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Photo of the moon taken on Atlantic Street in Norway; described as the most beautiful scene of all time by the BBC.



Credit...Celeste Sloman for The New York Times

### **After Five Centuries, a Native American With Real Power**

The expected nomination of Deb Haaland By [Timothy Egan](#)

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/01/01/opinion/native-american-secretary-interior-deb-haaland.html?>

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**Nina Lakhani, Guardian UK**

**Lakhani writes: "Debra Haaland is making American history." [READ MORE](#)**

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Sioux Tribe Imposes Language Criteria For Priority Vaccinations

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### **From UNR Special Collections**

We've spent the past year highlighting the impact of collections and finding new ways of sharing materials. Three diaries from the collections formed the backbone of the [1000 Miles Project](#), a virtual exploration of prospecting diaries involving activities, guest speakers, podcasts and video content aimed at grades 4 – 7. We also launched a new [Student Projects Portal](#) that showcases how students are using the department and the collections as part of their studies. We've received 76 formal requests to publish from our collections for a variety of projects: Books, articles, websites, documentaries, television shows, and public signage. The requests have come from two countries and 15 different states. During this same time we've had 162 individual orders for copies from 413 different collections. That's a nearly 200 percent increase in the variety of collections being used! And we just launched a new [crowd-sourcing transcription pilot project](#). Feel like helping us transcribe documents? Contact us at [specoll@unr.edu](mailto:specoll@unr.edu) to get started

Not all of our work happens in public view. We were fortunate to have with us this year a funded project archivist, Elspeth Olson, who processed the [Marjorie Sill Papers](#) and the [Richard Sill Papers](#). Her work on the [James Yoakum Photograph Collection](#) is winding up and will be completed by the end of December. We were able to extend her time with us when we were awarded a competitive NEH CARES grant. The staff have also been working since early 2019 on a project to identify content related to tribes and Indigenous communities in the collections in

accordance with the newly adopted Protocols for Native American Archival Materials. You can [follow along with our progress](#) here.

Although we don't have a finished product to show (yet), the department has been collaborating with other units in the University Libraries to digitize the [James Edward Church collection](#)! And, we are proud to be the new home for the Reno Gazette Journal's photo archives. It's not accessible yet because it's going to take some time, labor and money to prepare it but we're working on our fundraising and processing plans. Work continues on building out the [Peter Goin digital collection](#). Our partners in Digital Services recently built a wonderful landing page for our digital collections. You can [see the new collections](#) as they are added here.

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### **Indigenous North American history**

This year, experts from Mexico's [National Institute of Anthropology and History](#) (INAH) excavated several Aztec structures in Mexico City, including a [14th-century steam bath](#) associated with the worship of female deities, a new section of a [15th-century skull tower](#), and a [palace and house constructed for conquistador Hernán Cortés](#) out of the repurposed remains of razed Aztec buildings.

INAH also investigated a shipwreck first discovered off the coast of Sisal in 2017, drawing on historical documents to identify the vessel as *La Unión*, [a steamer used to illegally transport enslaved Maya people during the second half of the 19th century](#). The ship—the only vessel associated with the trafficking of Maya people found so far—was en route to Cuba when its boilers exploded in September 1861, killing around half of those on board.

Non-INAH researchers similarly shed light on the Maya civilization: In March, [archaeologists working with the Indigenous Lacanja Tzeltal community located the ancient kingdom of Sak Tz'i'](#) (Mayan for “white dog”), which had previously been known only through sculptures

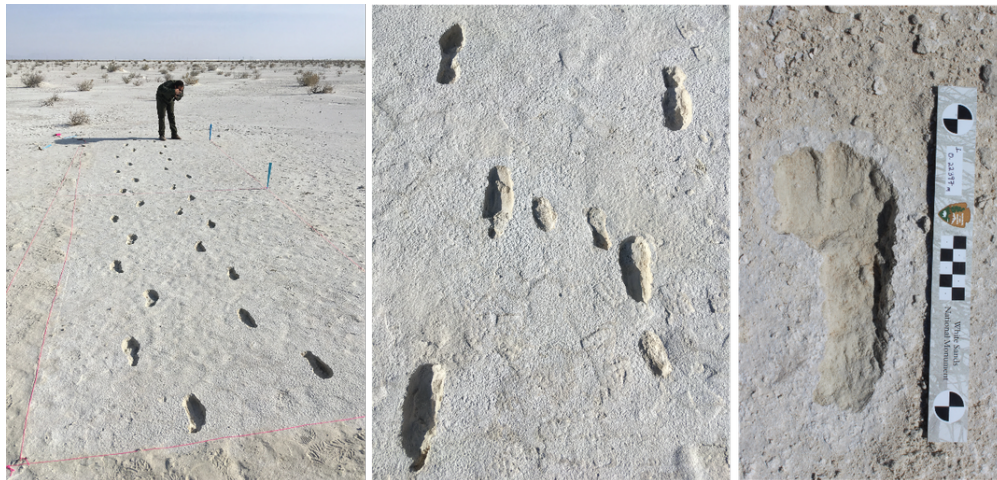
and inscriptions. Another team in Tabasco used aerial imaging to survey [the oldest, largest Maya structure ever found](#) in Mexico—a ceremonial platform measuring more than 4,500 feet long and 33 to 50 feet tall.

