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[A species of bighorn sheep unique to the Lake Range surrounding Pyramid Lake are being released Monday to re-introduce them to their former land. The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and the Nevada Department of Wildlife will release the sheep into the mountains surrounding the lake where the species once.... mynews4.com|By KRNV News 4](#)

California Historical Society Collection, 1860-1960



[Portrait of Father Duaquin \(Juaquin?\) standing at the Mission San Gabriel Archangel with altar boys Antonia\(-o?\)...](#)

About this collection

The California Historical Society Collection is incomparable for the documentary picture it provides of the growth of Southern California, particularly the development of the Los Angeles region, between 1860 and 1960. The collection contains more than 25,000 photographs. The full archive was placed on long-term deposit at USC in 1990 and includes the Title Insurance and Trust Company Collection, also known as TICOR, and the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce Collection.

TITLE INSURANCE AND TRUST COMPANY COLLECTION (1860-1960). The nearly 15,000 unique photographs of this collection contain the work of C.C. Pierce which cover the Los Angeles region city, street and architectural views, **California Missions, Southwestern Native Americans, and turn-of-century Nevada, Arizona, and California.** Pierce, active from 1886 to 1940, was one of the leading photographers of his day and amassed a collection of 15,000 images, including his own and those bought and copied from his contemporaries, George Wharton James and Charles Puck. The James collection contains over 2,000 images of portraits, customs, ceremonies, arts, and games of various groups of Southwestern Native Americans.

LOS ANGELES AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COLLECTION (1888-1960). The more than 3,600 unique photographs of this collection document the Chamber's promotional efforts during the city's early years. In addition to stock photographs, there are pictures of the elaborate booths and displays that the Chamber prepared for use at state fairs and international trade shows. The photographic collection contains images showing the growth of important municipal enterprises, such as ground transportation systems, aviation, and shipping. In addition there are about 1,000 lantern slides in this collection -- not yet fully digitized.

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While the flowing article seems innocuous enough (if not entertaining) it actually raises major issues for records managers.....

Brothel in Lyon County fights for records after state classifies sex workers as employees, not independent contractors

Digital volunteers help make the Smithsonian's collections more accessible every day

The [Smithsonian Transcription Center](#) connects volunteers around the world with Smithsonian collections. This crowdsourcing project was developed as a collaborative way to increase access and use of the Smithsonian's digitized content, and create pathways of learning and new knowledge between the public and Smithsonian staff.

Around **15,000** digital "volunpeers" have already transcribed more than **500,000** pages of field notes, diaries, ledgers, logbooks, currency proof sheets, photo albums manuscripts, biodiversity specimens labels, audio recordings and more since the Transcription Center started in 2013.

Over 19 of the Smithsonian's libraries, archives, and museums have contributed projects to the Transcription Center – including historical materials dating from the 15th century to the present day, and representing diverse experiences, cultures, and languages.

Together, digital volunteers and Smithsonian staff are unlocking secrets hidden deep inside our collections that illuminate our history and our world. With new projects added each week, there is endless opportunity to explore and learn.

Why does it matter?

Transcription turns handwritten and typed documents – as well as historical audio recordings – into searchable and machine-readable resources, ensuring that historical resources can be accessible for all. It also preserves historic documents for future generations and offers an opportunity for students and educators to engage directly with primary sources .

How can I learn more?

[Browse the active and completed transcription projects](#) – covering themes from Biodiverse Planet and Mysteries of the Universe to Women's History and World Cultures.

[Sign up to become a Transcription Center digital volunteer](#) and start helping to make the Smithsonian's vast collections in art, history, and science more accessible to anyone with a curious spirit.

[Appeals court tosses out kids' lawsuit against U.S. over climate change](#)

News from the Council of State Archivists

CoSA Chooses Higher Logic to Update Website, Revamp Member Communications

The CoSA board approved a plan to work with Higher Logic, a company specializing in community engagement platforms, to update the website and provide avenues for greater member networking and information sharing. This work encompasses our current listservs and email, and is expected to take approximately six months to complete.

