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**Becoming First Native ... - NPR**

**[https://www.npr.org/2019/06/19/733727917/](https://www.npr.org/2019/06/19/733727917/joy-harjo-becomes-the-fi...)**

**joy-harjo-becomes-the-fi... - Harjo**

**says the appointment is an opportunity ...**



**Joy Harjo is first Native American named US poet laureate - The ...**

**[https://](https://www.mcall.com/entertainment/mc-ent-joy-harjo-first-n...)**

**[www.mcall.com/entertainment/mc-ent-joy-](https://www.mcall.com/entertainment/mc-ent-joy-harjo-first-n...)**

**harjo-first-n... - Her appointment was announced**

**Wednesday by Librarian of Congress Carla Hayden, who said in a statement that Joy Harjo helped tell an ...**

**Joy Harjo Named U.S. Poet Laureate | Fine Books & Collections**

**<https://www.finebooksmagazine.com/news/joy-harjo-named-us-poet-laureate> - Washington, D.C. — Librarian of Congress Carla Hayden today announced the appointment of Joy Harjo as the nation's 23rd Poet Laureate Consultant in ...**

**Tulsa Joy Harjo named U.S. Poet Laureate, making history with ...**

**[https://www.tulsaworld.com/entertainment/tulsa-joy-harjo-named-u/](https://www.tulsaworld.com/entertainment/tulsa-joy-harjo-named-u/article_ec770d87-5568-57...)**

**article ec770d87-5568-57... - .. Tulsa native Joy Harjo has been named the 23rd Poet Laureate of the United States, becoming the first Native American and first Oklahoman to ...**



### **“Americas Dirty Laundry”: The Ongoing Genocide of the American Indian**

wakingtimes.com

#### **California admits genocide.**

<https://www.gov.ca.gov/2019/06/18/governor-newsom-issues-apology-to-native-americans-for-states-historical-wrongdoings-establishes-truth-and-healing-council/>

#### **Watchdog to investigate Interior moves on Utah monument**

President Trump slashed the monument by nearly half in 2017 following a contentious review by former Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke of monuments around the country.

#### **E.P.A. Finalizes Its Plan to Replace Obama-Era Climate Rules**

By LISA FRIEDMAN NYT

The new measure will very likely prompt a flurry of legal challenges. If upheld in court, it could tie the hands of future presidents on global warming.

DailyPnut: As federal data shows that [U.S. air quality has declined in the last two years](#), bucking the trend of the period immediately before, [the EPA plans to rescind an Obama-era rule](#) that aimed to wean America off coal plants and the heavy pollution they produce.

#### **Insect numbers plummet 75%, putting the world on the edge of 'ecological Armageddon'**

independent.co.uk



## Interview with Adam Sings In The Timber – Native Photojournalist Tells Stories With His Image

Adam Sings In the Timber is a photojournalist. His work has been featured the New York Times, USA Today, Native People's Magazine and PowWows.com. Adam has a style that tells stories through photos. Learn more about his work and background in my interview. [Read More](#)

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### A Reader Responds

*I always appreciate feedback/comments.....also really appreciate those that provide additional insight/information about topics presented. Below*

I appreciate your approach to include eyebrow raising! Yes, we all need to engage more and I think those of us who are working on the front lines should speak more to the people who are at odds with how to change/what to do. Any change is hard, scary, and the problem is what we have to choose from in our everyday lives....how do we demand food producers stop using plastic packaging - everything from jars to bottles bags, etc. So much is really garbage. There are some clever ways people are finding to repurpose but this takes time out of days that are consumed with survival. We talk about building/supporting local economies and living in Asheville NC I saw this grow and take form - but these options weren't accessible to the economically challenged. Now that we're back in north central West Virginia the availability of organic/local is almost non-existent.

