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[In case you missed it yesterday: Read the Story](#)

**[Congress passes a landmark bill to help stop the epidemic of violence against Indigenous women](#)**

The epidemic of violence against Indigenous women in America is one of the country's most disturbing trends. A major reason it persists is because it's rarely discussed outside of the native community.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, murder is the third-leading cause of death among American Indian and Alaska Native women under age 19. Women who live on some reservations face rates of violence that are as much as ten times higher than the national average.

The problem stems from a lack of community resources, prejudice, poverty, and poor communication between Native communities and law enforcement. Many women disappear from remote reservations without a .single law enforcement officer. "The resources are spread so thin, it allows people to fall through the cracks," Billy J. Stratton, an expert in Native American studies at the University of Denver, told CNN



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## **LYRASIS announces survey results for Collecting Archival Materials During the COVID-19 Pandemic**

The primary goal of the survey was to provide guidelines on how to safely collect archival materials during the pandemic; however, the survey revealed other potential risks to collections as a result of limited physical access to storage areas and a move to remote staffing. Recommendations and information on these topics and more are presented as high-level resource documents in this report. With these resources, institutions undertaking archival collecting will be better equipped to weather the impacts of the pandemic to date and the anticipated intermittent opening and closing of physical sites to come. Read the results of the survey on our [website](#).

The survey was authored and conducted by LYRASIS Subject Field experts Katy L. W. Klettlinger, Leigh A. Grinstead and Thomas F. R. Clareson, LYRASIS consultants in the Research and Innovation Division led by Erin Tripp at LYRASIS. The survey was released on June 1st and closed on June 25th, 2020, and resulted in 268 total responses.

Katy Klettlinger, lead author of the survey, states "although our original intention was to explore the challenges facing institutions collecting archival materials, we later discovered obstacles the pandemic has caused that also affected galleries, libraries, archives, and museums. We hope the resource documents within the report will serve as a starting point for colleagues to start jumping over these hurdles."

## REALM Project Update

The REALM project has published the results of the fourth round of Battelle’s laboratory testing for COVID-19 on five materials common to archives, libraries, and museums.

Four of the five items—hardcover book cover, softcover book cover, plastic protective cover, and DVD case—were part of Test 1, but in this round, the materials were stacked to simulate storage in a book drop, bin, or on shelves.

The fifth item, expanded polyethylene foam—commonly used in museum exhibits, storage, and shipping—was tested unstacked.

View the results at <https://oc.lc/test4-results>.

[Sign up](#) for the REALM Project email list to receive timely REALM Project updates.

You can also follow OCLC on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) for the latest project updates and join the conversation using #REALMproject.

Recorded CoSA webinars are available with transcripts and full-text searching using [Aviary](#), thanks to our new corporate sponsorship with AVP.



An audiovisual content publishing platform, Aviary provides intended users with search, navigation, and playback across audio and video archives, collections, and files, pinpointing search results with playback exactly where a search term is found.

Aviary is the result of a collaboration between AVP and the [Fortunoff Video Archive for Holocaust Testimonies](#).

## 2020 Member Webinar Series

SHRAB Roundtable Results Review

Thursday, September 24, 2020 | 3:00pm Eastern | [Register Now](#)

[View and register for 2020 all Member Webinars >](#)

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## State Electronic Records Initiative (SERI) Webinars

Web Archiving in Times of Rapid Change

Tuesday, November 17, 2020 | 2:00pm Eastern | [Register Now](#)

### Presented by:

- Rachel Smith, Alabama Department of Archives and History
- Jamie Patrick-Burns, North Carolina State Archives
- Morgan Jones-King, South Carolina Department of Archives and History
- Elizabeth Perkes, Utah State Archives

- Web archiving occurs relatively early in the records lifecycle, and collection strategies are proactive and change quickly in the face of current events such as the coronavirus pandemic. This webinar will present a roundtable discussion of how four states are adapting their Web crawling practices during these times. We will discuss the capture of web pages for historical preservation and how COVID-19 has impacted that process, including frequency of capture, specific sites that need more attention, new domains created in response to the pandemic, and changes in strategy about how we go about that work.

