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and Oral History to Bring to Life the World Created by America's First Peoples –

Pasadena, CA, January 16, 2018 – Today at the Television Critics Association Press Tour, PBS President and CEO Paula Kerger announced NATIVE AMERICA, a new four-part series from Providence Pictures that will premiere Fall 2018 on PBS stations nationwide. Weaving history and science with living indigenous traditions, the series brings to life a land of massive cities connected by social networks spanning two continents, with unique and sophisticated systems of science, art and writing. Made with the active participation of Native-American communities and filmed in some of the most spectacular locations in the hemisphere, NATIVE AMERICA reveals an ancient and still thriving culture whose splendor and ingenuity is only now beginning to be fully understood and appreciated.

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NCAI and NAFOA Partner With Harvard Business School to Provide Fiduciary Investment Training Program to Tribal Leaders and Key Decision Makers

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) is pleased to partner with the Native American Finance Officers Association (NAFOA) and the Harvard Business School (HBS) to offer a program for leaders, executive officers, senior administrators, and senior financial managers of tribal nations and Native organizations serving the needs of tribal communities and Native people across the United States.

Developed under the guidance of HBS Executive Education, the Leading People and Investing to Build Sustainable Communities Program is the only program of its kind in the United States. The program brings together HBS Faculty and guest speakers from Indian Country who are experts in investing for the purpose of building sustainable tribal economies and communities.

To learn more about and to apply for this four-day program, which will be held May 7-11, 2018 at Harvard University in Boston, MA, please click [here](#) .

The deadline to apply is Friday, March 9th . Interested individuals are strongly encouraged to submit a completed application as early as possible, as there is a limit of 20 U.S. participants for the May 2018 program, and eligible applicants will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

For questions and to submit your completed application, please contact investment@ncai.org .
NCAI Contact Information: Ian Record, Partnership for Tribal Governance Director ,
investment@ncai.org.

USDA Will Invest \$150 Million in Agricultural Working Land 2.7 [Erin Meyering](#)

Last week, Agriculture Secretary, Tom Vilsack, announced that the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), the USDA's largest conservation program, has \$150 million in funding available for agricultural producers to improve their land. The funding is set up to help producers improve the overall health and productivity of their private or Tribal working lands.

“The Conservation Stewardship Program is one of our most popular programs with producers because it results in real change on the ground by boosting soil and air quality, conserving clean water and enhancing wildlife habitat,” Vilsack said. “With this investment, we’ll be able to build on the already record number of acres enrolled in USDA’s conservation programs, enabling producers to achieve higher levels of conservation and adopt new and emerging conservation technologies on farms, ranches and forests.”

Although NRCS accepts applications for CSP throughout the year, producers are encouraged to submit their applications by March 31 to ensure they are considered for enrollment in 2016 and can be considered for assistance. Holders of existing CSP contracts expiring Dec. 31 have the option to renew their contracts by March 31 for an additional five years, as long as they strive to devote efforts to conservation on their land.

To help producers decide if the program is fitting to their operation, a CSP self-screening checklist is available online. Plus, as part of the application process, producers will work with

NRCS field personnel to complete a resource inventory of their land to determine the conservation performance for existing and new conservation activities. The applicant's conservation performance will be used to determine eligibility, ranking and payments. For details on submitting an application or to learn more about USDA assistance, visit www.nrcs.usda.gov/GetStarted.

Through CSP, the USDA has provided more than \$4 billion since 2009 in assistance to agricultural producers to enhance land and resource conservation on more than 70 million acres. Alongside its assistance to farmers, ranchers, and forest managers, the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) plans to add an estimated 10 million acres to the rolls of CSP during fiscal 2016.

Utah's Lake Powell is expected to get less than half of its usual water from spring runoff, thanks to warm, dry winter By Dan Elliot, Associated Press, 2/8/18

One of the most important reservoirs in the southwestern U.S. will likely collect less than half its normal amount of spring runoff this year because of a warm, dry winter across much of the region, forecasters said Wednesday.

