Resort Blvd, Flagstaff, AZ](#)

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**Reminder** [A TRIBE CALLED RED IS CLOSING ARTOWN 2017](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F-mkhCeGH_M)  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F-mkhCeGH\\_M](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F-mkhCeGH_M)

This group of producers put a fresh, modern twist on Traditional Native American Pow wow music and dancing. Their style mixes modern hip-hop, traditional Pow wow drums and vocals, blended with edgy electronic music. You'll want to check them out right now!

Artown is partnering with Art Spot Reno to kick off the festivities by bringing Native American members of our community to Wingfield Park on July 31st beginning at 4:00 p.m. showcasing traditional and contemporary Native American Art, Regalia, and Food. At 7:30 p.m. A Tribe Called Red will take the stage, turn up the volume, and continue the party!

We hope you'll join us for this fun, educational, and extremely special experience.



**Donna Yellowowl:** · Got the first crosswalk done, in front of the tribal office. 4 more to go.

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### **Going,Going, Gone: Only 26 Glaciers Left in Glacier National Park**

[http://www.ecowatch.com/glacier-national-park-ice-melt-2402880839.html?](http://www.ecowatch.com/glacier-national-park-ice-melt-2402880839.html?utm_source=EcoWatch+List&utm_campaign=10724d0d8c-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_49c7d43dc9-10724d0d8c-85895669)

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“It’s inevitable that we will lose them all over the next few decades. The Colorado glaciers started melting before Montana’s, and while there are larger glaciers in the Pacific Northwest that will hold on longer, the number vanishing will steadily grow until none are left.” –Daniel Farge, a researcher at the U.S. Geological Survey, commenting on the [retreat of glaciers in the United States](#). Only 26 of Glacier National Park’s 150 glaciers remain, and scientists predict even those will disappear by mid-century. (*Guardian*)

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