Democracy Fund Looking for Materials

Does your archives have images and stories relating to the passage of the 19th Amendment, Civil Rights and/or elections that the Democracy Fund can use to accompany its daily and weekly news stories? If so, be on the lookout for a brief survey from us asking about the extent of your holdings in these three areas. We'll share what we learn from you with the Democracy Fund.

State of State Records Update

Since its publication, members have apprised us of corrections to their listings. Those edits have been made and a [revised edition of the biennial report](#) is available. Don't miss Veronica Martzahl's series of blog posts on aspects of the report's data in her recurring series, "[Parsing the State of State Records Report](#)" that began December 13

State Electronic Records Initiative (SERI) Webinars

Levels of Preservation 2.0

Tuesday, February 4, 2020 | 2:00 pm Eastern | [Register](#)

Presented by: Members of the National Digital Stewardship Alliance Levels of Preservation Working Group

Check out the [line-up of SERI's 1st Quarter 2020 webinars!](#)

[Find slides and recordings of SERI Webinars from February 13, 2018 to the present >](#)

2020 Member Webinar Series Kicks Off this Month

What's on Tap for CoSA in 2020

Thursday, January 23, 2020 | 3:00pm Eastern | [Register Now](#)

Join President Jodie Foley, CoSA Board Members and CoSA Committee chairs as they look forward to the exciting activities and programs for CoSA in 2020 We'll hear from Finance, Development, Advocacy, Education & Training, Awards, and the State Electronic Records Initiative. If you are new to CoSA or curious about our planning for the year, this is a great opportunity to learn more. Interested in getting more involved? The committee reports can help you choose among the many volunteer opportunities.

[View and register for 2020 Member Webinars >](#) [Find slides and recordings of CoSA Member Webinars from 2019 >](#)

Inter-Agency Transfer Survey Report Update



This report, which looks at the challenges and opportunities state agencies and CIO's have in identifying, preparing and transferring electronic records to their state archives will be available this month. The project was sponsored by Preservica with support from NASCIO and funding from the IMLS ACCESS grant.

SERI Webinars and Videos

If you have SERI webinar ideas, please contact [Bonnie Weddle](#) or [Kathryn Baringer](#) with your suggestions

SAA Seeks Award Nominations

The Society of American Archivists annually recognizes leaders and achievers in the field of archives. SAA offers a variety of professional recognitions and financial assistance through an awards competition, student scholarships, and the naming of Fellows.

Do you know of an individual or organization that has made an outstanding contribution to the archives profession? Or promoted greater public awareness of archives? Have you published a groundbreaking book, written an outstanding article, or developed an innovative finding aid? Do you need financial assistance to attend a professional conference or graduate school?

Click on the links below to learn more about SAA's twenty different recognitions and to nominate a deserving colleague—or yourself!

- [Fellows of the Society of American Archivists](#)
- [Awards for Excellence](#)
- [Travel Awards](#)
- [Student Scholarships](#)

CoSA Awards Deadline April 1st

Award nominations for the Walch Leadership Award, Walch Travel Stipend for Emerging Leaders, Rising Stars, Advocacy for Archives, SHRAB Award of Merit, and the new CoSA – Atlas Systems, Inc. "You Gotta Be Here!" Annual Meeting Travel Stipend for Underrepresented Archives and Young Professionals are due April 1st.

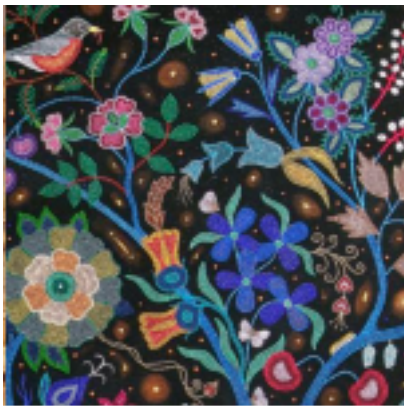
Our newest "You Gotta Be Here!" Award has been created to encourage broad participation by CoSA members or staff who find it difficult to fund travel to the Annual Meeting due to distance and/or cost. The travel stipend will provide one award (up to a maximum of \$1,250) each year for an individual to attend the annual Council of State Archivists' Annual Meeting.