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National Funding

Support for Women's Shelters in Every State

The Mary Kay Foundation: Domestic Violence Shelter Grant Program

The Mary Kay Foundation is committed to ending the epidemic of domestic violence by providing grants to women's shelters throughout the United States. Each year, the Foundation's Domestic Violence Shelter Grant Program awards grants of \$20,000 to at least one domestic violence shelter in every state; remaining funds are distributed based on state population. Applying organizations must offer immediate overnight housing to women and children affected by domestic violence. The application deadline is April 30, 2018. Visit the Foundation's website and scroll to the bottom of the page to submit an online application form.

Clergy Leadership Programs Funded

Lilly Endowment: Thriving in Ministry Initiative 2018

The Thriving in Ministry Initiative 2018, offered by the Lilly Endowment, aims to help pastors throughout the United States thrive in congregational leadership and thus enhance the vitality of the congregations they serve. This initiative will provide grants of up to \$1 million to nonprofit organizations developing new or strengthening existing programs that help pastors build relationships with experienced clergy who can serve as role models and guide them through key leadership challenges at critical moments in their ministerial careers. Around 30 grants will be awarded to organizations to help them plan and implement programs over a five-year span. While the Endowment is interested in supporting a variety of approaches, priority will be given to efforts that 1) attend to key professional transitions in a pastor's career, or 2) focus on challenges posed by particular ministry contexts and settings. Interest forms must be postmarked by April 6, 2018; the postmark deadline for invited proposals is June 1, 2018. Visit the Endowment's website to learn more about the Thriving in Ministry Initiative 2018.

Grants Address Diabetes Care and Prevention

[Sun Life Team Up Against Diabetes](#)

The Sun Life Team Up Against Diabetes grant program is dedicated to addressing the prevention of diabetes and its related complications. Grants are provided to nonprofit organizations throughout the country that focus on the following areas: diabetes prevention, awareness, education, and care; diabetes management; recovery and support from diabetes-related complications; obesity prevention; and nutritional programs, including education, management, and awareness. Grants of \$25,000, \$50,000, or \$100,000 are provided. The application deadline is March 31, 2018. Visit the Sun Life website to submit an online application.

Native Youth Initiatives Supported

[First Nations Development Institute: Native Youth and Culture Fund](#)

First Nations Development Institute is a Native American-run nonprofit with a mission to strengthen American Indian economies to support healthy Native communities. The First Nations' Native Youth and Culture Fund provides grants of \$5,000 to \$20,000 for projects that focus on youth and incorporate Native culture and tradition to address issues such as drug and alcohol abuse, teen pregnancy, mental health, and other social issues. Funded projects should address one or more of the following priority areas: preserving cultural and/or spiritual practices, beliefs, and values; engaging both youth and elders in activities that demonstrate methods for documenting traditional knowledge, practices, and/or beliefs; increasing youth's capacity to lead through integrated educational or mentoring programs; and increasing access to cultural customs and beliefs through the use of appropriate technologies as a means of preserving tribal language, arts, history, etc. Online Phase One proposals must be submitted by March 8, 2018; invited Phase Two proposals will be due May 1, 2018. Visit the First Nations' website to review the funding guidelines.

Regional Funding

Ride Credits for Organizations in Urban Areas

[Lyft Community Grants](#)

Lyft is committed to empowering nonprofit organizations doing work to make communities stronger, healthier, and more equitable. Lyft Community Grants support nonprofit organizations working across metropolitan regions nationwide, including Phoenix, AZ; Sacramento, San Diego, and San Francisco, CA; Miami and Orlando, FL; Atlanta, GA; Indianapolis, IN; New Orleans, LA; Baltimore, MD; Boston, MA; Ann Arbor and Detroit, MI; Albany and New York City, NY; Cleveland and Columbus, OH; Portland, OR; Nashville, TN; Dallas/Fort Worth and Houston, TX; Seattle, WA; Washington, DC; and the state of New Jersey. Each month, one organization in each participating region that clearly states the role that transportation and mobility plays in the organization's mission or operations will receive a \$1,000 grant in the form of Lyft ride credit. Lyft will notify the winning organizations no later than the tenth of each month, with the first round being announced in March 2018. Visit the Lyft Community Grants website to learn more about the program and submit an online application.

