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UNR Seeks Indigenous Relations Coordinator

[Apply](#)

Location: University of Nevada, Reno - Main Campus

Time type: Full time

For more informations:

https://nshe.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/UNR-external/job/University-of-Nevada-Reno---Main-Campus/Indigenous-Relations-Coordinator_R0134927

Smithsonian Resources

NMAI: Preseton Singletaru: Raven and the Box of Daylight

Through an immersive, multisensory experience, Raven takes visitor on a journey of the transformation of darkness into light. In addition to Preston Singletary's striking glass pieces, the exhibition features storytelling paired with original music, coastal Pacific Northwest soundscapes and projected images.

Smithsonian Open Access

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Library of Congress AFC Fellowships and Awards Deadline March 01

The American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress invites applications for three competitive awards in 2023. The awards support ethnographic fieldwork with occupational groups; work with ethnographic collection materials at the Library of Congress; and activities directly involving folk artists, such as apprenticeships, recording projects, or performances.

Archie Green Fellowships support new, original, independent field research into the culture and traditions of contemporary American workers and/or occupational groups. We strongly encourage applications to the Archie Green Fellowship that propose documentation of occupations and workers impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Gerald E. and Corinne L. Parsons Fund Award is offered to make the collections of primary ethnographic materials housed anywhere at the Library of Congress available for the needs and uses of those in the private sector.

The Blanton Owen Fund Award supports ethnographic field research and documentation in the United States, especially by young scholars and documentarians.

Find information about each of these awards and application requirements at the link. The past recipients link on the menu at the top of the web page will also help provide a useful history each of these awards.

All three share the same deadline: March 1, 2023

[Visit our grants page at this link for more information.](#)

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City Seeking Partners to Operate Small Business and Healthy Foods Programs

The city of Las Vegas is offering \$3.8 million in federal funds to qualified applicants to create and operate four new programs to assist small businesses and to provide healthy food options in underserved communities. The notice of funding opportunity application period is open through Jan. 17, 2023. Applications and eligibility requirements are available online at [city of Las Vegas website](#).

The programs will be funded by the American Rescue Plan Act and all applicants must meet federal requirements. The programs include:

- Small Business Rewards – This program will create an incentive pool to help small businesses.
- Small Business Hub – This program will be based in the Historic Westside and will provide a location for entrepreneurs to visit for technical assistance and business coaching.
- Small Business Minority Business Enterprise Certification – This program will assist minority small business owners in receiving their Minority Business Enterprise certification.
- Healthy Foods – This program will create a fresh food location to provide healthy food access to residents in qualified census tracts.

For additional information or questions, call 702.229.6551 or email EUDanalysts@LasVegasNevada.gov.

 **Fund for Investigative Journalism grants:** FIJ is currently [accepting proposals for its grant program](#), which covers the expenses of "investigative stories that break new ground and uncover wrongdoing in the public or private sectors." Grants may go up to \$10,000, and proposals are due on January 30.

National Opportunities

Funds Strengthen Grassroots Organizing for Structural Change in the U.S.

The Arch Community Fund seeks to strengthen grassroots movements to resist oppression and build towards a more equitable future in the United States.

Grants Advance Nursing-Driven Healthcare Innovations

The Rita and Alex Hillman Foundation is committed to improving the health and healthcare of all people, especially marginalized populations, by advancing nursing-driven innovations that promote equitable, person-centered, and trustworthy care.

Local Partnerships Building Sustainable Communities Supported

Partners for Places, hosted by The Funders Network, aims to enhance local capacity to build equitable and sustainable communities in the United States and Canada.

\$100,000+ Grants Awarded to New Dance Productions

The National Dance Project, a program of the New England Foundation for the Arts, supports the creation and U.S. touring of new dance projects.

Regional Opportunities

Support Improves Habitats and Water Quality in the Great Lakes Basin

The Sustain Our Great Lakes program, administered by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, is soliciting proposals to benefit fish, wildlife, habitats, and water quality in the Great Lakes basin.

