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Willie Astor



I am a protector of the land. I use traditional Native agricultural practices and modern regenerative farming to ensure our land is sustainable. I am a changemaker.

American Indian College Fund

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March 3, 1871- Indian Appropriations Act.

It change the landscape of Indian Country.

I have not forgotten.

Respectfully,
Donald Whyte

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<https://coloradoencyclopedia.org> > [article](#) > [indian-appr...](#)

Mar 8, 2021 — The *Indian Appropriations Act of 1871* declared that Indigenous people were no longer considered members of “sovereign nations” and that the ...

[Origins](#) · [The Appropriations Act of 1871](#) · [Legacy](#) · [References](#)

U.S.C. Title 25 - INDIANS - GovInfo

<https://www.govinfo.gov> > [html](#) > [USCODE-2011-title25](#)

Section is from the *Indian Department Appropriation Act*, 1910. ... lawfully made and ratified with any such *Indian* nation or tribe prior to *March 3, 1871*, ...

American Indian Sovereignty: "Now You See It, Now You Don't"

<https://www.umass.edu> > [legal](#) > [derrico](#) > [nowyouseeit](#)

Reprinted in *American Nations: Encounters in Indian Country*, ... no lawyer or court would need to acknowledge that land title claims in United states law ...

Indian Country 101 - National Congress of American Indians

<https://www.ncai.org> > [tribalnations](#) > [introduction](#)

Feb 2, 2019 — Alaska Native tribal nations *have* no treaties with the U.S. government, as treaty-making ended in *1871*, just years after the 1867 Alaska ...

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IMLS Releases FY 2021 Annual Performance Report

The Institute of Museum and Library Services announced today that the agency's Annual Performance Report (APR) is now available for FY 2021. The report is an in-depth look at how IMLS aligns its strategic priorities with practice.

FCC Partners with IMLS to Address Digital Divide on Tribal Lands

The agencies will team up to raise awareness about the E-Rate program among Tribal libraries and organizations, which can use program funds to increase broadband access to serve their communities.

Tribal Libraries Now Have Access to Federal Funds for Affordable Internet Under FCC E-Rate Program

IMLS applauds the FCC's update to its definition of "library" in the E-Rate program to include Tribal libraries, enabling them to better access federally discounted broadband services.

Grant Program Evaluation

In an effort to better meet the needs of the Native American, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian communities, the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) will evaluate its 4 specific grant programs that are available only to those communities: the Native American Library Services: Basic Grants; Native American Library Services: Enhancement Grants; Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum Services; and Native Hawaiian Library Services. IMLS has contracted with Kituwah Service, LLC to conduct the evaluation from Spring 2022 through Fall 2022.

IMLS invites you to stay engaged through the process and will be scheduling opportunities to share your feedback and ideas to strengthen the program via input sessions. Please be advised that notices of upcoming meetings, including a kick-off session to invite a response about the initial evaluation and cultural humility designs, will be posted on the IMLS website.

Please contact Emily Plagman at eplagman@imls.gov or Matt Birnbaum at mbirnbaum@imls.gov with any questions.

Calendar:

Mar 23 – 25: Public Libraries Association meeting – IMLS Director Crosby Kemper.

April 1: Native Hawaiian Library Services grants are designed to assist Native Hawaiian libraries in improving core library services for their communities.

April 1: Native American Library Services: Enhancement Grants are designed to assist Native American tribes in improving core library services for their communities.

June 24: Digital Humanities Advancement Grants designed in partnership with the National Endowment for the Humanities to support innovative, experimental, and computationally challenging digital projects at different stages of their lifecycles.

Dakota Stories and Storytellers **Authors Teresa Peterson and Walter LaBatte Jr.**
Minnesota Historical Society Press (January 18, 2022)

Description *A rich trove of stories told by five generations of a Dakota family.*

Through five generations at Pejuhutazizi (the place where they dig the yellow medicine), Teresa Peterson's family members have listened to and told stories: stories of events, migrations, and relationships in Dakota history, and stories that carry Dakota culture through tales, legends, and myths.

In the 1910s, Waŋbdiška (Fred Pearsall) made notes on stories he heard from Dakota elders, including his mother-in-law, at the Upper Sioux Community in Mni Sota Makoce—Minnesota. In the 1950s, when he wrote them down in a letter to his daughters, his young grandson Wašicuŋhdinažij (Walter "Super" LaBatte Jr.) was already listening and learning from his family's elders and other members of the community. And then that grandson grew up to become a storyteller.