And for people who truly don't have access to a living wage some of the suggestions like changing the light bulbs we use, is totally out of the question - and let's not even start on electric vehicles.... 40 to 50K really?.... Yeah, I'm still driving a 2002 Ford Ranger.... and a 2009 Chevy Cobalt.... the Ranger is almost old enough to vote - lol and we're not destitute like many in this country - and the destitute in this country have it better than many in the world. And I won't belabor this, you know what I'm talking about.

There are as many ideas as there are problems but my fear is we aren't going to get where we need to be fast enough and if it all goes bad, will we recover and if we do it'll be decades if not a century or two after the cataclysms if enough humans survive.... my mind goes to scenes from Mad Max.

There was one statement made, not sure if was yours or not....but it's worth pointing out it was a bit of a stretch. We, as in our current toolbox of alternatives for transitioning away from climate change and/or stopping it, is not, at the moment what these need to be. Unfortunately, there is a lot more innovation, testing, and implementation to happen before we can truly alter the way we consume everything.... First of all, and most important, everyone has to figure out how to live with less.... conserve energy and significantly pair down our consumption of everything from water to comfort items.... We can not as a society continue to demand more from our natural systems and expect to survive the pending cataclysm.

I know, this sounds over the top fatalistic -- it is meant to be alarming. We DO however, if the urgency of our shared fate is understood, a short time to fund and empower those with the knowledge and credibility to convince a majority of people to demand bold and immediate action. Not with more support for disaster capitalism like carbon capture and storage (CCS) nor with carbon offsets/markets/mechanisms.....if you'd like more information on carbon mechanisms or CCS/geoengineering, let me know....might be something your readers/followers would be interested in. [bjmcmamanaiernearth.org](http://bjmcmamanaiernearth.org)

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## **Water Shorts**

### **[Communicating the Value of Water: The ABCS of Water Communication](#)**

By Stephanie Zavala, Water Finance & Management, 6/17/19

Water is life. It's a catchy slogan, so simple in its truth that we often miss the forest for the trees. Water is, quite literally, life. Yet modern-day water treatment, distribution infrastructure, and operational systems have made the gift of water so readily available, the public has forgotten how precious those drops are that readily flow from their faucets. The waste we produce disappears down a drain or a toilet, and we wash our hands of the rest of its journey.

### **[OPINION: 'Black Swan' water planning in the Colorado River Basin](#)**

By Hannah Holm, Daily Sentinel, 6/16/19

By now, it's old news that the Colorado River — notwithstanding the current abundant water year — is generally shrinking, and is expected to shrink more in coming decades. The states that share the river completed a drought plan earlier this year that brings them closer to living within currently available supplies, and a new round of negotiations on long-term management of the river is due to begin next year. However, a new report warns that planning for gradually declining water supplies, as difficult as that is, may not be enough to adequately prepare for the future.

### **[Commentary: To save the salmon, close hatcheries](#)**

**[By Jacques Leslie, Finger Lakes Times, 6/19/19](#)**

In 2021, four large dams on the Klamath River are due to be demolished, in part to revive the river and Klamath Basin salmon. But unless salmon hatchery operations are discontinued soon



afterward on the river, the effort will founder. Allowing hatchery salmon to mix with struggling native salmon after removing the dams is like rescuing a dying man only to slowly poison him.

Ecuador's defense minister provoked patriotic and environmental outrage last week when he said that US aircraft could use the airbase on San Cristóbal Island, and noted the islands were a "natural aircraft carrier."

A former Ecuadorian president tweeted: "Galápagos is NOT an 'aircraft carrier' for gringo use. It is an Ecuadorian province, world heritage site, homeland." (Guardian)

<https://thinkprogress.org/arctic-death-spiral-coastal-permafrost-collapse-23d650acea99/>

## Our Brave New World

*Look at some of the things that are coming. sdc*

[Lab-grown insect cells could be the planet-friendly 'meat' of the future](#)

