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Tillie Black Bear Was the Grandmother of the Anti-Domestic Violence Movement

The Lakota advocate helped thousands of domestic abuse survivors, Native and non-Native alike

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/tillie-black-bear-was-the-grandmother-of-the-anti-domestic-violence-movement-180982037/?spMailingID=48243356&spUserID=OTYyNTc5MzkyMTQyS0&spJobID=2442883809&spReportId=MjQ0Mjg4MzgwOQS2>

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A lucky coincidence has given Murphy the opportunity to nurture an eaglet of his own

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'They're destroying us': Indigenous communities fear toxic leaks from Canada oil industry (Guardian)



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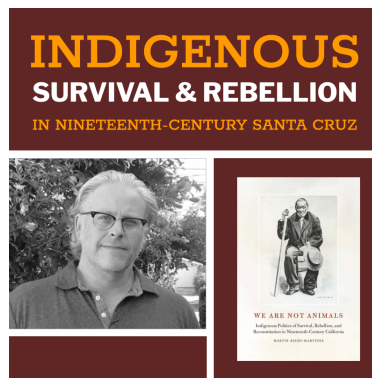
Brazil's President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva on Friday decreed six new Indigenous reserves, the first after a dearth of such expansion under his far-right predecessor Jair Bolsonaro. These included the six announced Friday, Lula, who took office on January 1, has vowed to approve new reserves "as soon as possible."

<https://news.yahoo.com/brazils-lula-decrees-six-indigenous-145742577.html>

The University of Nevada, Reno Multicultural Center's Affinity Graduate Celebrations will be held next month starting May 1 to 17, 2023. These celebrations are held each spring prior to the University's Spring Commencement ceremonies. Unique to this spring's events, the [Multicultural Center](#) will highlight student voices by inviting a select group of graduating students to participate as keynote speakers for each celebration.

“We want to highlight those students who have been involved at the University during their time here and served as leaders on our campus and within our communities,” the Multicultural Center Assistant Director Markie Wilder said. These events will highlight and honor the students from each unique graduation celebration in front of their family and friends with light refreshments offered at the end of each celebration

The Indigenous Graduate Celebration will be held on Thursday, May 4, at 6 p.m. in the JCSU Ballrooms.



The 2022 book *We Are Not Animals* considers the stories of Indigenous individuals and families to illuminate how Indigenous politics informed their choices within a context of immense loss and violent disruption in the nineteenth century. Between 1770 and 1900 the linguistically and culturally diverse Ohlone and Yokuts tribes adapted to and expressed themselves politically and culturally through three distinct colonial encounters with Spain, Mexico, and the United States. In this talk, author Martin Rizzo-Martinez traces tribal, familial, and kinship networks through mission registry records to show how ethnic and tribal differences shaped strategies of survival within the diverse population that came to live at Mission Santa Cruz.

Martin Rizzo-Martinez received his PhD in history from the University of California, Santa Cruz. For the past few years, he has worked for California State Parks as historian and tribal liaison for the Santa Cruz District, and is now transitioning to a faculty position in the Film & Digital Media department at UC Santa Cruz. In addition to working on a second book, Martin is co-producer of a podcast entitled *Challenging Colonialism*, and is producing a documentary film entitled *Walk for the Ancestors*, about a Native family that walked from Mission to Mission in 2015 to honor their ancestors and protest the canonization of Junipero Serra.

American Library Association Names 2022's Most Banned Books

As book censorship soared, titles with LGBTQ themes were the most targeted

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/american-library-association-names-2022s-most-banned-books-180982048/>

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Registration Now Open for WRRRC 2023 Annual Conference

What Can We Do? Solutions to Arizona's Water Challenges

July 11 – 12, 2023
The University of Arizona Student Union
Grand Ballroom, Tucson, AZ

Register today for the WRRRC 2023 Conference! This year's conference, *What Can We Do? Solutions to Arizona's Water Challenges*, will be held July 11–12 at the University of Arizona Student Union. The [conference program](#) aims to address the pressing water resource challenges currently facing Arizona and the region by bringing forward ideas that offer pathways to water security for all. The two-day program will feature sessions on water quality, filling information gaps, improving farming practices, working with nature, adapting policy, growing the workforce, utilizing technology, multi-sectoral approaches, and more! There will also be ample opportunity for networking to continue the solution-focused discussions of the conference. Keep an eye on our conference page as our agenda develops!

Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, early bird registration will be \$110 (\$65 for a single day), until June 14. We are also pleased to offer student registration for only \$30. For those who cannot make it to Tucson, we are offering non-interactive livestreaming at no charge (registration coming soon!). We hope to see many of you in Tucson this July!

