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*"Some Indigenous cultures believe we're alive just as nature is alive: to be here, to be beautiful, and strange. We don't need to achieve anything to be valid in our humanness."*

Artwork shared from @nvcolaa on IG

## [Enhance Your STEM Classroom with Primary Source Analysis at NSTA's Fall 2023 Conference](#)

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Learn about the programming sponsored by the Library of Congress that will be happening at the NSTA conference October 25-28, 2023 and about the resources available on the Library of Congress website that support science classroom activities.

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*Hi Shayne, Thought that this may be of interest since a lot of Natives are food vendors. Although the meeting has passed by it may be of significance to follow. Art*



## NEVADA SECRETARY OF STATE

### **TUESDAY: Nevada Secretary of State's Office to hold first Task Force on Safe Sidewalk Vending meeting**

CARSON CITY, NV – Tomorrow, October 24<sup>th</sup>, Secretary of State Francisco Aguilar will convene the first meeting for the Task Force on Safe Sidewalk Vending. The first meeting will include presentations and remarks from Secretary Aguilar, Senator Fabian Doñate, Clark County and the City of Las Vegas on the purpose of the Task Force as well as updates on the implementation process for legalizing street vending in Nevada.

[Senate Bill 92](#), otherwise known as the Street Vendor Bill, builds a framework for local governments to help street vendors legitimize their businesses and obtain licensure. The bill also creates The Task Force on Safe Sidewalk Vending within the Secretary of State's Office to help identify challenges and remove unnecessary barriers for street vendors. The Task Force is made up of nine members, including representatives from the health district, a county or city, the gaming or restaurant industry, law enforcement, street vendors and community organizations that represent and advocate for them.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 2PM.

**WHERE:**

- **In-person:** Grant Sawyer State Building (Room 4401) 555E. Washington Ave. Las Vegas, NV 89101
- **Virtual:** Zoom Meeting ID: 881 4273 4898

The full meeting agenda can be found [here](#).

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**Lost Cities of the Amazon Discovered From the Air**

Mapping technology cut through the canopy to detect sprawling urban structures in Bolivia that suggest sophisticated cultures once existed

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*Did you read this list?.....not quite 10 weeks to finish!, but you can always use it for stocking stuffers and other holiday gifting.....before the 2024 list comes out!*

#### **40 Best Native American Authors to Read in 2023**

Prior to 1968, only nine novels by Native American authors had been published in the US and Canada. Thankfully, things are different now: due to the political transformations of the 60s and 70s, Indigenous voices have started reaching a far larger audience. Subsequent social changes have further catalysed waves of Indigenous writing, as Native American writers grapple with increasing urbanisation and integration into mainstream America. Most recently, the events at Standing Rock in 2016 and the tumult of the Trump era have inspired a new generation of Native American voices to pick up the baton and produce brilliant, incisive writing that confront important questions of identity.

Though the Native American experience takes many forms in writing— a testament to the variety and complexity of Indigenous realities — what *does* unite these authors is a resounding rejection of whitewashed stereotypes. In this list, we've put together the best Native American authors to give you a headstart, from renaissance titans like James Welch and N. Scott Momaday to big hitters like the current poet laureate Joy Harjo and emerging voices like Tommy Orange.

**Pro-tip:** the list is organized chronologically, so you can feel free to pick and mix from the eras that interest you. Let's get started!

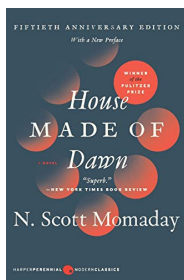
#### **Looking for something new to read?**

Trust real people, not robots, to give you book recommendations.

Or sign up with an [email address](#)

#### **The First Wave**

Beginning in 1969 with N. Scott Momaday's *House Made of Dawn*, the first wave of the Native American Renaissance is characterized by a struggle between two worlds for a generation existing both on and off the reservation, a devotion to the land, and a celebration of traditional customs and myths.



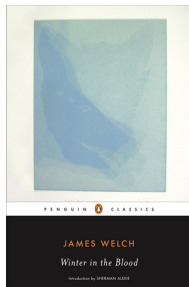
#### **1. N. Scott Momaday**

N. Scott Momaday, a Kiowa Nation member, is often considered the trailblazer behind the Native American Renaissance, thanks to his Pulitzer Prize winning novel, *House Made of Dawn*. As a powerful voice for Native American concerns, he has spoken at the United Nations and, in 1990, founded the Buffalo Trust — to name only a few of his accomplishments. Through his own work as well as his amplification of works of other Native American authors, he ensures

that conversations about Native American traditions are not submerged by the forces of modernization.

**Start with: *House Made of Dawn***

Considered the first Native American Renaissance novel, this book touches on the dilemma of being split between two worlds. Abel, the young protagonist, finds himself torn between the spiritual world that his father shows him and the exhilarating developments of 20th-century America.