Nomination materials are now available **>deadline for submitting a nomination or application is February 28.** Nominators/applicants are apprised of the selection committee's decision.

Kathy Marquis was recently appointed Wyoming State Archivist.

Tamara Martin was appointed California State Archivist, the youngest woman to hold the position in the history of the California State Archives.

2K Design, the designers of the **New York Archives Magazine** Spring 2019 issue, recently received the American Graphic Design Award from *Graphic Design USA* Magazine.



**Hearts of Our People:
Native Women Artists**

February 21, 2020 –
May 17, 2020

Renwick Gallery

On *Archives in Context*, Kathleen D. Roe reflects on writing her new book for SAA's Archival Fundamentals Series III, *Advocacy and Awareness for Archivists*, and shares her most successful advocacy efforts and advice.

Do you have new staff or job changes to share? Please let us know! on in May. Awards are officially presented during the SAA Annual Meeting in

August **ARCHIVES*RECORDS 2020:**

**Creating Our Future
Joint Annual Meeting of CoSA and SAA
August 2–8, 2020 * Hilton Chicago**

Call for 2020 Student Paper and Poster Proposals

The 2020 Student Program Subcommittee is accepting proposals for two special sessions dedicated to student scholarship during the Joint Annual Meeting of CoSA and SAA in Chicago, August 2–8, 2020. Work from both master's and doctoral students will be considered. [Learn more.](#) **Deadline: February 3**

Conferences and Workshops

54th Georgia Archives Institute

The Georgia Archives Institute will be held June 7–18 in Morrow, Georgia. Pam Hackbart-Dean will serve as principal instructor. The Institute includes classroom instruction, repository tours, and a three-day internship. [Learn more](#) and submit your application **by March 15**.

Best Practices Exchange Registration is Now Open

Sustaining and Maintaining Digital Initiatives

March 23-25, 2020

[McKimmon Conference and Training Center](#)

Raleigh, North Carolina

Best Practices Exchange (BPE) is an organization of information professionals dedicated to managing digital information in government and non-government settings. The annual conference is a great opportunity to share, question, and learn from colleagues across a spectrum of government, educational, and cultural organizations.

We are pleased to announce that registration for Best Practices Exchange (BPE) 2020 is now open!

Access the registration form via this link: http://bit.ly/bpe2020_registration

A preliminary conference schedule contains:

- One plenary speaker, a half day of sessions, and a reception the afternoon and evening of Monday, March 23, 2020.
- One plenary speaker and a full day of sessions on Tuesday, March 24, 2020.
- A half day of sessions the morning of Wednesday, March 25, 2020.

The price of registration is \$150.00. It includes two (2) continental breakfasts, one (1) lunch, breaks, and a reception.

Attendance is limited to 200 people. Registration is open until **Friday, March 6, 2020** or until capacity is reached.

Registrations are payable online through PayPal or via check.



The
program
and local

arrangements committees continue to do a fantastic job developing this event, but the community of attendees is what makes Best Practices Exchange so special. We look forward to sharing a conference full of open conversation and an exchange of ideas with all of you in Raleigh.

Visit the event website for more information about the unconference and Raleigh. Please contact bestpracticesexchange@gmail.com with any questions.

2020 Western Archivists Meeting in San Francisco

Join the Society of California Archivists (SCA), Conference of Inter-Mountain Archivists (CIMA), Northwest Archivists (NWA), and Society of Rocky Mountain Archivists (SRMA) for the 2020 Western Archivists Meeting (WAM), to be held April 21–25 in San Francisco, CA. [Learn more](#)

Funding Opportunities

NHPRC Funding Opportunities

[Access to Historical Records: Major Initiatives FY 2021](#)

For projects that will significantly improve public discovery and use of major historical records collections. This program has two phases. You must be invited to submit a Final Proposal

- [Preliminary Proposals](#): January 26, 2020
- [Final Deadline](#): July 9, 2020

Council on Library and Information Resources Funding Opportunities

[Digitizing Hidden Special Collections and Archives: Enabling New Scholarship through Increasing Access to Unique Materials](#) is a national grant competition administered by the

Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) for digitizing rare and unique content in collecting institutions.