[More Info](#)
[Become a Conference Sponsor!](#)

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The University of Arizona Water Resources Research Center 2023 Conference, *What Can We Do? Solutions to Arizona's Water Challenges*, will be held July 11–12 at the University of Arizona. The conference will aim to address the pressing water resource challenges currently facing Arizona and the region. These are worrisome times. For many Arizona residents, meeting existing water demands under drought in the Colorado River Basin is foremost on their minds. Beyond this critical challenge, growth and climate change continue to pressure water supplies. Others face concerns of local water contamination or groundwater overdraft issues. The natural environment in many areas is threatened by drought and competing water uses, and some communities lack access to safe and adequate water service. Farmers are tasked with increasing water efficiency and cities need additional effective conservation strategies. By focusing on solutions, the WRRRC hopes to bring forward ideas that offer pathways to water security for all Arizonans.

May 2-3: [Developing & Financing Infrastructure Training](#) (*In-Person Training (Portland, OR)*)

This 2-day in-person training will focus on how to develop and finance housing and infrastructure projects. The training will discuss infrastructure, government, and community facilities, housing, utilities, and renewable energy, including important updates from the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022.

Location: Courtyard by Marriott Portland City Center, 550 SW Oak Street, Portland, OR 97204
When: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. PT [Register Here](#)

May 2-4: [Uniform Guidance 2 CFR Part 200 \(Super Circular\)](#) (*Virtual Training*)

The Uniform Guidance establishes the administrative and financial management requirements for all Federal grants in accordance with 2 CFR 200. The Uniform Guidance requirements encompass management standards, procurement, reporting, record keeping, allowable costs, audits and much more. In addition to the Uniform Guidance, specific program requirements are established by statute or regulation which supersedes the Uniform Guidance. This three (3) day *online* training will provide participants with a comprehensive overview of the administrative and financial management requirements for the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) pursuant to the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA) including the Uniform Guidance. The training will emphasize practical applications of the Uniform Guidance to the NAHASDA program requirements. **When:** 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. AKDST [Register Here](#)



If you are in DC on May 11.....



[Mille Lacs Indian Museum & Trading Post'](#)

On this day (Ap 22) in 1974, “Come and Get Your Love” was certified Gold by the Recording Industry Association of America. The band, Redbone, was made up of people that had Native and Mexican American heritage. The Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian recognized the group for being the first Native American Rock/Cajun group to have a No.1 single.

Founding brothers, Pat and Lolly Vasquez had Yaqui, Shoshone, and Mexican ancestry. Jimi Hendrix saw them performing on the Vegas strip. Reportedly, Hendrix, who was part Cherokee, said Lolly was the best guitarist he had ever heard and suggested they start a Native American band. They choose the name Redbone because it is a Cajun term for mixed race people. By the time they signed with Epic Records, Pete DePoe (Cheyenne) was their drummer and Tony Bellamy (Yaqui) sang, as well as played guitar and piano.

“Come and Get Your Love” was from the album Wovaka, which also contained the song “We Were all Wounded At Wounded Knee.” Epic Records felt releasing “We Were All Wounded At Wounded Knee” as a single would be a career killer. They released it outside of the US as a single, where it was popular, reaching number 1 in the Netherlands.

In addition to lyrics, Redbone also reflected their heritage in their dress and album art. In the documentary Rumble: the Indians who Rocked the World, David Fricke of Rolling Stone magazine said, “To see them on Midnight Special doing Come and Get Your Love in full regalia, doing the drum chants before they would go into one of their hit records. That was actually - that was pretty heavy.” Pat Vegas himself says, “Here they are, these four Indians, with you know, garb and moccasins and all the things that they’ve seen in film actually playing rock.” You can see that performance here: <https://mnhs.info/41eEuLn>

Of course, “Come and Get Your Love” remains popular. It was the first song on the Guardian of the Galaxy’s Awesome Mix Vol. 1. It was also featured on an episode of the highly acclaimed series Reservation Dogs. A new music video was released in 2020, mixing historical and futuristic images and specific contemporary issues in the background of the universal theme of “seeking our love/interests in all the wrong places, when often times they are right in front of us; if only we're willing to look,” according to collaborating artist, Brent Learned, enrolled member of the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma. You can see this video here: <https://mnhs.info/3AfmSDo>

'Slavery Was Wrong' and 5 Other Things Some Educators Won't Teach Anymore

Hannah Natanson / The Washington Post

xcerpts from Mary Wollstonecraft's "A Vindication of the Rights of Woman." Passages from Christopher Columbus's journal describing his brutal treatment of Indigenous peoples. A data set on the New York Police Department's use of force, analyzed by race.