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

**CoSA-NARA 2020 Webinars**

***Preserving Audiovisual Materials at NARA and the Pennsylvania Archives***

Thursday, October 8, 2020 | 3:00pm Eastern | [Register Now](#)

**Presented by:**

- Daniel Rooney from NARA
- Wesley Decker and Marie Valigorsky of the PA Archives

[Find slides and recordings of CoSA-NARA Webinars from December 2018 to the present >](#)

**New from Preservica**

**Coming soon... a new, easy way for institutions with limited resources to kick-start their digital preservation journey.**

In the coming months, Preservica will release a new version of its active digital preservation software aimed at helping government and academic archives with limited resources get started with digital preservation. This solution is ideal for records and archives practitioners looking to build a business case for workflow tools or to advance their digital preservation skills. Built to the OAIS standard and aligned to NDSA levels of preservation, it is currently being beta-tested by local government archivists as well as CoSA members.

[Learn more](#), share the news, and sign up for updates on how this new solution will quickly and easily help your institution protect and provide access to valuable digital assets.

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**The 2020 Census** will mark the 24th time that the United States has counted its population since 1790. Conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, the 2020 Census will count the population in the United States and five U.S territories. Participation is required by law, and each home will receive an invitation to respond to a questionnaire.

***What does this mean for Native Americans?***

*The 2020 Census will affect community funding, congressional representation, and help guide how billions of dollars in federal, tribal, and state funding are distributed fairly. Many Native American communities have been historically undercounted in the census.*

## ***How should Native Americans complete the 2020 Census to ensure their voices are heard?***

### **Why Are Native Americans Continually Underrepresented in the Census?**

Lack of connectivity and language barriers are two of the biggest reasons why the Native American community. The data collected from the census helps tribal leaders better understand their community member's needs.

Tribal leaders and other Native American community members must help to ensure a complete and accurate count in all tribal communities who live on and off of the reservations. This help can include translating the census from English to Native Languages. In some states, lawmakers are petitioning to produce audio recordings explaining how to fill out the census in various languages spoken by the Native American tribes in their states.

### **Best Ways to Reach Your Tribal Members:**

- Social Media
- TV
- Billboards
- Special Events
- News Media Outlets (newspaper, local news broadcasters)
- Radio
- Schools
- Word of Mouth

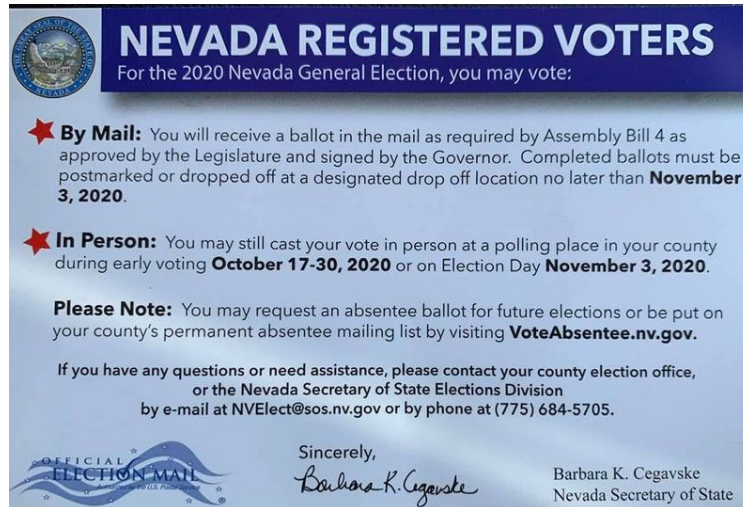
### **How Should Native Americans Reply to the “Race” Section Under the 2020 Census?**

The 2020 survey includes the ability to check multiple boxes under the race section to increase accuracy and specificity. [Learn more](#)

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**Who dug up the buckwheat?** No, really, who dug up the wildflowers where an Australian company wants to build a lithium mine - and has run into potential environmental snags because of the wildflowers. Eh, it was just rodents, says mining poohbah, and others. But! “I’ve been to hundreds of populations of wild buckwheat across the west and I’ve never seen evidence of a rodent attack like that one on any species,” one scientist said. “It seems really unlikely to me. I’m surprised that it was put forward as an explanation.” The Tiehm's Buckwheat Murders (a Jeniffer Solis mystery). [Conservationists says humans uprooted flowers, lithium miner blames rodents](#)

*As poet Sarah Morgan Bryan Piatt wrote: "It is the summer's great last heat, / It is the fall's first chill: they meet."*



### [Question 4 asks voters to put voting rights in state constitution](#)

[Jeniffer Solis](#) - September 22, 2020

A 2020 ballot question will ask Nevada voters if a new section guaranteeing specific voting rights should be added to the state constitution. Question 4...