Health Projects Funded in CO, IA, IL, and OK

The Telligen Community Initiative supports innovative and forward-looking health-related projects aimed at improving health, social well-being, and educational attainment in Colorado, Iowa, Illinois, and Oklahoma.

Grants Promote the Sustainability of Forest Communities in Seven States

The Weyerhaeuser Family Foundation's Sustainable Forests and Communities Initiative promotes the creation of sustainable forest communities in Idaho, Oregon, Washington, northern California, western Montana, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.

Funding Provided for Health Initiatives in States Served by CareSource

The CareSource Foundation funds programs that improve health outcomes and conditions for low-income, underserved populations in the states CareSource serves, including Arkansas, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, West Virginia, and North Carolina.

Federal Opportunities

Support Benefits Victims of Domestic Violence

The Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program is intended to increase the availability of civil and criminal legal assistance needed to effectively aid adult and youth (ages 11 to 24) victims of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault.

Program Funds Arts for the Underserved

The Challenge America program offers support primarily to small organizations for projects in all artistic disciplines that extend the reach of the arts to populations that are underserved.

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### **Dollar General Literacy Foundation**

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation supports nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and libraries that offer literacy programs in communities served by Dollar General. The Foundation provides grants through the Adult Literacy, Family Literacy, Youth Literacy, Summer Reading Grants, and Beyond Words programs. [Learn more](#) about the funding guidelines and application process.

### **Oregon Wildlife Foundation**

The Oregon Wildlife Foundation is dedicated to conserving fish, wildlife, and the natural habitat that makes Oregon so special. The Foundation offers small grant awards in the areas of fish or wildlife habitat restoration; public access preservation, restoration, or improvement; natural resource or outdoor education; invasive species removal or control; and studies that support



improved fish/wildlife management. [Learn more](#) about the funding guidelines and application process.

### **[\\$7 million in grants available through TD Charitable Foundation's Housing for Everyone.](#)**

#### **[Apply today!](#)**

The 17<sup>th</sup> annual Housing for Everyone grant program will award a total of \$7 million to nonprofit organizations providing rental assistance, restoring affordable housing units, and/or increasing organizational capacity to do the above. This program supports TD's longstanding commitment to help people live with greater financial confidence through its corporate citizenship platform, the TD Ready Commitment. Through the TD Ready Commitment, TD is targeting \$775 million towards community giving by 2030 across four drivers of change—Financial Security, Vibrant Planet, Connected Communities, and Better Health—to open doors to a more inclusive and sustainable tomorrow.

### **Community Foundation of Northern Nevada Now Accepting Proposals and Letters of Intent for the Following Grants:**

#### **Dream Tags Charitable Fund (Opens Jan 3, 2023)**

The Community Foundation of Northern Nevada is accepting proposals for grants from the Dream Tags Charitable Fund. Proposals will be considered by the Advisory Board on Dream Tags at their next meeting and must also be approved by the Board of Trustees of the Community Foundation.

The Dream Tags Charitable Fund provides funding to engage Nevadans in wildlife conservation by focusing donated funds to restore resilience in at-risk Nevada habitats with strategic collaborative projects for sustained impact that supports the preservation, protection, management, or restoration of wildlife and its habitat. To be considered for funding, project proposals must demonstrate measurable impact in accordance with this purpose.

#### **[Download Dream Tags RFP](#)**

The deadline for submitting your completed proposal is Friday, February 3, 2023, at noon and must be sent to Lauren Renda at the Community Foundation of Northern Nevada at [lrenda@nevadafund.org](mailto:lrenda@nevadafund.org).