These are among the items teachers have nixed from their lesson plans this school year and last, as they face pressure from parents worried about political indoctrination and administrators wary of controversy, as well as a spate of new state laws restricting education on race, gender and LGBTQ issues.

Extract: Christopher Columbus's journal

"For 14 years, a **North Carolina social studies teacher** taught excerpts of Christopher Columbus's journal without incident. The point was to show how Columbus's marriage of enslavement with his quest for profit helped shape the world we live in today.

The teacher, who spoke on the condition of anonymity for fear of harassment, directed children to the first chapter of Howard Zinn's "A People's History of the United States," titled "[Columbus, the Indians, and Human Progress](#)." Throughout the chapter, students encountered paragraphs taken from the explorer's journal in which Columbus delineated his views of, and interactions with, the Native peoples of America.

"As soon as I arrived in the Indies, on the first Island which I found, I took some of the natives by force," Columbus [wrote in October 1492](#), in a slice of the journal quoted by Zinn. "They would make fine servants. ... With fifty men we could subjugate them all and make them do whatever we want," he also wrote.

But last school year, when the North Carolina teacher tried to give this lesson to her sophomore honors world history class, a parent wrote an email complaining that her White son had been made to feel guilty.

The teacher recalled replying by asking, "Why would your child feel guilty about what Columbus did to the Arawak?" The parents of the student escalated the issue to human resources, the teacher said, spurring an administrator to warn that she needed to stop "pushing my agenda — telling me that having my children learn the truth about Columbus was biased." Soon after, she said, New Hanover County Schools placed an admonitory letter in the teacher's file and ordered her to halt the lesson on Columbus.

Asked about the teacher's allegations, New Hanover schools media relations manager Russell Clark wrote in an emailed statement that the district "cannot comment on individual personnel matters due to privacy laws," but that any "disciplinary action taken by our district is done in accordance with our policies and state and federal laws."

To fill the time left over from cutting short her unit on Columbus, the teacher gave children extended versions of her usual lessons on the French and American revolutions, she said. At the

end of the year, frustrated and tired, she switched to a different school, where she was able to resume teaching the chapter by Zinn, including snatches of Columbus’s journal, she said.

But she still thinks about her former world history students.

“They missed the truth about exploration; they missed the whole lesson on colonization,” the teacher said. “They were really wanting to learn about Columbus. And what Cortez does, too.”



Great Basin Sagebrush Restoration

FundSagebrush ecosystems have eroded to about 56 percent of their historical range. These ecosystems provide vital habitat for many iconic species found in the west. The sagebrush ecosystem is one of the most imperiled in the United States. To date, rehabilitation efforts are proving to be costly and do not always provide intended results. There is an opportunity to improve the efficacy and success of rehabilitation efforts.

[Learn more about the Great Basin Sagebrush Restoration Fund](#)

Arid Lands Research Fund

The purpose of the Fund is to advance research and development of cost-effective methodologies for restoration of degraded arid lands and riparian areas within arid lands. The team assembled includes the University of Nevada and other institutions with diverse backgrounds in soil science, plant community ecology, natural resource economics, native seed ecology and landscape ecology.

[Learn more about the Arid Lands Research Fund](#)

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[California bill would boost teacher salaries by 50% over 7 years](#)  
[State Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi has introduced a bill that would boost teacher and school staff salaries by 50% in the coming years, in an effort to close statewide staffing shortages.](#)

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From Ian Zabarte re Owyhee School: Go to link and FOLLOW: <https://backlotdocs.com/>
Film upcoming public release coming soon.

I spoke to both Nevada Senators about this while I'm here in Washington, DC explain8ng that our core mortality is radiation exposure from the Nevada Test Site radioactive fallout beginning in 1951. Hydrocarbon plume also contains uranium as does all fossil fuels. All exposure to radiation is cumulative. https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2023/04/27/tribal-schools-funding-nevada-duck-valley/cbddd8a2-e55b-11ed-9696-8e874fd710b8_story.html



Native Americans & Tribal Nations

Ola Mildred Rexroat (August 28, 1917 – June 28, 2017) was the only Native American woman to serve in the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP).

Rexroat was born in Argonia, Kansas, to a Euro-American father and an Oglala mother. The family moved to South Dakota when she was young, and she spent at least part of her youth on the Pine Ridge Reservation. She attended public school in Wynona, Oklahoma, for a time, and graduated from the St. Mary's Episcopal Indian School in Springfield, South Dakota, in 1932.

Rexroat initially enrolled in a teachers college in Chadron, Nebraska, but left before completing her degree to work for what is now the Bureau of Indian Affairs for a year. She earned a bachelor's degree in art from the University of New Mexico in 1939. After college, she again worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Gallup, New Mexico for a year.