### [Prompted by backlog, Question 3 would reform pardon system](#)

[Michael Lyle](#) - September 21, 2020

As of right now, the Nevada Board of Pardon Commissioners meets infrequently, which has contributed to a triple-digit backlog of applications. Ballot Question 3, if...



### [SOS announces online service to track your mail-in ballot](#)

[Hugh Jackson](#) - September 22, 2020

When it's mailed to you. When it's received by the county. And when it's counted. The Nevada Secretary of State's office Tuesday announced it has...

## [GE announces it will stop making coal-fired power plants](#)



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Someone wet-vac the McNugget sauce off Donald Trump’s adipose-cascading carcass and wake him up. GE has a message for him: Coal is over. You can stop lying about it now.

The [guy who once \(in\)famously said](#), “We've ended the war on beautiful, clean coal, and it's just been announced that a second, brand-new coal mine where they're going to take out clean coal — meaning they're taking out coal, they're going to clean it — is opening in the state of Pennsylvania," has never demonstrated any understanding of the realities of our energy future — namely that coal is a thing of the past, and it doesn’t do those who still depend on the industry any good to keep bullshitting them about it. But Trump would rather send every asthmatic kid in the country to the hospital than eschew the huckleberry hosannas he receives at his West Virginia rallies.

[Reuters](#): General Electric Co. said on Monday it plans to stop making coal-fired power plants, as the U.S. industrial conglomerate focuses more on renewable sources of power generation.

The company said the exit from the business could include divestitures, site closings and job cuts, while it works with its customers to complete existing obligations.

GE has said in the past it would focus less on fossil fuels and more on renewable energy, reflecting a growing acceptance of clean power sources by utilities.

“GE’s exit from building new coal-fired power — after decades as a leader in this space — is an acknowledgement that growth in the energy sector will no longer be in coal,” said Kathy Hipple, a financial analyst at Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis. “The market will ultimately reward GE for exiting new coal builds.”

This is hardly surprising, unless you’ve been listening to Trump — who, you know, lies a lot. In fact, despite Trump’s empty promises to end the supposed war on coal (which is about as real as the war on Christmas), [more coal plants have been retired during Trump’s term](#) than during Obama’s second term. That’s because coal is simply [no longer economically viable](#).

We can all be happy that Trump failed once again to fulfill a campaign promise. Coal is [disastrous for the environment and human health](#) — neither of which Trump cares about, of course.

But he does care about pretending to do things, and this certainly won’t help him on that score. [https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2020/9/21/1979313/-GE-announces-it-will-stop-making-coal-fired-power-plants?utm\\_campaign=trending](https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2020/9/21/1979313/-GE-announces-it-will-stop-making-coal-fired-power-plants?utm_campaign=trending)

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## Michigan Offers Free College Education To Essential Workers

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## Ricardo Valderrama, Noted Anthropologist and Mayor in Peru, Dies at 75

By Mitra Taj

As a scholar, Mr. Valderrama put a new focus on the plight of Indigenous people; as ma

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## [Nevada History through Pictures, Collections and Personal Stories](#)

I read a post about Jack Longstreet a few days ago. Back in 2014 I wrote a several day post on this legend of Nevada History. Here is installment one. Two tomoy etc.

### [Picon Drinkers of the American West.](#)

Meet Jack Longstreet. Jack is an incredible character that ties all of this together. Unclear of where he was born in 1830, some say, Tennessee and other say Louisiana, Jack came to Nevada



in 1883. Jack was a large framed man that stood over 6 feet tall..which, in those days, was a giant of a man. Not much was known about his early life other than he already had a brush with the



law. At the age of 14 he was apprehended with a gang of horse thieves by a vigilante posse. The whole gang was hanged on the spot except Longstreet. His life was spared because of his young age. However, to remind him of his misdeeds, one of his ears was cut off. (Imagine how that must have felt). Longstreet wore his hair long for the rest of his life to cover up that ear.

He arrived in Southern Nevada working along the Colorado river and doing some tramp mining in Arizona. He migrated to the Muddy Valley, an area settled by Mormons a few years earlier. He there set up a saloon and drug store dispensing medication for all sorts of ailments--most of them containing copious amounts of alcohol and opium.

His next venture was a ranch near the Moapa Indian Reservation where he engaged in raising horses and probably stolen cattle.

While on this ranch, Longstreet began a life long association with the Southern Paiute tribes learning their language and championing their causes. He was even successful in getting a crooked Indian Agent removed.