LETA DICKINSON

- Over the past few months bitcoin has risen significantly: ['Bitcoin is easily going to take out its all-time highs': Fundstrat's Tom Lee](#) (CNBC)
- Facebook's announcement yesterday of its own cryptocurrency is a major point in history for cryptocurrencies and the company. It is perhaps inevitable that Facebook would launch its own currency. In terms of users to the platform it would be the largest country in the world. Facebook's profits rival the GDP of entire countries.
- As a technology company-country its surveillance of its users surpasses North Korea or China. It is also ruled by a corporate autocrat and it is now the largest technology company with its own currency.
- Is it only a matter of time before Google, Amazon, and Apple adopt their own currencies or will historians cite this decision to build a Facebook currency as just one more example of Mark Zuckerberg reenacting Icarus? #Techopolies
- [Libra: Facebook launches cryptocurrency in bid to shake up global finance: Digital currency will let billions of users make transactions, but is already facing opposition from US lawmakers amid privacy concerns](#) (Guardian)
- [Facebook announces Libra cryptocurrency: All you need to know: The use cases, technology and motive behind the new digital money](#) (Techcrunch)

[Learn how Google and 4-H are bringing coding to rural communities](#)

## WEBINAR "Application of Environmental Justice to State Environmental Impact Assessment"

July 23, 2019 (2:00 - 3:30 PM ET)

[REGISTER](#)

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has launched a training webinar series to build the capacity of environmental justice practitioners working at the state level. The fourth webinar on "Application of Environmental Justice to State Environmental Impact Assessment" is now open for registration.

### **Application of Environmental Justice to State Environmental Impact Assessment**

- When: July 23, 2019 (2:00 - 3:30 PM EDT)
- Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/application-of-environmental-justice-to-state-environmental-impact-assessment-tickets-63346825059>
- About: This webinar will provide a basic primer on environmental justice (EJ) methodologies, which can be used by state practitioners during National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review and other environmental impact assessments. It will also build on this foundation with presentations regarding the State of Alaska's efforts to address health issues in environmental impact assessment and the State of Kentucky's efforts to address transportation-related community impacts.

### **Speakers:**

- Kelly Poole, Environmental Scientist, Multi-Media Programs Office, Region 5, US Environmental Protection Agency
- Sarah Yoder, Deputy Environmental Public Health Program Manager, Alaska Department of Health and Social Services
- Stuart Goodpastor, Transportation Engineer formerly with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
- David Whitworth, Engineering & Operations Team Leader, Federal Highway Administration-Kentucky Division, U.S. Department of Transportation

Registration is required. Registered participants will receive details on how to access the webinar when you register. Please share this information with your colleagues and networks.

The first three webinars in this series focused on:

- Identifying and Prioritizing Environmentally Impacted and Vulnerable Communities (April 16, 2019). Recording available at: <https://youtu.be/1gsI4oIEb0U>.
- Enhancing Community Involvement in the Regulatory Process (May 15, 2019). Recording available at: <https://youtu.be/iz3sc9xSoPg>.
- Using Comprehensive Area-Wide Planning to Promote Equitable Development (June 18, 2019)

The next webinar topic in the 2019 series will be Environmental Justice Considerations for Rural Water Infrastructure.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice>

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## **V.A. Prepares for Major Shift in Veterans' Health Care**

By JENNIFER STEINHAUER

The Department of Veterans Affairs says it is ready for a major shift in access to private care, but veterans groups and lawmakers are concerned.



### **Mess with a Texas pipeline now and you could end up a felon**

In a statement, Jennifer Falcon, a campaign manager for the Society of Native Nations, said the Texas law “is a fear tactic to dissuade environmental justice movements like Standing Rock from challenging the continued use of fossil fuels.”  
Naveena Sadasivam

### **Day after declaring ‘climate emergency,’ Canada approves pipeline expansion**

Trudeau, caught between environmental and economic concerns, greenlights \$5.5 billion Trans Mountain Pipeline expansion.