Funds for Children and Youth Programs in Company Communities

[ALDI Smart Kids Program](#)

The ALDI Smart Kids Program supports nonprofit organizations, public agencies, K-12 schools, and faith-based organizations that promote kids being active and healthy in the communities

where ALDI stores are located in 35 states and Washington, DC. Grants ranging from \$100 to \$5,000 and ALDI gift cards are provided to local community organizations that encourage kids to be active in the areas of education, physical activity, nutrition, socializing, and the arts. Applications are accepted between February 1 and December 15, annually. Visit the company's website to learn more about the ALDI Smart Kids Program.

Grants Address the Needs of Jewish Adults in the Carolinas

[BJH Foundation for Senior Services](#)

The BJH Foundation for Senior Services is dedicated to enhancing the lives of Jewish adults residing in North Carolina and South Carolina in accordance with Jewish values and beliefs. The Foundation supports new, innovative, community-based programs that address funding priorities. In 2018 there are two priority categories: 1) Health and Wellness Programs, and 2) Socialization Programs. Grants generally range up to \$10,000. (Grants of up to \$50,000 will be considered in the Health and Wellness category.) The application deadline is March 9, 2018. Visit the Foundation's website to review the grant guidelines and submit an online application.

Support for Healthcare Initiatives in Michigan

[Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation: Community Health Matching Grant Program](#)

The Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation is dedicated to improving the health of Michigan residents through the support of research and innovative programs. The Foundation's Community Health Matching Grant Program supports nonprofit community organizations throughout the state that develop, implement, and evaluate new approaches to healthcare issues. Matching grants of up to \$25,000 per year for two years are available. Requests are reviewed three times per year; the upcoming application deadline is April 6, 2018. (Potential grantees are encouraged to submit a concept form for feedback before submitting a proposal.) Visit the Foundation's website to review the application guidelines.

Federal Funding

Funds Available to Improve Humanities Preservation

[National Endowment for the Humanities](#)

The Infrastructure and Capacity Building Challenge Grants program supports activities such as the documentation of cultural heritage materials that are lost or imperiled, the preservation and conservation of humanities materials, and the sustaining of digital scholarly infrastructure. The application deadline is March 15, 2018.

Program Supports Firefighters and Public Safety

[Federal Emergency Management Agency](#)

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program offers Fire Prevention and Safety Grants to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters from fire and related hazards, and to reduce injury and prevent death among high-risk populations. The application deadline is March 16, 2018.

Wildland Fire Dispatcher Training Opportunity by [Gary Horky](#)

Course: D 110 – Expanded Dispatch Recorder –

This course provides students with the skills to perform as an expanded dispatch recorder (EDRC). Topics include the structure of the expanded dispatch organization, description of resource ordering and statusing process, and the importance of the EDRC having effective communication skills and working relationships. The final is a 4-hour, scenario-based exercise where students will complete resource order forms based on timed inputs and supplemental handouts. A Reference Guide at the end of Unit 3 contains reference documents for students to use during the course and when on assignment.

Objectives:

- Describe the purpose and structure of expanded dispatch;
- Describe the role and responsibilities of the expanded dispatch recorder;
- Demonstrate how to mobilize and demobilize incident resources using established dispatch ordering channels and resource order forms;
- Describe how to communicate effectively and foster positive interpersonal working relationships.

Course Dates: April 2 – 6, 2018;

Participant’s time will be compensated at the current EDRC pay rate, must be 18 by date of hire. There are only 24 spots available.