Rexroat next worked for engineers building airfields, where she decided to learn how to fly. In order to do so, she would need her own airplane or to join the WASPs. Selecting the latter, she moved to Washington, D.C., with her mother and sisters, and was also employed at the Army War College. Rexroat then went for WASP training in Sweetwater, Texas, and was assigned the dangerous job of towing targets for aerial gunnery students at Eagle Pass Army Airfield after her graduation. She also helped transport cargo and personnel. When the WASPs were disbanded in December 1944, she joined the Air Force, where she served for ten years as an air traffic controller at Kirkland Air Force Base in New Mexico during the Korean War. She continued to work as an air traffic controller for the Federal Aviation Administration for 33 years after her time in the Air Force Reserves was complete.

In 2007 she was inducted into the South Dakota Aviation Hall of Fame.

Rexroat died in June 2017 at the age of 99. Immediately before her death she was the last surviving WASP in South Dakota and one of 275 living WASPs out of the original 1,074. Several months after her death, the airfield operations building at Ellsworth Air Force Base was named after her.

Scholarships (A-M) with June 1 Deadline

1st Infantry Division Foundation Huebner Scholarship	\$10,000	06/01/2023
5000 Role Models of Excellence Scholarship	Varies	06/01/2023
Ab Irvine Scholarship Program	\$2,000	06/01/2023
Actuarial Diversity Scholarship	\$4,000	06/01/2023
Actuary of Tomorrow - Stuart A. Robertson Memorial Scholarship	Varies	06/01/2023
American Indian Nurse Scholarship Awards	\$3,000	06/01/2023
Anthony P. Aslanian Hospitality Scholarship	\$5,000	06/01/2023
Charlotte Pride Scholarships	Varies	06/01/2023
Colonel Archer B. Battista Veterans Scholarship	Varies	06/01/2023
Commander Newell S. Rand Jr. Scholarship Program	\$1,000	06/01/2023
Cure Cancer Support Scholarship	\$5,000	06/01/2023
David Hudak Memorial Essay Contest for Freethinking Students of Color	\$3,500	06/01/2023
Dr. Joseph W. Coleman Memorial Scholarship	\$5,000	06/01/2023
Father Michael J. McGivney Vocations Scholarship	\$2,500	06/01/2023
First Presbyterian Church of Shreveport Scholarship	\$4,000	06/01/2023
Furman University Furman Scholars Program	\$20,000	06/01/2023
Hope Starts Here Scholarship	Varies	06/01/2023
Jacob Smaus SuperHero Scholarship	\$1,000	06/01/2023
Jeff Zimpleman - Iowa Sister States Scholarship	Varies	06/01/2023
Joe Francis Haircare Scholarships	Varies	06/01/2023
John F. Moriarty Scholarship	Varies	06/01/2023
Jon Yi Education Scholarship	\$1,000	06/01/2023
Kevin L Allen Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000	06/01/2023
Kids' Chance of Virginia Scholarship	Varies	06/01/2023
LeRoy Apker Award	\$5,000	06/01/2023
M. Hildred Blewett Fellowship	\$45,000	06/01/2023
Massachusetts Youth Soccer Student Scholarship	\$1,000	06/01/2023
Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT) Scholarship	\$2,000	06/01/2023
Miss Arizona Scholarship Competition	\$150,000	06/01/2023
My Manas Foundation Scholarship for the Underdog	\$3,000	06/01/2023

You're Invited to the Event

A Listening Session for National Apprenticeship System Enhancements

[Register Now](#)

On January 4, 2023, the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Fall 2022 Regulatory Agenda published in the Federal Register, with an entry for proposed rulemaking, Regulation Identifier Number (RIN) 1205-AC13: National Apprenticeship System Enhancements.

In support of the proposed rulemaking, The Office of Apprenticeship is hosting a 90-minute listening session to hear ideas from the public on what policies and practices could serve to strengthen the National Apprenticeship System.

Date: Friday, May 05, 2023 **Time:** 3:00 PM-4:30 PM ET **Length:** 1 hour 30 minutes

[Tribal nations were once excluded from Colorado River talks. Now they're key players](#)

NPR, 4/28/23 - This Spring, a high level delegation met inside the Arizona Governor's office to announce a huge water conservation deal.

Announcing the Washoe County YES Fun

Grants of \$500 to \$2,500 for science/STEM-related projects that benefit the community. The grant is open to individuals and groups aged 5-24 in Washoe County. Eligible organizations may apply on behalf of the applicant. The deadline to apply is May 15th. Applications can be submitted to Lauren Renda via email at lrenda@nevadafund.org.