Read in The Washington Post: <https://apple.news/AboFGVIM8Tr-IEZ81xCpN3g>

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## **News from the Council of State Archivists**

### **NHPRC Reauthorization News**

The NHPRC Reauthorization bill, HR 2978, was introduced in the House, sponsored by a bipartisan group of legislators. The co-sponsors are [Congressman Gerry Connolly](#) (D-VA), Chairman of the House Government Operations Subcommittee; [Congressman Elijah E. Cummings](#) (D-MD), Chairman of the House Committee on Oversight and Reform; [Congressman Mark Meadows](#) (R-NC), Ranking Member of the House Government Operations Committee (and former U.S. House Representative on the Commission); and [Congressman David Price](#) (D-NC), Co-Chair of the Congressional Humanities Caucus.

The language of the bill updates NHPRC’s previously existing authorization language (that expired in 2009) and includes reauthorization at \$15 million and a seat for CoSA on the Commission. Read the [press release](#) from Congressman Connolly’s office. Read the text of the legislation, introduced on May 24, [here](#).

The bill passed out of the House Oversight Committee at its weekly business meeting on June 12, by a vote of 24-14. We are awaiting the next steps on the bill and may be calling on you to contact your representatives in Congress. Get ready to take action by reviewing advocacy materials; such as issue briefs on [Federal Funding Programs for Archives and Historical Records](#) and [Support for NARA and NHPRC](#), and statistics from NHPRC about the difference

between requested funds and grants awarded for [Archival Records](#) and [Professional Development](#), and the [Archival Advocacy at Home](#) webinar.

Please let us know when you contact your congressperson and the outcome of your communication. We'll pass along your information and the Society of American Archivists will send you an "I'm an Archives Advocate" button.

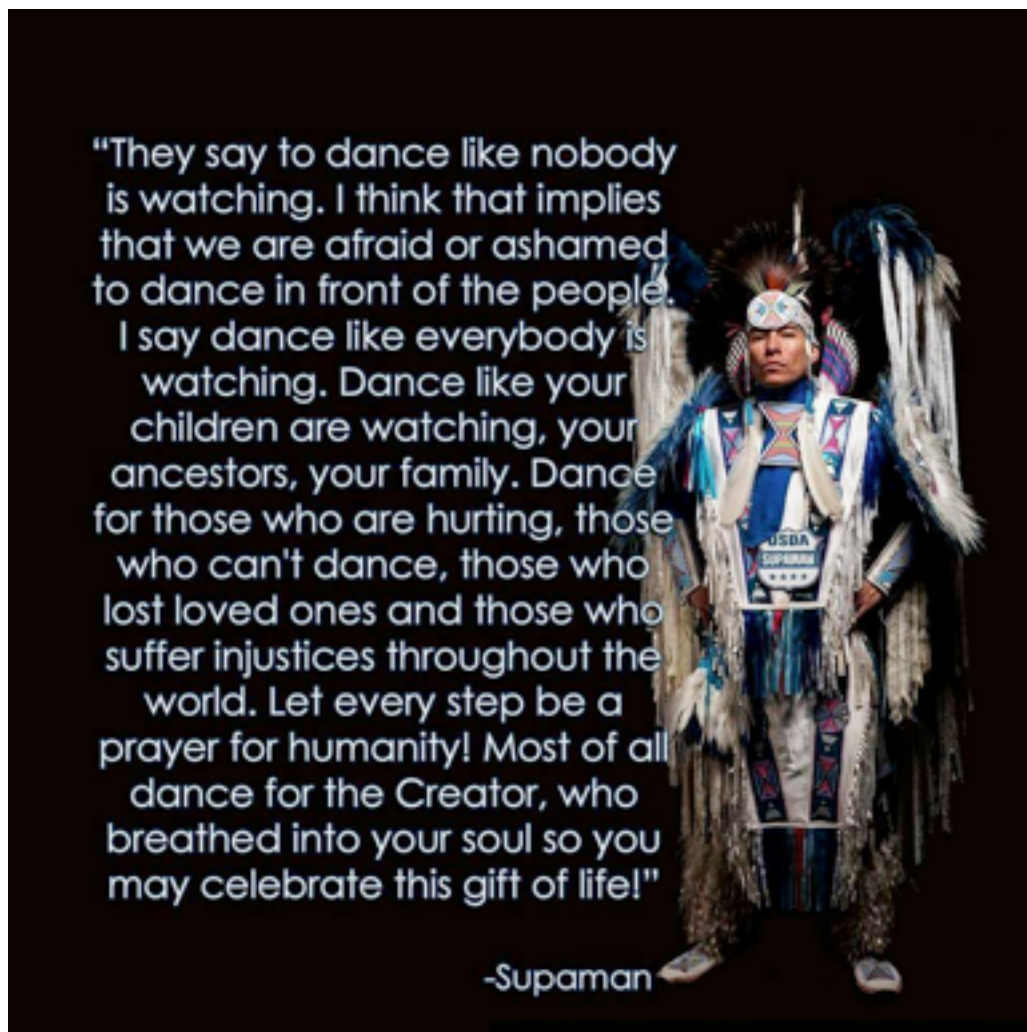
### **New CoSA-NASS Guidance Document Available**