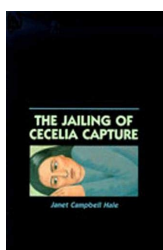


## 2. James Welch

James Welch is a member of the Blackfeet and A'aninin tribes whose literary output spans decades and has been translated into nine languages. As a champion of the Native American voice beyond the US context, he soulfully reflects on his dual Indigenous and Irish heritage and aims to ‘remember the world of his ancestors,’ capturing the poignance of the reality of life for Indigenous people living on and off of the reservation.

**Start with: *Winter in the Blood***

Welch’s debut novel became a seminal piece of Native American literature — so it’s definitely one to keep in your arsenal. Written at a time when Native American voices were largely unheard, it charts the story of a nameless youth from Montana who finds momentarily relief in alcohol as he struggles to find the meaning of life after a family tragedy. The tale drew nationwide attention upon publication and was turned into a film of the same name in 2014.



## 3. Janet Campbell Hale

Hale is of Coeur d'Alene, Kootenay, and Cree descent. Known for her sparse, economic writing style, Hale deals with topics such as poverty, colonial oppression, the female condition, and how they collide with the Indigenous identity. *The Jailing of Cecelia Capture*, her most notable work, was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize in 1985. A master of different creative writing forms, she has also ventured into [Young Adult fiction](#) with *The Owl's Song*, and into poetry with her contributions to *The Whispering Wind: Poetry by Young American Indians*, a poetry collection published in 1972.

**Start with: *The Jailing of Cecelia Capture***

This critically acclaimed story is the very best of Hale’s lyrical and arresting prose. It follows the title character, a mother and law student who has lost her way, and on the eve of her 30th

birthday, is arrested and jailed for drunk driving. During her confinement, she reflects on her misspent childhood and teenage years.

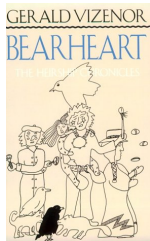


#### 4. Leslie Marmon Silko

Not one to bend to the temptation of quick gratification, Leslie Marmon Silko took a decade to write her 800-page epic about the multitudes of life in America, *Almanac of the Dead*. But her star had started rising long before then: her searing 1977 debut — *Ceremony* — earned her the MacArthur Fellowship (also known as the Genius Grant) and led many to consider her the first female Native American novelist. Her experiences growing up in the Laguna Pueblo tribe has been the fuel to her barrier-breaking career, committed to raising awareness about ingrained forms of racism, settler colonialism, and women’s issues.

#### Start with: *Ceremony*

Following Tayo, a young soldier who finds himself alienated from society after his return to America as a prisoner of war to the Japanese in World War II, Silko’s debut asks big questions. Can a turn towards old traditions and the long-held beliefs of his people prove to be the curative ceremony Tayo needs to overcome his despair?

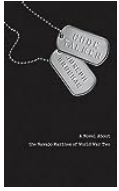


#### 5. Gerald Vizenor

As a pivotal figure in the first wave of the Native American Renaissance, Vizenor — a member of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe — has inspired a whole generation of Native American authors and readers across the world. Alongside a lifelong dedication to activism, he has published more than 30 books which defy simple categorizations, drawing on a mixture of Native myth, research, motifs from science fiction, and personal reflections.

#### Start with: *Bearheart*

This is the way to go if you’re on the lookout for an original [science fiction novel](#) (bonus points if you enjoy trickster characters in your fiction). The story follows a motley crew of pilgrims as government agents descend on their reservation to claim their sacred cedar trees. Reversing Manifest Destiny, they travel south through a world ravaged by fossil fuel consumption, the vivid descriptions of which brings to life the terrifyingly real prospect of environmental dystopia.

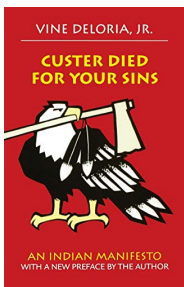


## 6. Joseph Bruchac

Bruchac’s oeuvre contains an immense 120 books, which channel the traditions and mythologies of this Abenaki roots. Considering himself a storyteller at heart, he’s even mastered several Indigenous American instruments (the hand drum, wooden flute, and the *double* wooden flute, to name a few) to aid his imaginative retellings of native American mythology. He also practices various martial arts *and* is an educator who has developed programs for maximum security prisons — quite the polymath!

### **Start with:** *Code Talker: A Novel About the Navajo Marines of World War Two*

A compelling novel that’s inspired by the true (and previously marginalized) story of the Navajo marines of World War II, who turned their native language into a code that proved impossible for the enemy to break.