#### **Truckee River Fund (Opens Jan 3, 2023)**

The Community Foundation of Northern Nevada is accepting proposals for grants from the Truckee River Fund. Proposals will be considered by the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee, and grant recommendations must be approved both by the TMWA Board and the Board of Trustees of the Community Foundation. The fund advisors may recommend up to a total of \$800,000 in grant awards for the fiscal year but may choose to award less than the amount available.

The mission of the Truckee River Fund is to protect and enhance water quality or water resources of the Truckee River or its watershed. To be considered for funding, project proposals must demonstrate measurable impact in accordance with this mission. Please note that land and/or

water rights acquisition projects are not considered to be a Truckee River Fund priority. To see projects funded by the Truckee River Fund, please go to <http://www.truckeeriverfund.org>.

[Download Truckee River Fund RFP](#)

[Access Additional Resources](#)

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**Northern Nevada Endowment Fund Request for Proposals (Opens Jan 1, 2023)**

Through the [Northern Nevada Endowment Fund](#), the Community Foundation of Northern Nevada will provide financial resources to respond to community challenges annually and/or as they arise. This grant cycle is a partnership between the Community Foundation of Northern Nevada and the University of Nevada, Reno - Community Behavioral Health Collaborative.

**Funding for the 2023 Grant cycle will support organizations that provide mental health resources and/or accessibility to such resources. Please see CFNN website or all for grant specifics.**

**Grant Cycle Timeline**

January: Letters of Intent open

February: Letters of Intent close

March: LOI review and invitations for Readiness Assessments

April: Review of Readiness Assessments and allocation of grant funding

May: Grant funding distribution

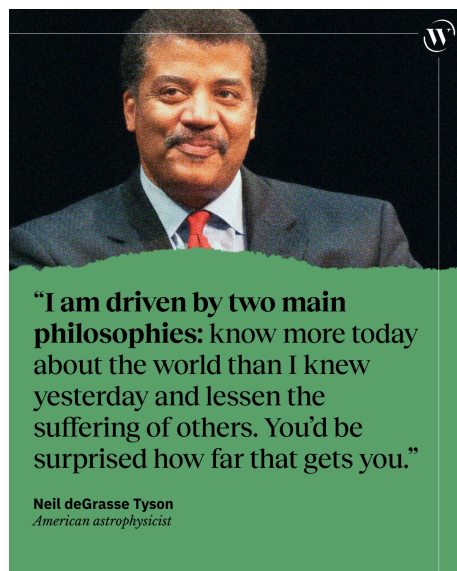
Access Portal to Submit Your Letter of Intent Here

Grants of \$25,000 will be awarded

Eligible organizations include 501(c)3s, educational or governmental entities.

LOIs are due by February 28th at 11:59pm.

*Questions? Please call Lyndsey Crossley or Lauren Renda at the [Community Foundation of Northern Nevada](#), 775-333-5499*



Long before the ancient Celts, Aboriginal people were recording vast scores of knowledge to memory and passing it to successive generations.

The people from the First Nations demonstrate that their oral traditions are not only highly detailed and complex, but they can survive – accurately – for thousands, even tens of thousands, of years.

Yet most of us struggle to remember what I did last Tuesday. So how did they do it? Researcher Lynne Kelly was drawn to this question while investigating Aboriginal knowledge about animals for her PhD.

It was evident to Kelly that Aboriginal people catalogued huge scores of information about animals – including species types, physical features, behaviour, links to food and plants – and wondered how they do it.

### **A MEMORABLE THING**

Aboriginal elders explained to her how they encode knowledge in song, dance, story and place. This led to a theory that may revolutionise archaeology.

It has long been known that the human brain has evolved to associate memory with place, referred to as the method of loci. This means that we associate memory with a location. How often do memories come flooding back to us when we visit our childhood haunt?

Loci (Latin for “place”), can refer to landscape features, ceremonial sites, abstract designs – anything with distinct features where information can be linked to memory.

Kelly developed this into a framework that may explain the purpose of famous sites such as Stonehenge, the Nasca lines and the Moai of Easter Island.

