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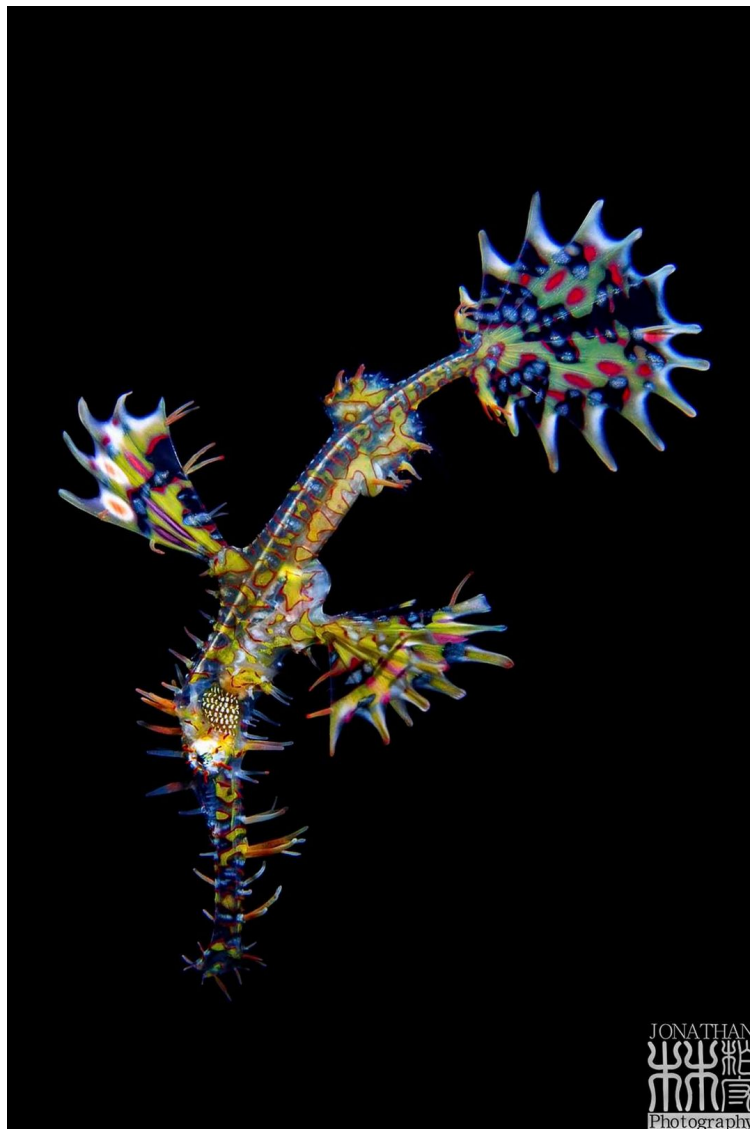
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[Underwater Macro Photographers](#) · Member Photographer Name: Jonathan Lin  
[Juvenile Harlequin Ghost Pipefish](#)      (*Solenostomus paradoxus*)

## **Salt Lake City, Utah, and Online • MARCH 2–4 2023**

### **How will you experience RootsTech 2023?**

#### **Choose How to Attend**

**We're excited to be back in person for RootsTech 2023! If you're not able to join us in Salt Lake City, don't worry. We're still going to offer a full virtual conference experience.**

**Roots Tech 2023** Too much info to print here, so go to the web site and see summary below.

[https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/event/rt2023?cid=em-rt-14551&mkt\\_tok=NTkwLUJVSy03MjYAAAGHZ\\_R3nxrozvGrV-MkJl3JMW\\_ojiRTaLTckOIInBM69118wpgmkepXpFcsPP1nKGlySng7NnMIJ747vhJfB\\_1drhKytAx0jiGXlBz43\\_A](https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/event/rt2023?cid=em-rt-14551&mkt_tok=NTkwLUJVSy03MjYAAAGHZ_R3nxrozvGrV-MkJl3JMW_ojiRTaLTckOIInBM69118wpgmkepXpFcsPP1nKGlySng7NnMIJ747vhJfB_1drhKytAx0jiGXlBz43_A)

#### **Your Health and Safety is Top Priority**

RootsTech 2023 will be taking place in person in Salt Lake City, Utah, and as a digital experience online, providing attendees with the option to connect in a format that meets their personal needs and preferences. [Learn more](#) about our plan to keep attendees safe.