To the north, in what is now southeastern Kansas, scientists used similar technology to study a [pre-Hispanic “Great Settlement” hidden beneath a ranch](#). The 164-foot rounded earthwork is one of six ancestral Wichita “council circles” found in the area to date, “and the only one that has not been disturbed,” anthropological archaeologist Donald Blakeslee told [Science News](#).

Finally, in southern Ontario, researchers collaborated with liaisons from nearby Indigenous communities, including Six Nations of the Grand River, the Haudenosaunee Development Institute and the Mississaugas of the Credit, to excavate [a Late Woodland Iroquois Village dated to between roughly 1300 and 1600 A.D.](#) Among the more than 35,000 artifacts found at the site were rare carbonized pieces of beans, cooking ceramics, stone tools and animal bones.

### Prehistoric peoples

Broadly defined as the period between humans' invention of stone tools and the development of writing systems, [prehistory](#) can be difficult to parse out given the lack of documentation available. Perhaps that's why physical traces left behind by those who lived thousands of years ago wield such fascination for contemporary observers.



The footprints found at White Sands National Park are more than 10,000 years old. (Courtesy of the National Park Service)

Fossilized footprints, for instance, offer a tantalizing connection to people of the past: This September, researchers published an analysis of seven [112,000- to 121,000-year-old footfalls in Saudi Arabia](#). The prints—if, in fact, left by anatomically modern humans—represent the oldest evidence of *Homo sapiens*' presence on the Arabian Peninsula. Another set of [more than 10,000-year-old footprints in New Mexico](#) track a traveler's journey across a muddy landscape. The individual, either a small woman or an adolescent boy, carried a toddler for nearly a mile, shifting as they moved the child from one hip to the other.

Other newly revealed reminders of prehistoric communities include a [25,000-year-old structure constructed out of the bones of 60 woolly mammoths](#) (perhaps created “as part of both ... ritual and sustenance activities,” as archaeologist [Alexander Pryor](#) told *Smithsonian*); [monumental, 4,500-year-old timber circles in Portugal](#); and a [buried ring of pits surrounding Stonehenge's northeast neighbor, Durrington Walls](#). “Stonehenge was for the dead, Durrington was for the living,” archaeologist Vincent Gaffney explained to the [New York Times](#). “... [W]hat we are probably looking at was this great big boundary around them probably warning people of what they are approaching.”





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[Cree artist inspired by her surroundings uses makeup for Indigenous designs | CBC News](#)  
[A young Cree woman from the Thunderchild First Nation in Saskatchewan is taking her love of makeup to the next level.](#)

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### **Ten New Things We Learned About Human Origins in 2020**

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### **Extract from: fascinating-finds-revealed-202**

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/ninety-fascinating-finds-revealed-2020-180976608/?>

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[How ICT is changing the story](#)  
[LETTER FROM THE EDITOR](#)

### **Today's encore selection -- from *Grand Canyon Women* by Betty Leavengood.**

Pauline "Polly" Mead was a naturalist who fell in love with the Grand Canyon when she was 23 years old. After finishing her master's thesis, she became the first woman ranger-naturalist at the Grand Canyon, and, in 1929, only the second female ranger employed by the National Park Service:

"Pauline 'Polly' Mead first laid eyes on the Grand Canyon in 1927, when she was twenty-three years old. Raised among columbines and daisies on a Colorado ranch, Polly was studying botany at the University of Chicago when she had the opportunity to see the Grand Canyon and several other national parks during a summer-long field trip in the

West. The trip was organized and directed by one of her professors, Dr. Henry Chandler Cowles.