As a form of recreation, ranchers in the area held regular horse races. Longstreet had raised several fast horses and won more than he lost. It was during one of these races that he had an altercation with another rancher by the name of Alexander Dry. This relationship festered to the near boiling point. One day, Dry and Longstreet were seen riding out of town on seemingly amiable terms. A few hours later, Longstreet arrived back in town alone and turned himself in to the local sheriff stating that Dry had drawn on him and he had killed him. The sheriff rode out to where Dry's body was and determined that Dry's gun was indeed out of the holster. Dry had a reputation of somewhat of a bad man so the Justice of the Peace accepted the fact that Longstreet had killed Dry in self defense.

This further solidified Longstreet's reputation as a gun man. It was rumored that he was an accomplished gun hand and carried a .44 colt...much favored by gunslingers of the day.

He lost interest in the Muddy Valley ranch losing it to taxes. This prompted Longstreet to move on. He moved about 90 miles northeast where he homesteaded 160 acres of ground at the north end of Oasis Valley. This was a prime piece of land with good meadows and a stream running through it. It was an ideal place for a ranch and a place to raise more fast horses.

He left the ranch in the care of a neighbor and headed to the camp of Sylvania located right on the Nevada border with California overlooking Death Valley. Sylvania was first founded in the late 1860s but a lead silver discovery hailed a second coming for the town. Here, Longstreet set up a tent saloon and was once again in the whiskey business. The first thing he did was shoot a number of holes in the ceiling of the tent to remind patrons that the only gun play allowed would be his.

Here in Sylvania, he once again came to the aid of the Southern Paiutes. About 1890, the major mining player in the area had hired numerous tribe members as labor. The mining superintendent paid them in near worthless scrip issued by the company. One night, Longstreet led a band of Paiutes to the house of the superintendent and dragged him from his bed. Stripping him naked, he

was forced to run around the yard while the Paiutes swatted his naked body with sticks. The superintendent relented and paid the Paiutes what they were due.

The superintendent swore out a warrant for Longstreet's arrest along with a few of the ring leader of this late night attack on him. The Inyo (CA) county sheriff with whom the warrant was issued declined to go to the camp to arrest Longstreet because of his "unpredictable and dangerous nature". He would wait until he could raise a sizeable enough posse to apprehend Longstreet. Longstreet got word of this and spent the next four years living near the Mexican border until the whole issue blew over.

This thing is getting long and this is a good point in the story to take a break. More later.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9UsRElhINw>

Here is a short Youtube I found on Sylvania. I didn't make it but it shows what is there today.

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[Lesley Williams - Marley](#)



[Williams... great grandparents.](#)

**Hillary Raimo: Message from White Eagle, Hopi indigenous.**

“This moment humanity is going through can now be seen as a portal and as a hole. The decision to fall into the hole or go through the portal is up to you.

If you repent of the problem and consume the news 24 hours a day, with little energy, nervous all the time, with pessimism, you will fall into the hole. But if you take this opportunity to look at yourself, rethink life and death, take care of yourself and others, you will cross the portal. Take care of your homes, take care of your body. Connect with your spiritual House.

When you are taking care of yourselves, you are taking care of everything else. Do not lose the spiritual dimension of this crisis; have the eagle aspect from above and see the whole; see more broadly.

There is a social demand in this crisis, but there is also a spiritual demand -- the two go hand in hand. Without the social dimension, we fall into fanaticism. But without the spiritual dimension, we fall into pessimism and lack of meaning. You were prepared to go through this crisis. Take your toolbox and use all the tools available to you.

Learn about resistance of the indigenous and African peoples; we have always been, and continue to be, exterminated. But we still haven't stopped singing, dancing, lighting a fire, and having fun. Don't feel guilty about being happy during this difficult time.

You do not help at all being sad and without energy. You help if good things emanate from the Universe now. It is through joy that one resists. Also, when the storm passes, each of you will be very important in the reconstruction of this new world.

You need to be well and strong. And for that, there is no other way than to maintain a beautiful, happy, and bright vibration. This has nothing to do with alienation.

This is a resistance strategy. In shamanism, there is a rite of passage called the quest for vision. You spend a few days alone in the forest, without water, without food, without protection. When you cross this portal, you get a new vision of the world, because you have faced your fears, your difficulties.

This is what is asked of you:

Allow yourself to take advantage of this time to perform your vision-seeking rituals. What world do you want to build for you? For now, this is what you can do -- serenity in the storm. Calm down, pray every day. Establish a routine to meet the sacred every day.

Good things emanate; what you emanate now is the most important thing. And sing, dance, resist through art, joy, faith, and love."