## 7. Vine Deloria Jr.

Deloria Jr. was a prominent activist and writer belonging to the Standing Rock reservation in South Dakota. As the executive director of the National Congress of American Indians and a key board member of the National Museum of the American Indian, Deloria Jr. spent most of his career tirelessly advocating for the rights of Native American peoples. This work continues in his impressive bibliography as an author, which includes a number of non-fiction titles on Native American education, religion and politics.

### **Start with:** *Custer Died for Your Sins: An Indian Manifesto*

Pivotal in drawing attention to Native American socio-political issues alongside the Alcatraz-Red Power Movement, this book implores white people to challenge the racist stereotypes they hold about Indigenous peoples. It also proposes a new framework for better understanding the history of colonialism in the United States.

To be continued.....

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***Wild bison in Montana. “There is a longing among all people and creatures to have a sense of purpose and worth. To satisfy that common longing in all of us we must respect each other.”***

***—Chief Dan George***

***Hoping y’all get a chance to watch the Ken Burns special on the bison.***

## **Water Protectors in Hawai'i Took on the US Military and Won**

*Anita Hofschneider, Grist*

Hofschneider writes: "On Monday, the U.S. military began draining jet fuel from 20 World War II-era storage tanks in Hawai'i, in a victory for Native Hawaiian activists and environmentalists who have, for years, warned of the risks the tanks pose to a critical source of drinking water on O'ahu, the state's most populated island."

[READ MORE](#)

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## **Federal funds to help improve 'tree equity' across NV**

Nevada environmentalists are celebrating almost \$16 million in [funding opportunity grants](#) slated to be used for urban forestry projects, in an effort to help some of the most vulnerable neighborhoods impacted by climate change.

Lisa Ortega, executive director of the nonprofit Nevada Plants, said the money coming from the Inflation Reduction Act will be used to address urban heat islands and ensuring equity when it comes to tree canopies.

She pointed out there is currently a real tree shade disparity in the Silver State, disproportionately affecting poorer and minority-majority neighborhoods.

"We have some places that have less than 4% of canopy on their block," Ortega observed. "We have other places that have over 40%. That is quite a bit of shade, and so it is walkable. Kids can go outside and play in as most comfort you can get here in the summer."

A recent Climate Central study named Reno as the [fastest-warming city](#) in the country, with Las Vegas coming in a close second. Ortega emphasized on top of helping make neighborhoods cooler, more trees mean better air quality and better stormwater management.

Ortega explained many grant recipients are currently in the process of redetermining the scope of their projects as many did not receive the amounts they were hoping for. Even then, she acknowledged it is the biggest investment in trees she has ever seen.

Ortega stressed for the first time in the history of the Forest Service, they are allowing the planting of trees on private property, which she considers a huge win for a state like Nevada.

"If you're on your way to the bus stop, the only way to get shade in your route is if somebody has a tree in their front yard shading the sidewalk," Ortega said. "I think there is going to be a lot of effort planting on private property as well."

Ortega is excited to see more trees in the ground. She added the Nevada Division of Forestry will also make available a [\\$2 million](#) grant opportunity, which can be tapped into by smaller groups and nonprofits who want trees for their communities.

**Chevron makes big purchase:** The San Ramon-based oil giant has **bought Hess for \$53 billion.** The deal adds major oil fields in Guyana as well as the shale properties in the Bakken Formation in North Dakota.

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## **From the Nevada Department of Business and Industry:**

### **\$5.3 Million Available to Nevada Small Businesses**

The Nevada Battle Born Growth Microloan Program (BBGMP) offers working capital loans at fixed, competitive interest rates to small businesses that are generating strong cashflow and are committed to growth.

The BBGMP helps businesses secure fixed-rate, flexible use loans of up to \$250,000 with nonprofit lenders who have experience working with Nevada small businesses. Find out about who this program is for and how it works. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **Small Business Incubation Program**

The no-cost program is primarily intended to help minority-owned small and micro businesses and includes a series of monthly, in-person training sessions and online materials available throughout the six-month course.

To be considered, potential participants must have a current City of Las Vegas business license, annual revenue under \$500,000, low or unestablished credit and a bank account. **Apply by Wednesday, November 15th!** [LEARN MORE](#)

### **Nevada RISE**

Nevada Rural Investments & Support for Entrepreneurs (Nevada RISE) program offers forgivable loans with technical assistance and educational training. The goal of the program is to assist underserved small businesses and entrepreneurs in rural Nevada to grow and thrive in the new economy post COVID. This is one of few opportunities for start-ups to qualify for lender funding.

In order to be considered for funding, applicants will also need to sign up to be a [Nevada SBDC client](#), which is no-cost and confidential.

There are no minimum requirements for years in business or income. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **New Business Assistance Program**

Starting and operating a business in our post pandemic world comes with unique challenges. The City of Las Vegas recognizes that and wants to help you. The New Business Assistance program provides new entrepreneurs, developers, and enterprises with the tools needed to launch your business.