"We went to Logan, Utah,' Polly explained, 'and then to several national parks -- Yellowstone, Zion, Bryce, and the North Rim of the Grand Canyon. First we went to Zion, and I was so thrilled about Zion. I had never seen country like that. I thought, "Wouldn't it be wonderful to live in a place like that?" never knowing that one day I would. At Bryce, Dr. Cowles had us hold hands and close our eyes as he led us to the lookout. What a thrill when we opened our eyes!"

"With visions of Yellowstone, Zion, and Bryce fresh in their minds, the group of young botanists arrived at the Grand Canyon, a fitting place to end a brilliant summer. They had seen the vastness of landscape and a range of ecosystems so delicately balanced it made the students marvel anew at all they had learned in the confines of a classroom. For Polly Mead, the trip was life-defining.

"Why can't you see the Grand Canyon?' Polly Mead inquired as they set up camp along the canyon's rim. 'Something as big as that, you should be able to see it.'

"Take a walk down that little path,' Dr. Cowles said to his dubious student. After meeting the graces of Zion and Bryce, little amazement was left for her mind to imagine. Could any sight compare with the awe and wonder of those two places? Polly walked the few hundred yards to the overlook. 'I walked down the path and discovered the Grand Canyon. A most emotional experience,' Polly said. 'It was so wonderful.'

"The moment she broached the canyon's edge, Polly was overcome by the power of nature. She looked upon a canyon spread as wide as the horizon, burnt as red as an earthen clay pot, carved as deep as the sky is high. Pine trees competed with patches of aspen for space along the rim, and as the canyon fell away, scrub oak, mountain mahogany, and New Mexican locust trees clung to the steep sides. In the slight breeze that wafted from inside the canyon she detected the essence of the West. The canyon has been here forever, and yet it was created over time, by time. **Whether one is conscious of it or not, the canyon reminds each visitor that 'I am evidence and proof of history, of yesterday, of change. I was here before you; I will be here long after you are gone.'** ...



**Pauline "Polly" Mead  
1931**

"With this first visit to the canyon, Polly, a petite young woman with a broad smile and an enthusiastic nature, had found a place she would return to again and again. 'When I graduated, my aunt and benefactor said, "I'd like to give you a gift of a trip to Europe or a trip to the Grand Canyon to do your research." I'd never been to Europe, but I knew what I wanted to do.' A young woman of Polly's upbringing would be expected to choose the European tour, but a determined Polly Mead pursued her interests and spent the summers of 1928 and 1929 doing research for her master's thesis near the North Rim of the Grand Canyon. ...

"Following graduation, Polly decided she wanted to remain at the canyon. She applied to the Forest Service to work as a ranger-naturalist but was told that they did not hire women. She then applied for the position of ranger-naturalist with the National Park Service on the South Rim. 'On my application, someone had written a note: "It will be remembered that Miss Mead was Stephen Mather's guest at the dedication of the North Rim Lodge." Although this no doubt helped her application receive some special attention, Polly believed she got the job because of her knowledge of the canyon and because she wanted it so badly. She was sworn into office on August 1, 1930, by the park's Assistant Superintendent Preston Patraw and became the first woman ranger-naturalist at the Grand Canyon -- and the second in the entire National Park Service.

"Because an official female park service uniform did not then exist, Superintendent M. R. Tillotson decided that Polly should wear a riding habit. 'I had rather light britches and hip boots. He wanted me to wear a hat like the courier girls for the Fred Harvey tours wore. He just liked that hat.'"

With all thanks to [@nationalparkservice](#) **publisher: Grand Canyon Association** **date: 2004 by Betty Leavengood** **pp. 77-82**

