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PAOLA ROSA-AQUINO

Change Your Gender in Nevada

In recognition of the importance of equitable access to all health-related services, NOHME is pleased to present A Guide to Name and Gender Marker Changes and Gender Reassignment Services.

The informational booklet:

- contains instructions on managing the process to change your name and gender marker,
- provides insight into Medicaid covered procedures, and
- explains related Nevada law.
- [Click here for the "Guide to Gender Modifications Services in Nevada"](#)

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By ROBERT D. McFADDEN

Overseeing the nation's treasure house of knowledge for three decades, he almost doubled its holdings but resigned in 2015, stung by cries of mismanagement.

EPA Environmental Justice Small Grants Opportunity is Now Open!!

[FY2019 Request for Proposals](#)

Full Proposal Due Date: Friday, February 15, 2019 by 11:59 PM Eastern Time

The Environmental Justice Small Grants (EJSG) program awards grants that support community-driven projects designed to engage, educate, and empower communities to better understand local environmental and public health issues and develop strategies for addressing those issues, building consensus in the community, and setting community priorities. The EJSG program will award approximately \$1.5 million nationwide for this competitive opportunity. EPA anticipates awarding approximately 50 grants (5 per EPA region) of up to \$30,000 each. These grants are for one-year projects.

See additional details at: [FY2019 EJ Small Grants RFP webpage](#)



Informational Pre-Application Assistance Calls

Potential applicants are invited to participate in conference calls with EPA to address questions about the EJSG Program and this solicitation. Interested persons may access the pre-application assistance calls by dialing 866-299-3188 and entering the code 202-564-6349# when prompted. The following are the conference call dates and times:

Date and Time (Eastern Time)

- **Thursday, December 6, 2018** = 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- **Thursday, December 13, 2018** = (EJSCREEN Tutorial for applicants) = 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, January 16, 2019 (en Español)** = 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, January 23, 2019** = 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- **Thursday January 31, 2019** = 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Is my organization eligible?

Eligible entities for this opportunity are as follows:

- incorporated non-profit organizations—including, but not limited to, environmental justice networks, faith based organizations and those affiliated with religious institutions
- federally recognized tribal governments—including Alaska Native Villages; OR
- tribal organizations

If your organization is NOT eligible, we encourage partnering with eligible entities on an EJSG project. See the RFP for more information.

How can I apply?

Click the link below to go directly to the EJSG program website to access the full RFP including instructions on applying through [Grants.gov: FY2019 EJ Small Grants RFP webpage](#)

Native America Tribal Nations Mini-lesson: The Ojibwe

Posted By [Corinne Oestreich](#) November 13th, 2018 | Blog |



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Today we're learning a little about the Hopi Nation.

The Hopi reservation has a land area of only 2,531 square miles, but traditionally the Hopi people extended all the way into South Eastern Utah, North Eastern Arizona, Northwestern New Mexico, and Southwestern Colorado. [Read More](#)

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[Native America Tribal Nations Mini-lesson:  
Caddo Nation](#)



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*From DennisM.*

**Extract of Reno News& Review 150 years of Reno History**

<https://www.newsreview.com/reno/150-years-of-reno/content?oid=27378419>

**1877** The Reno Gazette argued that the strawberry festival for the benefit of the library, which was organized by local “ladies,” had gone so well it proved that women were competent.

**1878** A few days after a Native American was murdered in Reno, a procession of tribal family and friends passed through Reno to the Hillside Cemetery where the body of the victim was exhumed, removed from its coffin, and then reburied as part of tribal rites.

**1880** McClelland and Simpson of Reno shipped some Truckee trout to the famed Fulton Fish Market in New York.

**1881** Scientific American reported on the annual Fulton Fish Market trout exhibition in New York, saying that certain specimens were “specially worthy of notice ... Truckee river trout, a large black spotted fish which grows from six to ten pounds in weight. Lake Tahoe trout, also a black spotted fish, but much larger than the Truckee river trout.”

**1882** The first state mental hospital in Nevada, now the Nevada Mental Health Institute, built along the Truckee east of Reno at a cost of \$80,000 (\$2,062,769.75 in 2017 dollars), was completed.

**1883** Gazette: “The class of immigrants now coming west are not as thrifty and intelligent as men and women should be to settle up and make prosperous a new country. From 100 to 200 men, women and children pass Reno every night ... too many of them are from the lower classes of foreign depression: They come here believing that any change is better than no change.”

**1887** U.S. infantry soldiers stopped in Reno on their way from service in the Pine Ridge/Wounded Knee campaign to return to their duty stations in San Francisco.

**1892** At McKissick’s Opera House in Reno, a dozen Washo tribe members performed “the celebrated snake dance.”

**1910** A funeral was held in Reno for James Howard Leason of Schurz: “The death of the young lad, who would have been 13 years of age had he lived until April 10, has been ... a hard blow to his mother, who worshipped him. ... He was the idol of Schurz folk, few of Schurz’s population being white. The Indians loved the child, who was wise beyond his years. And, when the parents

left with his body for Reno, every Indian of the town flocked to the train to say some broken word.”

**1950** Young piano students of Mrs. Ethel Zimmer gave a piano workshop in Reno, and Dawn Wells performed “On the Magic Lake,” “The Butterfly,” “Mantilla,” “To a Wild Rose,” and she performed “Indians” in a duet with Marlene Ferrari.

**1953** The Reno Sparks Indian Colony formed a planning board to prepare for release of the colony’s residents from wardship and resultant securing of deeds to their properties.