Teresa Peterson, the great-granddaughter of Fred and the niece of Super, has her own story of finding identity to tell. In this book, she has worked with her uncle to present their family's precious collection. These stories bring people together, impart values and traditions, deliver heroes, reconcile, reveal place, and entertain. Finally, as they bring delight to listeners, they provide belonging and nurture humanity.

Advance Praise:

" This heartfelt collection of stories follows the great tradition of oral storytellers, as it brings history to life with vivid details, reminds us of our shared humanity, and entertains while offering profound insights into Dakota culture and experience. This book is a rare and generous gift from a family of storytellers as they honor their responsibility to share these stories with future generations."

Diane Wilson, author of *Spirit Car: Journey to a Dakota Past* and *The Seed Keeper: A Novel*

Excerpts:

From long ago: "The bear was too close at hand to think of running away, and so the hunter thought to do his best and hold his own. . . . Suddenly, the bear's attention was attracted to something a few feet back from the water. Then the hunter noticed a slight hillock just back from the shore, and a skunk stood there facing the bear." — Waŋbdiška / Fred Pearsall

From the 1970s: "My cousins and I rode horses up and down the deer and people trails, bringing them to the creek to quench their thirst. . . . As long as we ate our egg-and-Spam sandwiches and were back by the evening, we could be feral children, exploring the hills and valleys along the Minnesota River." — Utuhu Caŋ Cistiŋna / Teresa Peterson

From recent days: "It isn't unusual to see Germans at summer powwows. On several occasions, I have come up to them in my dance regalia and in German asked if they come from Germany. At first there is this stunned second or so of silence, and I can see that their eyes and their ears are in conflict." — Wasicuŋhdinažiŋ / Walter "Super" LaBatte Jr.

Author information

Teresa Peterson is an educator, tribal planner, and writer. She is Sisseton-Wahpeton Dakota and a member of the Upper Sioux Community.

Walter LaBatte Jr. is an artist who tans hides, makes drums, beads moccasins, and prepares pašdayapi. He is Sisseton-Wahpeton Dakota and a member of the Upper Sioux Community.

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- 224 pages
- Paperback
- 6x9 inches
- ISBN: 9781681341842

You can watch the digital book at <https://shop.mnhs.org/products/voices-from-pejuhutazizi>



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<https://www.startribune.com/community-conversations-kick-off-project-to-restore-native-story-of-st-anthony-falls/600148611/>

The Absurd Supreme Court Case That Could Gut the EPA

Ian Millhiser, Vox

Millhiser writes: "Nothing is at stake in *West Virginia v. EPA* - yet somehow everything is at stake."

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James Beard Awards - Emerging Chef

The two semifinalists from the Bay Area are **Crystal Wahpepah**, a caterer-turned-restaurateur who in 2021 brought attention to native American cuisine by opening Wahpepah's Kitchen in Oakland, and **David Yoshimura**, who turned his bento box takeout business into Restaurant Nisei in San Francisco.

California's trees continue to die at an alarming rate. A newly released [aerial survey](#) found an additional 9.5 million trees had died while in the grip of drought and disease in 2021, bringing the total since 2010 to more than 172 million trees. The die-off has turned large swaths of the Sierra Nevada from green to brown, providing ready kindling for wildfires and in some places threatening the outright loss of woodlands. [S.F. Chronicle](#)

Mining Out of the Amazon! | Amazon Watch

<https://amazonwatch.org/take-action/mining-out-of-the-amazon>

National Environmental Justice Community Engagement Call: March 15, 2022

EPA invites Environmental Justice (EJ) advocates to participate in the next [National Environmental Justice Community Engagement Call](#) taking place on **March 15, 2022 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern Time)**. These calls are free and open to the public.

Registration Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/epa-natl-environmental-justice-community-engagement-call-march-15-2022-registration-276964808197>

Agenda:

- Leadership Updates
- [TRI National Analysis Report](#): Highlighting updates to TRI data.
- [Air Toxics Screening Assessment](#) (AirToxScreen): Introducing EPA's latest tool to assess risks to the public from air toxics
- Listening Session and Dialogue: Q&A about ongoing EJ initiatives

The purpose of these calls is to inform the community and other stakeholders about EPA's EJ work and enhance opportunities to maintain an open dialogue with EJ advocates.

Please email Motilal.Christina@epa.gov by March 11, 2022 to request reasonable accommodation for a disability or interpreter services in a language other than English, so that you can participate in the call and/or to request a translation of any of the event documents into a language other than English.