### **FamilySearch and RootsTech—United Together**

FamilySearch proudly presents RootsTech as a free learning platform for people all over the world. FamilySearch resources help millions of people discover their heritage and connect with family members.

#### **In Person    Same as virtual option, plus:**

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- In-person research help at the FamilySearch Library
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- Main stage presentations and keynote speakers
- Chat support and online research consultations
- Connect with cousins using Relatives at RootsTech and messaging
- Virtual expo hall

**FREE**

## ...the Smithsonian studies the history, culture, and future of the food on your plate?

From curators specializing in culinary history to on-the-ground sustainability research, the Smithsonian offers an extensive menu of exhibitions and programs that investigate the past, present, and future of American food.

The Smithsonian's National Museum of American History tells the story of our ever-evolving palates in [Food: Transforming the American Table](#) and taps into its collections to share the [impact of craft beer and home brewing over the centuries](#).

America's rich buffet of culinary traditions is also highlighted across the institution through online resources like [flavorful recipes](#) from the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center and [interactive lessons](#) from the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian.

### **In the field (and sea), Smithsonian researchers are looking for opportunities to preserve resources, recover biodiversity, and ensure a robust and healthy food system:**

- The Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute is tracing the [connection between overharvesting and shrinking species of shellfish](#).
- The Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute has [seeded grazing pastures with native wildflowers to create more "bee-friendly beef."](#)
- Researchers with Smithsonian Global are mapping the [connection between healthy wetlands and wild salmon populations in Alaska](#)

### **Why does it matter?**

Food infuses flavor in all that we do! From your favorite childhood breakfast cereal to a cherished family recipe, what we eat can satisfy our hunger for comfort, nostalgia and connection.

In our changing world, an understanding of historical practices, environmental stewardship, and future-focused innovation will help provide access to healthy foods and cultural nourishment for generations to come.

## How can I learn more?

Visit the online exhibition [Food: Transforming the American Table](#) to sample the technologies, people, and social shifts that shaped American eating over the second half of the twentieth century.

[Watch the short film \*Grass Roots\* to hear the story of Virginia Working Landscapes](#) — a network of Smithsonian researchers, citizen scientists, and landowners working together to support farming communities while reducing impacts on biodiversity.

Investigate the connections between [art history and the significance of the foods we eat in Check Ramirez's photograph "Breakfast Tacos"](#) with the Smithsonian American Art Museum's online program, *Double Take*.

Join us at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History [October 13-14 for Food History Weekend 2022](#). This year's program will feature a conversation about preserving the cultural traditions of Chinatowns and Chinese American communities with 2022 Julia Child Award recipient, Grace Young and a tasting event exploring the vibrant contributions of American Latinos in the brewing industry

### All That's Interesting

Contrary to popular belief, Christopher Columbus never set foot on mainland North America. But hundreds and even thousands of years before him, there were plenty of other people who did. While Icelandic Viking Leif Erikson beat Columbus to America by half a millennium, scholars have also theorized that explorers from Asia, Africa, and even Ice Age Europe may have likewise journeyed to the New World before Columbus.

But either way, there were already millions of people living in highly-developed societies and sophisticated urban centers across America before the colonizers even arrived. Learn the real history of who discovered America first: <https://bit.ly/3cD8xZ9>



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

**'Braiding Sweetgrass' has gone from surprise hit to juggernaut bestseller**  
**Robin Wall Kimmerer's "Braiding Sweetgrass" was published in 2013 by Milkweed, an independent press in Minneapolis. Years later, it hit the paperback bestseller list and has stayed there for almost two-and-a-half years. The naturalist book, which promotes indigenous knowledge and a call to action on...**

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*In de-Nile:* **Egyptian** archaeologists are demanding that the **British Museum in London** return the **Rosetta Stone** to its native land  
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**A report out today [calls on western states to do more to protect wildlife migration corridors.](#)**

The migration routes are critical to animals such as pronghorn and mule deer, which travel between their summer habitat in the mountains of Northern Nevada to the surrounding lowlands.

Report co-author Matt Skroch is program director for [U.S. Public Lands and Rivers Conservation with the Pew Charitable Trusts.](#)

"These animals migrate into warmer valleys that have less snowpack where they can still access forage and overwinter," said Skroch. "If they can't journey along these migration routes, in many cases, the populations decline."

He added that wildlife supports tens of thousands of jobs in the multibillion-dollar outdoor recreation industry throughout the West.