**Scholarships with Feb 1 - 15 Deadlines** A-B (double click on names for more information)

<a href="#">10th Annual South Carolina Federal Credit Union Scholarship</a>	\$12,000	02/14/2021
<a href="#">ABF Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program</a>	\$3,600	02/15/2021
<a href="#">Accounting &amp; Financial Women's Alliance Scholarship - Bellevue Chapter</a>	\$1,500	02/02/2021
<a href="#">ACECNJ Scholarship</a>	Varies	02/05/2021
<a href="#">AFA Teens for Alzheimer's Awareness College Scholarship</a>	\$5,000	02/15/2021
<a href="#">Al Neuharth Free Spirit and Journalism Conference</a>	\$1,000	02/01/2021
<a href="#">Alaska Airmen Scholarships</a>	Varies	02/01/2021
<a href="#">Alice W. Rooke Scholarship</a>	\$5,000	02/15/2021
<a href="#">Alys Robinson Stephens Performing Arts Scholarship</a>	\$1,000	02/01/2021
<a href="#">American Council of the Blind Scholarship</a>	\$7,500	02/14/2021
<a href="#">American Dance Festival Internships</a>	\$2,000	02/07/2021
<a href="#">AMS Freshman Undergraduate Scholarship</a>	\$5,000	02/07/2021
<a href="#">AMS Graduate Fellowship in the History of Science</a>	\$15,000	02/08/2021
<a href="#">AMS Minority Scholarships</a>	\$6,000	02/12/2021
<a href="#">AMS Named Scholarships</a>	\$10,000	02/07/2021
<a href="#">Animal Welfare Institute Scholarship</a>	\$2,000	02/14/2021
<a href="#">APS Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowship</a>	\$4,000	02/01/2021
<a href="#">APS/IBM Research Internship for Undergraduate Women</a>	\$2,500	02/15/2021
<a href="#">Arthur Lockwood Beneventi Law Scholarship</a>	\$2,000	02/15/2021
<a href="#">Arts for Life! Scholarship</a>	\$1,000	02/01/2021
<a href="#">ASPET Summer Undergraduate Research Fellow (SURF) Individual Awards</a>	\$2,800	02/03/2021
<a href="#">Augustana College Distinguished Scholar Competition</a>	\$60,000	02/01/2021
<a href="#">Augustana College Fryxell Scholarship</a>	\$1,000	02/15/2021
<a href="#">Augustana University Pro Musica Scholarships</a>	\$5,000	02/01/2021
<a href="#">AWS Airgas Jerry Baker Scholarship</a>	\$2,500	02/15/2021
<a href="#">AWS John C. Lincoln Memorial Scholarship</a>	\$14,000	02/15/2021

<a href="#">B. Charles Tiney Memorial ASCE Student Chapter Scholarship</a>	Varies	02/10/2021
<a href="#">Beatrice F. Kroesche Memorial Scholarship</a>	\$2,000	02/01/2021
<a href="#">Betty Harlan Memorial Art Scholarship</a>	Varies	02/01/2021
<a href="#">Bill &amp; Shireen Kirk Scholarship Fund</a>	Varies	02/15/2021
<a href="#">Bill Pollard Jr. Scholarship</a>	\$1,000	02/26/2021
<a href="#">Blandy Experimental Farm Undergraduate Research Education Program</a>	\$6,325	02/15/2021
<a href="#">Bobette Bibo Gugliotta Memorial Scholarship for Creative Writing</a>	\$1,000	02/14/2021
<a href="#">Boren Scholarships</a>	\$20,00	02/03/2021
<a href="#">BYU Marriott School Single Parent Scholarships</a>	Varies	02/01/2021





[distinctlymontana.com](http://distinctlymontana.com)

[VIDEO: Herd of Bison Get Spooked, Break Windshield Glass](#)

[In this case the herd is set off by a truck's backup alarm. Soon the cars are engulfed in bison, and our videographers have some near misses.](#)

### **Princeton Receives \$5 Million Gift to Endow New Professorship of Indigenous Studies**

[https://nativenewsonline.net/education/princeton-receives-5-million-gift-to-endow-new-professorship-of-indigenous-studies?fbclid=IwAR2eEDX4BrpL-gqF14HIhXjxfcs0m\\_6grnnAZYHFGR3S09CdCiUhv4sgjc](https://nativenewsonline.net/education/princeton-receives-5-million-gift-to-endow-new-professorship-of-indigenous-studies?fbclid=IwAR2eEDX4BrpL-gqF14HIhXjxfcs0m_6grnnAZYHFGR3S09CdCiUhv4sgjc)

Four Directions Vote, a national American Indian voting rights organization, has teamed up with Civic Georgia and the Lower Muskogee Creek Tribe to host the...

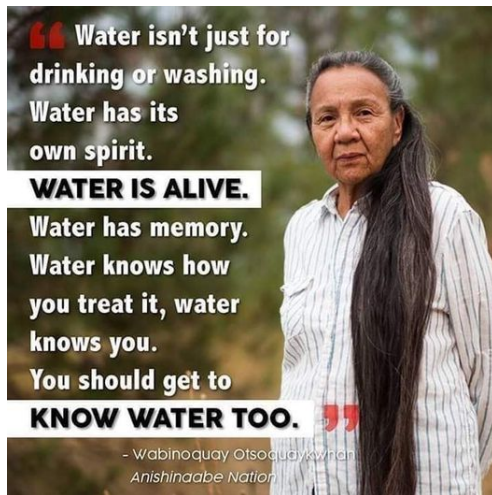
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[Supaman to Take Part in Online Powwow to Mobilize Native Vote in Georgia](#)