Next funding announcement: January 2020.

Other News

Call for Proposals for New Archival Futures Series

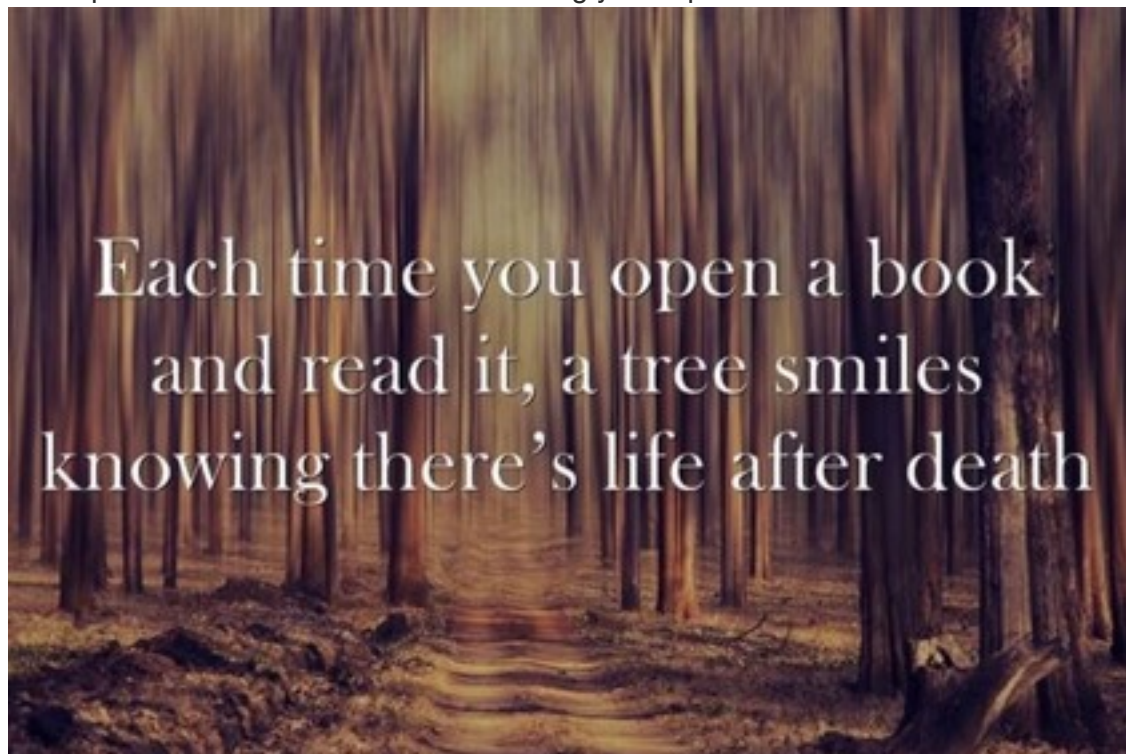
Archival Futures is a new series, published jointly by SAA and the American Library Association, that critically engages issues related to archives as—and for—the public good. This series combines provocative discussion with practical insight, examining professional values and current innovations in archival and library practice. Have an idea for a book? We are seeking proposals for volumes of 20,000 to 50,000 words, that demonstrate innovative thinking, cut across cultural and professional boundaries, and stimulate discussion about archives as institutions and sustaining forces in modern society. Contact series editors [Bethany Anderson](#) and [Amy Cooper Cary](#) with questions or [submit a proposal](#).