For more information about the National Environmental Justice Community Engagement Calls, please email Robinson.Victoria@epa.gov or Motilal.Christina@epa.gov.

Recordings and meeting materials for all calls are posted here: <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/national-environmental-justice-community-engagement-calls>.



Title: Pyramid Lake. [Pyramid Island]

Creator/Contributor: O'Sullivan, Timothy H., 1840-1882, Photographer

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[Ashburner \(William\) Collection of Photographs from the Geological Exploration of the Fortieth Parallel](#)

Views of natural features and scenery, members of the survey party and their camps. Locations include the Sierra Nevada range of California and Nevada and numerous sites in Nevada, Utah, Idaho, and Wyoming. Several Central Pacific Railroad views are included. 138 Items

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An Extract from the DRAFT copy of Minnestotas's Climate Action Plan.

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The important role and leadership of Tribal Nations



The Dakota, Anishinaabe, and numerous other Indigenous peoples, whose cultural, spiritual, and economic practices are intrinsically woven into this landscape, hold this land sacred. The relationship that the Anishinaabe and Dakota people have with the natural environment is interwoven in their cultural identity and traditional practices. The State of Minnesota recognizes them as original stewards of this land and all the relatives within it, who had thriving and vibrant communities prior to European settlement.

A shared climate fate

Today, the State of Minnesota shares geography with 11 Tribal Nations: Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, Fond du Lac Band

of Lake Superior Chippewa, Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Lower Sioux Indian Community, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, Prairie Island Indian Community, Red Lake Band of Chippewa, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, Upper Sioux Community, and the White Earth Nation. In addition, the Ho-Chunk, Cheyenne, Oto, Iowa, Hidatsa, Arikara, A'aninin,

Cree, Blackfeet, Assiniboine, and the Sac and Fox Tribes all also acknowledge Minnesota as important to their Tribal histories. By offering this land acknowledgement, the State affirms Tribal sovereignty and holds itself accountable to recognize, respect, and counter the historical and contemporary injustices that continue to impact Indigenous people, through mutually beneficial partnerships, research, policies, and practices that respect Indigeneity.

Due to shared geography, history, and people, the climate fate of the State of Minnesota and Tribal Nations are deeply intertwined. Treaties are nation-to-nation agreements among sovereign entities – political groups with the ability to set rules for their own communities, determine their own membership, care for their own territory, and enter agreements with other sovereign entities. Dakota and Anishinaabe are inherently sovereign as Indigenous people of this land; sovereignty isn't given, nor can it be taken away. As sovereign governments, Tribal Nations have a unique relationship with the State of Minnesota and each Tribal Nation in Minnesota has their own individual priorities, practices, and histories. The State recognizes and respects the need to coordinate and consult with each individual Tribal Nation on climate actions.

Mni Sota Maḵoḵe

Minnesota comes from the Dakota name for this region, Mni Sota Maḵoḵe — “the land where the waters reflect the clouds.”

Honoring our responsibility

Tribal Nations and their communities simply cannot remove themselves from their homeland and move to another location due to impacts from climate change. Most of the land in what is now Minnesota was ceded by the Anishinaabe and Dakota people to the United States. These treaties allowed the United States to remove Indigenous people from their original homelands and move them to smaller land bases. These land bases are federally and state recognized to this day, but the connection that Anishinaabe and Dakota people have to their original homelands remain. Additionally, the Anishinaabe and Dakota people reserved rights to hunt, fish, and harvest natural resources from ceded lands and waters. The ability to exercise those treaty rights depends on clean water, air, and healthy ecosystems. The State of Minnesota must uphold treaty responsibilities in all State decisions, public processes, and policies by protecting the land, native foods, and the cultural heritage of Indigenous Minnesotans.

Indigenous knowledge about the interconnectedness of place, subsistence lifeways, and the natural environment has been passed on for generations. In Anishinaabe and Dakota knowledge systems, the Earth is sacred and all living beings – plants, animals, land, and water – are relatives and ancestors. Actions and decisions made by Tribal Nations are based on this holistic knowledge and also consider potential impacts to the next seven generations. The interconnectedness that Tribal Nations have with everything that surrounds them and the related teachings passed down from generation to generation, is founded in the principles of science, sustainability, resource protection, and environmental health. The State respects and acknowledges these principles from Indigenous knowledge and will work with Tribal Nations on how to apply this knowledge to address climate change.