[ATLANTA — Tuesday's vote to decide two Senate races will decide whether the Democrats or Republicans will control the United States Senate in 117th Congress. It will decide whether Sen. Mitch McConnell or Sen. Chuck Schumer will lead the Senate.](#)



[Angella Piercy](#)

### COME SIT AROUND THE SACRED MEDICINE FIRE

~~~WATER PRAYER~~~ UNDER GRANDMOTHER FULL BLUE MOON

~ Feel Her Healing Medicine Song Flowing Cleansing all Within ~ Upon Through ~ Good Evening ~ Tobacco down in offerings, Burning Sage ~ Sweet grass ~ Cedar ~ Palo~ to cleanse, protect ~ and Deliver our prayers from purest HEARTS Intentions Flowing... Our Prayers~ Like Sacred Medicine Living Waters! Prayers Have Been Heard & Sent ~ Through & To Flow ~ Within All Our ~ Sacred Water's ~ Upon Our Precious Mother Earth ~ May Our PRAYERS ~ Be Felt ~ & Heard As Thy Sacred Water's Flow~~ & Move ~ Within Our Veins & Through All Four Sacred Corners Through Our Creator's Blessings & Ancestors Flowing~ Mother's Nurturing ~ Within Each and Every Sacred Drop ~ We are One Within The Sacred Hoop of all Life ~ As They Bring Healing of Thy Old & Sacred Kind. As They Gently Flow ~ Down The Highest Mountains ~ Every Sacred River~ Stream ~ Ocean ~All Sacred Creeks ~ Ponds~ Within Our Precious Meadows & Gentle Healing Springs ~ Shimmers & Sparkles as we HEAR Her Sing The most Beautiful Sacred Song.. Within Her Healing Well of Knowledge ~ Ever Gently She Flows ~ as We are Hearing~ Feeling~ Touching ~ Embracing ~ Submerging ~ Within Her Healing Medicine Song~ Ever so Crystal Clear~ In Perfect Harmony ~ & Balance. Down to The Deepest Valley's~ Below... as She Flows Like the Sacred Ancient Medicine Wheel ~ Back up to Father Skies ~ Through Creator's Gift....around the Medicine Wheel We go~ To Be One With The Clouds~ For Our Sacred Mother Earth Truly is Our Eternal Sacred Never Ending Life Force. For ALL Life To Enjoy Mother's ~ Clean Well of Healing Sacred Living Spirits Living Waters ~ Within your Very~Veins.. again ~ & again Healing Us ~ Cleansingus~ Shedding the old.. Renewingour Sacred Essence~ & All Precious Life upon Her ~ Like The Days Of Old.... When Water's Life Force was Strong.... It Shall Be Again ~ Our Prayers Are Very Powerful in Numbers. We ask You To Please Pray ~ With~ Us~ For~ All Sacred Beautiful ~ Water's~ upon Our Precious~ Mother Earth ~ Within us ~ Water's Sacred Living Life FORCE ~ May We Feel Her Healing Medicine Song Flowing ~ To Heal Within ~ Naturally This Is Our Prayer~ For All Sacred Life .... We Pray Together  
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As Ine Sacred Humanity...      Ohan ~♡

**Brandon Brown (no news at "press time)**

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**Leona Dyer Hicks**





### Peace Camp - Nevada

Shoshone elder, the great Carrie Dann , has passed on. Thanks for showing us the meaning of perseverance.

Mary passed over in 2005, Carrie on the left 🥹

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mary\\_Dann\\_and\\_Carrie\\_Dann...](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mary_Dann_and_Carrie_Dann...)

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=n3HrqliDYxo&feature=share#>

[youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

[Native Pulse Short Feature: Carrie Dann](#)

[Carrie Dann of the Western Shoshone Defense Project shares her views about being a good ancestor, mining and the importance of maintaining traditional ways. ...](#)

[Tia Oros Peters](#)

[Sad to learn that one of the epic warrior women of our time, Carrie Dann \(Western Shoshone\) passed on, traveling to the Ancestors. The work she and her sister, Mary Dann led, was the first and oldest SGF Affiliate project at our organization. Today I am reflecting on all she taught me, and many others, along the way of how to take that hard principled stand, of no surrender, call it like you see it, and unyielding no bulls#\\*^ from anyone ... at one of the early meetings of the Global Indigenous Women's Caucus during the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. Carrie would always be there and give it her all. One of the few I have witnessed that whenever or wherever she spoke, people listened. She was a force, always will be. Condolences to her family and nation. Sending her my love and respect. Peace on her journey.](#)