Explore Your Options for Professional Development with SAA

Take a look at the SAA [Course Calendar](#) and register for upcoming courses. Don't see an education course in your area? **Learn how your institution can [host a course](#)!**

Urge Your Representative to Join the Congressional History Caucus

What actions can we take to support federal funding of the humanities, even as we keep an eye on Congress's appropriations discussions? As we fight to ensure that drastic cuts don't become law, our most important assets are our allies in Congress. That's why this is the perfect time to make a push for the Congressional History Caucus! The History Caucus is the brainchild of the National Coalition for History (NCH), of which SAA is a policy board member. It provides a forum for members of Congress to share their interest in history and to promote awareness of the subject on Capitol Hill. Find resources for contacting your representatives.





London's New Artificial Trees Guzzle As Much Pollution As 275 Regular Trees

Say hello to the capital's new City Trees! The world is, finally, awakening to the imminent threats posed by climate ..secretldn.com

The Maori Visit Wounded Knee

Members of New Zealand's Institute for Excellence in the Maori Language visited the Wounded Knee National Historic Landmark that marks the site of the massac... youtube.com

How Universities can Support Indigenous Language Revitalization and Maintenance

Associate Professor in the Faculty of Education and Department of Linguistics at the University of Victoria, Dr. Lorna Wanosts'a7 Williams' presentation disc...

Six companies are about to merge into the biggest farm-business oligopoly in history

Big farms are about to get a lot bigger. With six agricultural giants on the verge of merging into three separate companies, consumers and farmers are feeling uneasy about the global implications and how it might impact the food system. Top executives from Bayer, Monsanto, DuPont, Dow Chemical, and.... finance.yahoo.com

FOCUS: Bill McKibben I BlackRock Will Move Away From Fossil Fuels, Citing Climate Change

Bill McKibben, The New Yorker

McKibben writes: "If you felt the earth tremble a little bit in Manhattan on Tuesday morning, it was likely caused by the sheer heft of vast amounts of money starting to shift."

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Kenyans Build Boat Out of Flip Flops and 10 Tons of Plastic

"The reality is that what we've done is very simple. It's just daring to dream." globalcitizen.org

IN THE NEVADA CURRENT

Getting out the vote in Indian Country. Your Official United States of America has *never* been enthusiastic about Native Americans having the right to vote. The country, and its laws, both federal and state, had to be dragged kicking and screaming into recognizing voting rights of native peoples, and of course there are still efforts to suppress the vote. But Nevada is having a caucus, and the U.S. is having an election - with Trump in it ha ha - and Native Americans may well be more pumped to participate this year than, well, ever. A lot of this came through in a forum at UNLV this week. Some presidential candidates participated, sort of - my buddy Tom Steyer was there in person, others via video. But as [Jeniffer Solis reports in this edifying story](#), the event wasn't really about the candidates.

Lee vs. DeVos: House goes all in. The House Thursday passed Nevada Rep. Susie Lee's resolution to torpedo the Betsy DeVos Let's Coddle For-Profit Colleges rule. Mark Amodei voted against his fellow Nevadan's resolution, because Mark Amodei is a Republican and Republicans always side with whoever is ripping people off, which in this case is for-profit colleges. No just kidding, that's not the reason Amodei voted no. (Although Republicans are always siding with whoever is ripping people off that is just fact). Amodei has some different arguments. [Allison Stevens has our story](#). Even if Lee's resolution managed to survive McConnell's Shady Acres (as if), Trump would veto it. But this is a pretty good issue for a Democrat in a so-called Trump district, like Lee's (i.e. districts Trump won in 2016). The other 29 Trump district Democrats are probably jealous.

Oh hey Nevada you still have food deserts. Denise Tanata with the Children's Advocacy Alliance is please to report that by some measures the health of Nevada children is improving. "Yet think how much more we could be doing for our kids if the state actually invested in preventing early childhood obesity. Currently, that investment is exactly zero," [Tanata writes in this guest commentary](#).

Laurel Wamsley, NPR

J. Lester Feder, BuzzFeed



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