Consultation and collaboration

State policies have impacts on Tribal Nations and their members living within and outside of reservation and community boundaries. The State of Minnesota is committed to working with Tribal Governments both through formal consultation between government leaders and informal

coordination and collaboration. Consultation is required by Minnesota statute 10.65, Government-to-Government Relationship with Tribal Governments. Coordination with Tribal government staff is not the same as formal consultation between government leadership, but is founded on the principles of formal consultation set forth in Minnesota Statute 10.65.

Climate change policies have the potential to impact Tribal Nations; timely and meaningful consultation establishes mutually beneficial outcomes. As states develop, review, and implement policy, rules, and law, Tribes are also developing, reviewing, and implementing policies, rules, and laws within their territories. Consultation with Tribes helps with smoother interaction across these interconnected regulatory structures. The State must maintain ongoing collaboration and initiate government-to-government consultation at the beginning of climate policy or program development and not in the final stages when decisions have already been made.

Supporting Tribal priorities

Shared priorities with each individual Tribal Nation and the State are a necessary and integral part of the decision-making process for State climate actions. These priorities include opportunities for collaboration in monitoring, assessments, funding, policy, and restoring culturally important habitats and species in areas where they have been lost or degraded due to climate change. Some Tribal environmental, energy, housing, or other policy priorities may not be pursued explicitly to address climate change, but contribute to reducing emissions and building resiliency. Supporting Tribal-led efforts across all sectors including energy, waste management, air quality, forestry, wildlife, carbon sequestration, fisheries, and others contributes to mitigating impacts of climate change and benefits all residents of Minnesota.

Through coordination meetings with Tribal environmental staff, review of Tribal climate assessments and plans, and formal comments on a variety of State actions, the State recognizes that water quality is a priority shared by all Tribal Nations. Water supports and connects all life including culturally significant resources, such as wild rice, and aquatic species that support subsistence lifeways. Another important shared priority is adequate and affordable housing and energy for all Tribal communities and members.

Strategies to minimize the impacts of climate change will require a range of options for financing. As the State pursues climate funding opportunities, the State will consider shared Tribal-State priorities. The State will also collaborate with and support Tribal Nations on their pursuit of funding. When the State creates a grant opportunity, the State will ensure the Tribal governments are eligible to apply and that the requirements for reporting, matching funds, and eligibility consider Tribal needs and constraints.

The State will explore with the Tribal Nations additional opportunities for collaboration and partnerships in this shared climate change work, such as through data sharing and collaborative resource management. The State partners with individual Tribal Nations on a variety of projects through Memorandums of Agreements. These agreements are important to recognize and respect Tribal sovereignty as well as traditional knowledge. The State will continue to support the need of Memorandum of Agreements, as appropriate, for climate projects with Tribal Nations. State agencies have information and data to support Tribal climate efforts and will continue to make this information available to Tribal Nations and look for additional opportunities to collaborate

on gathering, analyzing, and sharing data. When requested and where possible, the State will also provide letters of support for projects and funding applications that advance shared priorities.

The State recognizes that the time and energy Tribal Nations and their respective Tribal staff working on climate change strategies is valuable. The state will continue to share information with respective Tribal Nations early and often regarding climate actions and will continue to strive for just and equitable outcomes while recognizing and respecting Tribes' sovereign status. Climate change directly impacts Tribal Nations and communities, their members, and their lifeways. As the State of Minnesota works toward solutions to climate change, these solutions must include the knowledge and voices of Tribal Nations.

CORRECTION: Open Now: Energy Transitions in Underserved Communities Request for Applications and Informational Webinar

EPA, as part of its Science to Achieve Results (STAR) program, is seeking applications proposing community-engaged research that will address the drivers and environmental impacts of energy transitions in underserved communities. Learn more and apply here: <https://www.epa.gov/research-grants/drivers-and-environmental-impacts-energy-transitions-underserved-communities>. Application period closes April 28, 2022.

Informational webinar: February 10, 2022 at 2 p.m. E.T.