The meanings of these sites have been a topic of controversy for decades. What Kelly proposes in her new book *The Memory Code* is that sites such as Stonehenge and the Nasca lines are actually memory spaces.

### **KNOWLEDGE IS POWER**

In oral cultures, knowledge is power. It is imperative that the most important knowledge be maintained and preserved by a few select custodians who have proven their worth.

In Aboriginal cultures, elders who have passed the highest levels of initiation hold the deepest levels of knowledge.

This is reflected in ceremonial sites where knowledge is passed down. Aboriginal initiation sites include a secret area where the most sacred knowledge is discussed.

We also see this at Stonehenge, where the perimeter of standing stones shields the centre of the ring, where the most important aspects knowledge are passed on through ceremony.

These sites include features that are unique in shape and form. At Uluru, the Anangu elders associate every crevice, bump, and notch around the perimeter of the mountain with knowledge that is stored to memory.

## STAR MAPS AND MEMORY

But loci is not only linked to places you can touch or visit. Aboriginal people also use the stars as memory spaces.

For example, groups of stars can represent features on the landscape. Aboriginal Law Man Ghillar Michael Anderson explains how the Euahlayi people were able to travel long distances for trade and ceremony.

The Euahlayi would memorise star maps at night and learn the songs that talk about their relationship to the land. Each star was associated with a landscape feature, such as a waterhole.

Later in the year, they would sing the song as they travelled across country by day. These songline routes became the foundation of some of our highway networks that criss-cross the country.

Rather than navigating by the stars, the stars themselves serve as a memory space.

In *The Memory Code*, Kelly provides new insights into how oral societies are able to store vast quantities of knowledge to memory without it degrading over time.

It may explain how Aboriginal memories of land that existed before it was flooded by rising sea levels during the last Ice Age survived in oral tradition for more than 7,000 years.

To test it herself, Kelly used the technique to memorise all of the world's countries in order of population by linking them with features around her neighbourhood, including buildings and gardens – making up her own stories for each one. And she can now recite them flawlessly.

You might be surprised how easy it is to do yourself.

LISTEN TO LYNNE KELLY INTERVIEW

ABC RN 'Conversations' with Michelle Ransom-Hughes

(Sovereign Union Audio online) <https://bit.ly/3JG149M>

AUDIOBOOK: *Memory Code* by Lynne Kelly <https://adbl.co/37ikRvc>

MP3 podcast link: <https://bit.ly/3HGTvjz>

BOOK SALES:

MEMORY CODE: <https://www.booktopia.com.au/.../book/9781760291327.html...>

MEMORY CRAFT (latest) <https://bit.ly/3Ob3tZL>

OR CHECK YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

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New AI platforms let you chat with [figures from history](#).

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Visiting Lakota Medicine Man (click on pic)





## **Webinar: Food Sovereignty – Heathier Foods, Cultural Practices and Food Security**

Tribes have been seeking to reestablish food sovereignty as a way to not only provide healthier and more traditional foods, but to also revitalize traditional food sources and mitigate the effects of potential human-made and natural disasters. COVID certainly raised the level of awareness of how a disaster, in this case a pandemic, can significantly impact and imperil food sources.

This webinar will focus on developing more traditional and healthy food sources in and for tribal and indigenous communities, reducing food loss, and expanding food markets can be accomplished by tribes, tribal communities, indigenous communities, or any interested community to enhance food security.