**1961** Native American leaders representing tribes in Utah, California and Reno met with Kennedy administration officials at Reno’s state building on proposals for reform of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

**1976** The UNR student newspaper Sagebrush’s Bob Anderson, Paul Gallo and Michael Graham reported the agriculture college had—without authorization—altered the channel of the Truckee River, impeding the upstream spawn of trout and cui-ui, prompting a complaint and a \$2,000,000 (\$8,755,153.64 in 2017 dollars) claim from the downstream Pyramid Lake tribe, forcing UNR to restore the river channel.

**2013** The annual meeting of the National Congress of American Indians, held in Reno, was largely ignored by the nation’s news entities.

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**Police fear giving the flu to tribe that killed an American missionary**

VICE

It's illegal to make contact with the Sentinelese people, who "are not immune to anything." [Read the full story](#)

*Mountains are the cathedrals where I practice my religion. -- Anatoli Boukreev*



## **2 Years of Colombia's Peace Agreement: Impunity Reigns**

*teleSUR*

Excerpt: "Two years after Colombia signed the final peace agreement with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) the war against Afro-Colombian, Indigenous, and Campesino communities, who are being targeted, threatened and murdered, continues."

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## **Brazil Says Deforestation in the Amazon Is at Its Worst Level in a Decade**

*David Mack, BuzzFeed*

Mack writes: "Deforestation in the Amazon rainforest is at its worst level in a decade, Brazilian officials announced Friday, amid concerns that logging in the world's largest forest will only increase once the country's anti-environment president-elect, Jair Bolsonaro, takes office."

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## **Revealing pictures shine a new light on Inuit culture**

National Geographic

Indigenous photographer Brian Adams changes perceptions of Native Alaskans one portrait at a time. [Read the full story](#)

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## **Exhibit explores incarceration in America, confinement of American Indians in Minnesota**

**Shannon Prather, Star Tribune**

A [new exhibit](#) that opened this week at the Minnesota History Center examines mass incarceration in America, and takes a deep look at an overrepresented group in the state's prisons and jails: American Indians.

[“States of Incarceration”](#) is a national traveling exhibit created by 500 college students in 17 states, including students at the University of Minnesota. It features historic photos, original artwork and videos and will be in the Twin Cities until Feb. 18 in the History Center's new Irving Gallery.

A coalition called the Humanities Action Lab launched the project to explore the United States' mass incarceration rate — the highest in the world. More than 2.3 million Americans are confined in prisons, jails and security hospitals, according to the Massachusetts-based nonprofit Prison Policy Initiative.

In Minnesota, where about 23,000 people were incarcerated in 2010, American Indians were 1 percent of the state's population, but made up 8 percent of the incarcerated population.

Kevin Murphy, a University of Minnesota professor of heritage and public history, said that disparity prompted his students to research the history American Indian confinement.

“Our students through this project have done some cutting-edge research,” Murphy said.

They started with the camp at Fort Snelling after the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862, then continued through forced removals, mandatory boarding schools for Indian children, and the high incarceration rates today.

Amber Annis, a historian focusing on community inclusion and engagement at the Minnesota Historical Society (MNHS), co-curated the exhibit.

The story of incarceration in Minnesota starts with settlers' desire to take Indian lands, said Annis, a citizen of the Cheyenne River Sioux tribe in South Dakota. That continued through fighting and then confinement and removal.

After the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862, women, children and elders were forced to move to Fort Snelling in what MNHS officially calls a concentration camp. There was inadequate food, supplies and clothing, Annis said, and hundreds of people died while confined there.

“A lot of people, particularly Native people, use ‘concentration camp’ to refer to what happened at Fort Snelling,” she said. “After the war, the mission was to remove and exterminate Dakota people.”

The exhibit also explores boarding schools through the lens of confinement because children were forced to attend them.

“These were forced assimilation. They were not allowed to speak their language or discuss their beliefs,” Annis said.

Minnesota wasn't the only state to extend the research for the exhibit beyond prisons and jails.

Indiana students researched forced commitments at mental institutions, Louisiana students explored the legacy of Jim Crow laws and African-American imprisonment, and Californians researched locking up youth.



“It started out as an effort to understand imprisonment, in particular, but the project has expanded to understand all forms of incarceration,” Murphy said.

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“ [Meet Denny, the ancient mixed-heritage mystery girl](#): After the unearthing of a Neanderthal-Denisovan fossil, UK scientists are using groundbreaking techniques to learn more of the species’ complex bonds with humans” (Guardian)

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[Surge in marine refuges brings world close to protected areas goal](#)

JONATHAN WATTS

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[Memorandum of Agreement Signed to Expedite Reliable Delivery, Supply of Water to the West](#) By California Water News Daily, 11/26/18

Paul Souza, currently the regional director for the Pacific Southwest Region of the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service, has been appointed as the Lead Official in charge of managing the Klamath Irrigation and Central Valley Projects’ compliance with the requirements of the Presidential Memorandum on Promoting the Reliable Supply and Delivery of Water in the West.

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About this website fox2now.com

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*Really Important Article:*

[A Legal Battle In The Coachella Valley Could Transform How California—And The Nation—Uses Water](#)

By Sophie Yeo, Pacific Standard, 11/26/18

In a legal battle between a Californian tribe and the state's water agencies, experts are seeing a turning point in the history of United States water rights, potentially affecting how water is controlled across the entire country.

*Really Frivolous Article (but interesting!)*

“ [‘I thought – who will remember me?’: the man who fathered 200 children](#)

” (Guardian)