Register for the informational webinar here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/webinar-drivers-and-environmental-impacts-of-energy-transitions-tickets-247322196347>

EPA is looking for applications that address some or all of the following research areas:

1. Understanding how air quality, the environment, and public health in underserved communities might be improved through the transformations of the energy sector;
2. Identifying approaches or strategies to ensure that energy transitions provide air quality benefits and reduce environmental risks while meeting the energy and transportation needs of underserved communities;
3. Understanding how socioeconomic, cultural, behavioral, institutional, and systems factors drive individual and household decisions regarding the adoption of renewable energy sources, energy-efficient technologies and building modifications, and new transportation modes in underserved communities;
4. Understanding how socioeconomic, organizational, and institutional factors affect decisions at the organization, governmental and community levels regarding the adoption and diffusion of renewable energy sources, energy-efficient technologies, building modifications, and new transportation modes in underserved communities; and
5. Identifying and evaluating potential multi-pollutant and/or multi-sectoral approaches to achieve climate, air quality, and other environmental goals while maximizing potential positive impacts as well as minimizing potential negative impacts to underserved communities arising from large-scale energy systems transformation.

Eligible entities include: Public and private nonprofit institutions/organizations, public and private institutions of higher education (IHEs), and hospitals located in the U.S. and its territories or possessions; state and local governments; Federally Recognized Indian Tribal Governments; and U.S. territories or possessions are eligible to apply. Profit-making firms and individuals are not eligible to apply. Learn more and apply here: <https://www.epa.gov/research-grants/drivers->

[and-environmental-impacts-energy-transitions-underserved-communities](#). Application period closes April 28, 2022.

Background: Rapid large-scale transformations of energy and transportation systems to low-carbon, renewable, and energy efficient sources and technologies are essential to avoiding the most severe impacts of climate change. These energy transitions provide challenges and opportunities to improve environmental and public health in ways that also reduce the inequities prevalent in the current energy and transportation systems, such as the disproportionate impact of environmental hazards on low-income communities and communities of color.

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**Scholarships (C) with April 1-15 Deadlines**

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| <a href="#">Candlelighters For Children With Cancer Continuing Education Scholarship</a>       | \$2,500  | 04/03/2022 |
| <a href="#">Caroline Kark Award</a>                                                            | Varies   | 04/15/2022 |
| <a href="#">Cathay Bank Foundation Scholarship Program</a>                                     | \$1,000  | 04/01/2022 |
| <a href="#">CEFS Economic Opportunity Corporation CSBG Scholarship</a>                         | Varies   | 04/01/2022 |
| <a href="#">Chad Stovall Memorial Scholarship</a>                                              | Varies   | 04/15/2022 |
| <a href="#">Chao Family Foundation Scholarship</a>                                             | \$16,000 | 04/01/2022 |
| <a href="#">Chicago Coalition for the Homeless Scholarship</a>                                 | \$2,500  | 04/15/2022 |
| <a href="#">Chicago Engineers Foundation Awards for Graduating HS Seniors</a>                  | \$1,000  | 04/15/2022 |
| <a href="#">Chicago Engineers' Foundation Incentive Award</a>                                  | \$1,000  | 04/01/2022 |
| <a href="#">Chicago Police and Firefighter Training Academy Scholarship</a>                    | Varies   | 04/03/2022 |
| <a href="#">Christa McAuliffe Scholarship</a>                                                  | \$500    | 04/01/2022 |
| <a href="#">Chuck Peacock Memorial Scholarship</a>                                             | \$1,000  | 04/01/2022 |
| <a href="#">Church Mutual Insurance Religious Scholars Program</a>                             | \$2,500  | 04/05/2022 |
| <a href="#">Church of the Brethren Nursing Scholarships</a>                                    | \$2,000  | 04/01/2022 |
| <a href="#">CLA Scholarship for Minority Students in Memory of Edna Yelland</a>                | \$2,500  | 04/12/2022 |
| <a href="#">Connecticut Society of Professional Journalists Foundation College Scholarship</a> | \$2,500  | 04/01/2022 |
| <a href="#">CPA Endowment Fund of Illinois</a>                                                 | Varies   | 04/01/2022 |
| <a href="#">Create Real Impact Contest</a>                                                     | \$1,500  | 04/15/2022 |
| <a href="#">Credit Union of Colorado Foundation</a>                                            | \$5,000  | 04/15/2022 |
| <a href="#">Curtis E. Huntington Memorial Scholarship</a>                                      | \$3,000  | 04/01/2022 |



[Jamie Astor](#) is feeling sad.

I always loved this picture. Best of times with my Cuzzin [William Astor](#). It feels like a bad dream and I still can't believe he took his journey too soon. Too many young brothers lost too soon. Prayers to his sons, his mom, my Uncle Eddie, all his family n friends. Rest In Peace Cuzzin always be smiling n not hurting anymore.



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