Location: Winnemucca BLM District Office **Coordinator: Lisa Walker (775) 623-1555**

*Please complete a registration form and return to Central Nevada Interagency Dispatch Center at NVCNIDC@gmail.com by the above date to reserve a spot in this course. Registration forms are located at the BLM Winnemucca District Office, 5100 E Winnemucca Blvd or by contacting CNIDC at 775-623-1555

[EDRC Training Flyer \(1\)](#)

This case has serious implications for tribal law:

[Is Trump's EPA Chief Bluffing? Or Will He Gut California's Tough Emissions Standards?](#)

Stuart Leavenworth, McClatchy DC

Leavenworth writes: "California officials and clean air advocates are increasingly concerned the Trump administration may attempt to unravel a key program to drive down greenhouse gas emissions from automobile fleets while also jeopardizing the ability of California and other states to set pollution standards stronger than federal rules."

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“I think the fact that there are hundreds of First Nations that are facing a situation where they can’t drink the water, where they can’t bathe their children in the water, where they can’t have a cup of tea, is totally unacceptable and it’s a long-standing injustice that needs to be redressed.” –Alaya Boisvert, public engagement manager with the David Suzuki Foundation, in reference to ongoing waters woes among Canada’s First Nations population. Canadian lawmakers have worked to improve First Nations water systems in recent years, but a new Suzuki Foundation report identified a number of continued shortcomings in the government’s efforts. [CBC](#)

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[Coca-Cola And Nestlé To Privatize The Largest Reserve Of Water In South America](#)

Private companies such as Coca-Cola and Nestlé are allegedly in the process of privatizing the largest reserve of water, known as the Guaraní Aquifer, in South America. The aquifer is located beneath the surface of Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay and is the second largest-known aquifer syst... [truththeory.com](#)

Bottled water giant Nestlé tells California regulators it’s entitled to keep piping water By Ian James, The Desert Sun, 2/9/18

Nestlé is disputing the findings of an investigation by California water regulators, arguing the company is entitled to keep piping water out of the San Bernardino National Forest — even more water than it has been bottling and selling in the past few years. [Bixi Nibe](#)

PLEASE RISE PEOPLE OF MOTHER EARTH, WE ARE STANDING ROCK FOR WATER FOR LIFE. WILL YOU JOIN US, FROM WHERE?

[Tanker oil spill could pollute entire Burrard Inlet in hours: report](#)

An oil spill near the Lions Gate Bridge would pollute the shoreline all along the Burrard Inlet within a matter of hours, new computer modelling has found. [cbc.ca](#)

[Adrienne Caldwell](#) I live in Bucksport Maine along the Penobscot River. The Penobscot Nation — a River People — were striped of their namesake river in a recent court ruling. Now according to the ruling the river belongs to the people who ruined it. There is too much mer...[See More](#)



[Penobscot Nation loses claim to ownership of namesake river in Maine](#)
[indianz.com](#)

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Angelica Almazan, NACLA

Almazan writes: "We do not bring promises, we do not bring anything to give away, more than the heart, more than sweat, more than the effort of each day. It has been a difficult road because people no longer believe in anything and are tired of hearing promises." [READ MORE](#)

[First US City to Ban Fossil Fuel Expansion Offers Roadmap for Others](#)

Kevon Paynter, YES! Magazine: Last month, the Oregon Court of Appeals upheld Portland's ban on fossil fuel infrastructure as constitutional. And while the court ruling could set precedent for other cities, how Portland passed the nation's first fossil fuel infrastructure ban holds important lessons for using grassroots activism to implement renewable energy transition. [Read the Article](#)

If you haven't heard of us yet, the **Reno Storytellers Project** is a quarterly event run by the Reno Gazette Journal. We use oral storytelling to help strengthen empathy and connect our community through diverse, first-person stories of Northern Nevada.

The stories this round range from getting chased by a bear to realizing life sometimes need a change of perspective.