**Date & Time:** Thursday, February 16, 2023, (11:30 AM - 1:00 PM PT), (2:30 PM - 4:00 PM ET)

**To register:** Please click on this link: [https://usepa.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_bG6QBrCLQl6IAuHqhDrKTO](https://usepa.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_bG6QBrCLQl6IAuHqhDrKTO)

### **Presenters:**

- **Marc Anderson, P.E. (Seminole)**, Consulting Engineer
- **Jacque Salomon**, Seeds to Inspire Foundation
- **Tom O'Donnell**, Land, Chemical and Revitalization Division, Region 3, U.S. EPA-NEWS (National Experienced Workforce Solutions)
- **Danny Gogal**, Tribal and Indigenous Peoples Program Manager, Office of Environmental Justice, U.S. EPA (Facilitator)

This webinar is part of the U.S. EPA [Environmental Justice Webinar Series for Tribes and Indigenous Peoples](#) - to build the capacity of tribal governments, indigenous peoples and other environmental justice practitioners, and discuss priority environmental justice issues of interest to tribes and indigenous peoples.

Please note that the webinar is planned to be recorded and is expected to be available on the following EPA website a few weeks after the webinar:

*For questions about this webinar, or the EPA EJ Webinar Series for Tribes and Indigenous Peoples, please contact Danny Gogal, Office of Environmental Justice, [gogal.danny@epa.gov](mailto:gogal.danny@epa.gov).*

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### **South Dakota tribe: Storm deaths 'could have been prevented'**

Honor Beauvais' every breath was a battle as a snowstorm battered the Rosebud Sioux Reservation in South Dakota.

<https://www.startribune.com/south-dakota-tribe-storm-deaths-could-have-been-prevented/600245714/>

**Reply-To:** [communications@masshist.org](mailto:communications@masshist.org) (*rcd 1.23*)



I am endlessly in awe of Jessie Little Doe Baird and thrilled that she is a featured speaker at the MHS on 25 January.

The phenomenon that Jessie set in motion—the [Wôpanâak Language Reclamation Project](#) (WLRP)—is an epic achievement. Reclaiming a language that had been silent for more than a century, Wampanoag children can once again grow up speaking their language. And, because language shapes how we think about the world and the possibilities of our existence in it, language reclamation is also key to cultural persistence and richness.

If you'd like to hear more about the WLRP, the work that goes into reclaiming a language, and the beauty of this language, please join us for the talk.

Yours,

Ondine Le Blanc  
Editor of Publications

### **Wôpanâak Language Reclamation**

**with Jessie Little Doe Baird**

**Wednesday, 25 January, 6:00 PM**  
Massachusetts Historical Society  
1154 Boylston Street, Boston

Jessie Little Doe Baird has led the effort to bring back to the Wampanoag people the language once spoken by their ancestors. This path-blazing work, which Ms. Baird has now pursued for decades with colleagues across the Wampanoag Nation, began with the Wôpanâak Language Reclamation Project formation, which is reclaiming the language. In a journey that began as a vision, Ms. Baird earned an advanced degree in linguistics at MIT and initiated the creation of vast resources needed for the work of language reclamation. Her work earned her a MacArthur Genius Award Fellowship from the MacArthur Foundation in 2010. Ms. Baird has also served as vice-chairwoman of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council and was awarded an honorary Doctorate in Social Sciences from Yale University.

[View a short video](#) of Jessie Little Doe Baird speaking about her work.

This is a hybrid event. FREE for MHS Members. \$10 per person fee (in person). No charge for virtual attendees or Card to Culture participants (EBT, WIC, and ConnectorCare). The in-person reception starts at 5:30 and the program begins at 6:00.

[Register to attend in person.](#)  
[Register to attend online.](#)

This presentation corresponds with the Society's publication of *Wôpanâak Inscribed*, a digital edition that presents transcriptions of a manuscript phrasebook compiled in 1666 by a missionary to Noepe (more commonly known today as Martha's Vineyard). The quality of this edition has benefitted from the time and expertise provided by Ms. Baird and Wampanoag linguists Tracy Kelley, Nitana Hicks Greendeer, and Prof. Norvin Richards, along with further feedback from Linda Coombs and Melissa Harding-Ferretti. The edition will be available at the Society's website this spring.



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*who also said,*

***"Mankind invented the atomic bomb, but no mouse would ever construct a mousetrap."***