Last year Gov. Steve Sisolak issued [an executive order requiring the Nevada Department of Wildlife to create a Wildlife Corridor Connectivity Plan](#) and work with the Department of Transportation to incorporate wildlife concerns as the agency builds and repairs roads.

Christi Cabrera-Georgeson, deputy director of the Nevada Conservation League, noted that five thousand animals die each year in wildlife-vehicle collisions in Nevada.

"According to the Department of Transportation, there have been more than 500 reported wildlife-vehicle collisions each year," said Cabrera-Georgeson. "That costs the state about \$20 million annually. So this just shows why we really need to be taking action."

The new bipartisan infrastructure bill provides \$350 million over the next five years to construct more wildlife bridges and underpasses to allow animals to migrate freely.

Madeleine West, director of the Public Lands Center for the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, said the state can make good use of the funds.

"It's voluntary fence removal," said West, "and providing incentives to private landowners to retrofit fences so that animals don't get trapped, or building wildlife crossings."

The report also encourages more cooperation between city, county, state, tribal and federal authorities to ensure that new developments, industry and solar arrays do not interfere with wildlife migration.

*Support for this reporting was provided by The Pew Charitable Trusts.*

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### **Corrupted Critter Count**

Humans are obviously outcompeting our fellow animals, to the point where it might not even be considered a competition at all. According to the Living Planet Index, a collaborative effort between the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) and the Zoological Society of London, [monitored vertebrate populations declined by an average of 69% from 1970 to 2018](#). Luckily, global populations of animals with spines haven't *actually* shrunk by two-thirds in under 50 years.

Get ready for some fun math! If the study tracks three populations of birds, bears, and sharks, and the birds decline to 5 individuals from 25 (a drop of 80%), the bears to 45 from 50 (a 10% decline), and the sharks to 8 from 20 (60%), the studied populations declined by 50% on average. However, the actual number of animals dropped from 150 to 92, down just 39%. Scientists say the Index is built this way because it wants to understand how the roughly 32,000 studied animal populations change over time.

There are still plenty of worries over biodiversity for the future. Despite years of legislation aimed at saving biodiversity, humanity has very little to show for our conservation efforts. "Year after year we are not able to start improving the situation, despite major policies," said Henrique M. Pereira, a professor of conservation biology. "At most we have been able to kind of slow down the declines." In December, countries plan to meet to establish new goals for protecting biodiversity, though the last plan failed to meet its targets. According to Dr. Rebecca Shaw, who authored the report, "when we get really focused conservation efforts that incorporate the community, that have the communities stewarding the outcomes because they benefit from it, we see that it is possible to have increases in populations," she stated. (NYT, \$)

Each member of the DII Cohort has deep community roots and connects with the urban Indian population in ways that traditional GOTV efforts fall short. These 23 organizations span 17 states and the District of Columbia, each working to build power and develop a more unified national voice for urban Indian America.



In this fourth issue, we learn about work being done by the American Indian Center of Indiana and the Kansas City Indian Center.

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To bring their forum and their different event ideas to life, AICI has been intentional about finding other communities of color to partner with. This has allowed AICI to grow its presence and think bigger with its events and get people from across the political spectrum to attend.

Another big focus for AICI, both with this forum and all their work, is to find out what candidates truly stand for. As candidates have changed and come from different communities and backgrounds, AICI wants to make sure that these politicians still reflect the values and are working to help the community.

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election day. For the theme, AICI will be providing food such as pizza, pie, and cake to go with the slice theme.

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## **American Indian Center of Indiana**

### **Holding Officials Accountable**



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## Kansas City Indian Center

### Navigating Multiple Election Systems



Working to serve both the urban Native community in Kansas and Missouri, the [Kansas City Indian Center](#) (KCIC) is making sure voters can navigate a growingly complicated civic engagement process.

"It's been interesting this year because the laws have changed in Missouri and Kansas," says Gaylene Crouser, KCIC's Executive Director. "We've seen voter registration law changes and voter identification laws change too. We need to make sure people are aware and ready."

Due to these law changes, KCIC has to be strategic about how they register voters and educate them about the deadlines. Both Missouri and Kansas have hard voter registration deadlines, meaning that residents must register weeks before election day or they will be unable to vote. After that, work needs to be done so potential voters have everything they need to so they're ready to cast their ballot.