Food and drinks are available at each event, and RGJ subscribers are treated to a special treat. **General admission tickets are \$10; student tickets are \$5.**



Decoding the Redwoods

Scott Wilson, The Washington Post

Wilson writes: "The road from Highway 1 rises along the western slopes of the Santa Cruz Mountains, through vineyards and horse farms, to the steepening Empire Grade. A dirt-road turnoff dips into a dank twilight, sun filtering through stands of trees that John Steinbeck called '**ambassadors from another time.**'" **READ MORE**

Pnut.com: Nowadays it seems everyone is connected by the Internet. Around the world, access to high-speed internet is increasingly seen as a human right. However, not everyone is as connected as it seems; an estimated 8% of the American people have no home access to high-speed internet service, and the [lowest rates of coverage comes from rural Indian reservations such as the Nez Perce tribe in Idaho.](#) The FCC (Federal Communications Commission) is working to close the digital divide, but must depend on private companies who say they can't make a profit by extending their resources to these rural communities with very few customers. (Politico)

- Perhaps the real digital divide isn't that poor Americans don't have internet service, but that they consume too much: "White children spend eight hours and 36 minutes looking at a screen every day, according to a survey by the Kaiser Family Foundation, while black and Hispanic children spend 13 hours ... the deleterious effects of too much screen time are abundantly clear. Screen time [has a negative effect on children's ability to](#)

[understand nonverbal emotional cues; it is linked to higher rates of mental illness, including depression; and it heightens the risk for obesity.](#)" (NYT)

A Different Charles Dickens: **Today's selection -- from *American Notes For General Circulation* by Charles Dickens.** In 1842, Charles Dickens traveled America and published his observations in the book *American Notes for General Circulation*. The following selection was written after his journey from Philadelphia to Washington, D.C. In it, he comments on the tobacco-chewing -- and tobacco-spitting -- habits of the country:

"As Washington may be called the head-quarters of tobacco-tinctured saliva, the time is come when I must confess, without any disguise, that the prevalence of those two odious practices of chewing and expectorating began about this time to be anything but agreeable, and soon became most offensive and sickening. In all the public places of America, this filthy custom is recognised. In the courts of law, the judge has his spittoon, the crier his, the witness his, and the prisoner his; while the jurymen and spectators are provided for, as so many men who in the course of nature must desire to spit incessantly.

"In the hospitals, the students of medicine are requested, by notices upon the wall, to eject their tobacco juice into the boxes provided for that purpose, and not to discolour the stairs. In public buildings, visitors are implored, through the same agency, to squirt the essence of their quids, or 'plugs,' as I have heard them called by gentlemen learned in this kind of sweetmeat, into the national spittoons, and not about the bases of the marble columns. But in some parts, this custom is inseparably mixed up with every meal and morning call, and with all the transactions of social life. The stranger, who follows in the track I took myself, will find it in its full bloom and glory, luxuriant in all its alarming recklessness, at Washington. And let him not persuade himself (as I once did, to my shame) that previous tourists have exaggerated its extent. The thing itself is an exaggeration of nastiness, which cannot be outdone.

"On board this steamboat, there were two young gentlemen, with shirt-collars reversed as usual, and armed with very big walking-sticks; who planted two seats in the middle of the deck, at a distance of some four paces apart; took out their tobacco-boxes; and sat down opposite each other, to chew. In less than a quarter of an hour's time, these hopeful youths had shed about them on the clean boards, a copious shower of yellow rain; clearing, by that means, a kind of magic circle, within whose limits no intruders dared to come, and which they never failed to refresh and re-refresh before a spot was dry. This being before breakfast, rather disposed me, I confess, to nausea; but looking attentively at one of the expectorators, I plainly saw that he was young in chewing, and felt inwardly uneasy, himself. A glow of delight came over me at this discovery; and as I marked his face turn paler and paler, and saw the ball of tobacco in his left cheek, quiver with his suppressed agony, while yet he spat, and chewed, and spat again, in emulation of his older friend, I could have fallen on his neck and implored him to go on for hours."

American Notes for General Circulation

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