As part of our continuing ACCESS project work, CoSA's newest collaborative publication is with the National Association of Secretaries of State on preserving state electronic records.

[READ MORE >](#)

### **SERI Highlights MA's Creating Access Metadata Program**

Check out how the Massachusetts Archives staff created access to records about the built environment within the state, including maps and plans of parks, waterways, roads, and public structures.





## **A Map to the Next World**

**(for Desiray Kierra Chee)**

**In the last days of the fourth world I wished to make a map for those who would climb through the hole in the sky.**

**My only tools were the desires of humans as they emerged from the killing fields, from the bedrooms and the kitchens.**

**For the soul is a wanderer with many hands and feet.**

**The map must be of sand and can't be read by ordinary light. It must carry fire to the next tribal town, for renewal of spirit.**

**In the legend are instructions on the language of the land, how it was we forgot to acknowledge the gift, as if we were not in it or of it.**

**Take note of the proliferation of supermarkets and malls, the altars of money. They best describe the detour from grace.**

**Keep track of the errors of our forgetfulness; the fog steals our children while we sleep.**

**Flowers of rage spring Lip in the depression. Monsters are born there of nuclear anger.**

**Trees of ashes wave good-bye to good-bye and the map appears to disappear.**

**We no longer know the names of the birds here, how to speak to them by their personal names.**

**Once we knew everything in this lush promise.**

**What I am telling you is real and is printed in a warning on the map. Our forgetfulness stalks us, walks the earth behind us, leaving a trail of paper diapers, needles and wasted blood.**

**An imperfect map will have to do, little one.**

**The place of entry is the sea of your mother's blood, your father's small death as he longs to know himself in another.**

**There is no exit.**

The map can be interpreted through the wall of the intestine—a spiral  
on the road of knowledge.

You will travel through the membrane of death, smell cooking from the  
encampment where our relatives make a feast of fresh deer meat and  
corn soup, in the Milky Way.

They have never left us; we abandoned them for science.

And when you take your next breath as we enter the fifth world there will  
be no X, no guidebook with words you can carry.

You will have to navigate by your mother's voice, renew the song she is  
singing.

Fresh courage glimmers from planets.

And lights the map printed with the blood of history, a map you will have to  
know by your intention, by the language of suns.

When you emerge note the tracks of the monster slayers where they  
entered the cities of artificial light and killed what was killing us.

You will see red cliffs. They are the heart, contain the ladder.

A white deer will come to greet you when the last human climbs from  
the destruction.

Remember the hole of shame marking the act of abandoning our tribal  
grounds.

We were never perfect.

Yet, the journey we make together is perfect on this earth who was once  
a star and made the same mistakes as humans.

We might make them again, she said.

Crucial to finding the way is this: there is no beginning or end.  
You must make your own map.

—Joy Harjo <https://www.loc.gov/poetry/poetry-of-america/american-identity/joyharjo-amaptothenexttwo...>