For this, KCIC has been hosting different community events where they review this information. They've connected with voters at local colleges, community gatherings, and Pow Wows. They've also worked closely with the League of Woman Voters and their local election authorities to get as many resources and support as possible. To help get their message out as well, they've purchased ads on local transit to share their voter registration portal and help people register.

Despite these challenges, Crouser and her team say there has been a noticeable energy in the community, with so many people knowing the stakes of this election.

"This work is breaking through, they keep putting things on the ballot that are so important to people," said Crouser. "Kansas had a constitutional amendment regarding Roe v. Wade that brought a people out to polls in the primary. Recreational marijuana is on the ballot, along with police funding. They're putting things out there that people are passionate about and want to come out and impact."



## Shoshone in this mining story

<https://grist.org/climate-energy/how-clean-energy-future-colliding-with-minings-dark-past/>

Went for a ride last night! Had some engine trouble!



*Yes, it was quite a week.....was so intent on getting Journals out after ATT fiasco, Friday's Journal TOC was not complete when sent. Thanks for bearing with Ms Ditsy. sdc*

***Journal #5309 from sdc 10.14.22***

*Of Bisons and Humans*

*National Environmental Justice Community Engagement Call*

*Native Hope is Dedicated to Ending Sex Trafficking of Native Americans*

*Indigenous Proverbs From Around the World*

*The Smithsonian Returns a Trove of Benin Bronzes to Nigeria*

*Set It Back: Moving Levees to Benefit Rivers, Wildlife, and Communities*

*38th Annual Water Summit 2022*

*ACWA 2022 Fall Conference & Exhibition*

*The Smithsonian Returns a Trove of Benin Bronzes to Nigeria*

*Our Ancestors Ate a Paleo Diet, With Carbs*

*Lake Mead water crisis is exposing volcanic rock from eruptions 12 million years ago*

*Biden Designates Camp Hale in Colorado as His First National Monument*

*The Ute Indian Tribe calls Biden's newest national monument an 'unlawful act of genocide'*

*Ute Indian Tribe criticizes Biden monument on ancestral land*

*More Than Half of U.S. Bird Populations Are Shrinking*

*Answer to Can you share a native wisdom? by William Everhart*

*Stacey B. Sanchez*

## Reuters

**Your steak could soon be 3D-printed.** Israeli company Redefine Meat has struck a partnership with importer Giraudi Meats to drive European distribution of its 'New Meat' steak cuts <https://reut.rs/3CyPzf2>

**From the California Historical Society:**

**For Native Americans, History, Like a River, Runs Deep**

**Posted on October 12, 2016 by California Historical Society**

Contemporary Modoc Memorial, Lava Beds National Monument, 2016 Photo courtesy Alison Moore The landscape of northern California's Lava Beds National Monument is stark, arid, beautiful, and complex, befitting both its geologic and human history. Consisting of over 30 separate lava

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**Celebrating Native American Heritage Month from the CHS Archives**

**Posted on November 26, 2020 by Clifford Trafzer**

Beginning in November 1872, a small band of Modoc Indians led by a man known as Captain Jack (Kintpuash) held off a US Army attack for nearly six months. The protracted confrontation occurred in what is today Lava Beds National

**Posted in Uncategorized**

**Teaching the Important, Honest, and Troubling History of Native California**

**Posted on July 11, 2019 by Kerri Young**

This blog is reposted from the California History-Social Science Project's blog. The original post can be found here. — Editor's Note: As we travel around California, one of the most frequent concerns we hear from teachers is that they don't feel

**Posted in Teaching California, Uncategorized Tagged Alcatraz, Alcatraz Occupation, Native Americans, Native California, primary sources, teachers, Teaching California**

**Native Portraits: Contemporary Tintypes by Ed Drew**

Native Portraits: Contemporary Tintypes by Ed Drew is a series of portraits of members of the Klamath, Modoc, and Pit River Paiute tribes (tribes that were originally in California and southern Oregon). Drew was commissioned by a tribal mental health

**Native American Heritage Month: Occupying Alcatraz (1969–71)**

**Posted on November 21, 2016 by Shelly Kale**

Aerial View of Alcatraz Island during Indian Occupation, Teepee at Center, 1971 Courtesy National Archives, San Bruno This month, the California Historical Society honors Native American Heritage Month with a look at the nearly 19-month-long Indian occupation of Alcatraz and the

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## *Beetle Backs*