The Program started on September 1, 2023, and the deadline for submission of applications will be **December 31, 2023**, at 3:00 PM PST, unless extended.

Find more information in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). [APPLY HERE](#)



**Instant classic: Scorsese, DiCaprio and De Niro masterfully tell a despicable real story in ‘Killers of the Flower Moon’**

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## **Get Ready for an Unforgettable HUD Tribal Housing Summit Next Week!**

The Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) is thrilled to welcome all of you to the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) forthcoming National Tribal Housing Summit in St. Paul, Minnesota. We are eagerly looking forward to an event packed with enriching sessions, networking opportunities, and insightful discussions. Here's a sneak peek of what you can expect:

**ONAP Staff Onsite to Assist You:** Our dedicated staff will be on hand throughout the event to assist and guide you, ensuring you have a seamless and fulfilling experience.

**60+ Breakout Sessions:** With an extensive array of topics, you can explore housing issues from various angles and gain new insights from industry experts.

**8 Tracks:** Tailor your experience by selecting from eight specialized tracks, each offering in-depth knowledge and expertise in a specific area of Tribal housing.

**Networking Events:** Connect with colleagues, peers, and professionals in the field during our networking events, fostering collaborations and partnerships.

**Engaging Speakers:** Our lineup of speakers will inspire, educate, and motivate while delivering valuable content and thought-provoking ideas.

**Plenary Sessions:** Join Federal partners for roundtable discussions, including the Federal Partners Roundtable, Philanthropy Roundtable, and Urban Indian Roundtable, for comprehensive insights into Tribal housing.

**HUD Senior Leaders:** You will have the opportunity to interact with senior leaders from various HUD Departments, including the offices of Public and Indian Housing, Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS) Continuum of Care, Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP), Policy Development and Research (PD&R), Healthy Homes, Davis-Bacon and Labor Standards, and the Office of Environment and Energy (OEE). Learn from the best in the field.

**ONAP Workshops:** Explore a range of workshops hosted by ONAP leadership, covering topics such as Grants Evaluation and Management System (GEMS), Environmental Review, 2CFR

200, Climate Planning and Resilience, Office of Loan Guarantee, IHBG-ARP, and ICDBG-ARP Best Practices, and Tribal HUD-VASH.

**Tribal Consultations:** HUD will host vital discussions on ICDBG program regulations and the Build America, Buy America procurement provisions, enabling you to provide your valuable input.

**Federal Partners' Insights:** Gain critical knowledge from Federal partners on topics such as the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), Department of Treasury's Homeowners Assistance Program and Low-Income Community Bonus Credits (48e), Department of Energy's Tribal Home Energy Rebates, AmeriCorps national service programs, FDIC Financial Education, Veterans Affairs: Tribal HUD-VASH & the Native Direct Loan, USDA 502 Direct Loan, Department of the Interior's Electrification Program and Strategic Partnerships, and FEMA's Build Resilience Infrastructure and Communities.

**Innovative Workshops:** Discover innovative approaches to Tribal housing and tools that can enhance your role as housing practitioners.

**Community Service Opportunity:** We're proud to offer a community service opportunity at Little Earth, a chance to give back and make a real impact.

Get ready for an event that promises to be educational, insightful, and inspiring. The HUD Tribal Housing Summit is the perfect platform to connect with peers, learn from experts, and shape the future of Tribal housing. Also, don't forget to visit our [event webpage](#) for the latest details and hotel registration information.

We can't wait to see you in St. Paul, Minnesota, and to embark on this incredible journey together. If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to reach out to our dedicated ONAP staff.

Safe travels and see you soon!

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## **HUD ONAP Opportunities**

### **3- ONAP Vacancy Announcements - Grants Evaluation Specialist, GS-9/11/12**

**Locations:** Phoenix, AZ and Albuquerque, NM (FTE-7852 and FTE-1320), Oklahoma City, OK(FTE-1255)

**Application Deadline:** November 2, 2023

#### **Application Links:**

24-HUD-25 (Merit Protected – Internal to Gov) <https://www.usajobs.gov/job/755779100>

24-HUD-26-P (DEU-Public) <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/755780300>

#### **Position Duties:**

As a **Grants Evaluation Specialist**, you will:

- Engage in all associated aspects of local grants evaluation activities including planning, policy and program guidance, risk assessment, on-site and remote monitoring, periodic report reviews, audit tracking and finding clearance, technical assistance and training, and initiation of enforcement actions.
- Provide feedback to the Division Director regarding the effectiveness of current policies and procedures in meeting ONAP objectives and the unique concerns of assigned Indian communities.
- Meet with Indian Tribes and TDHE's and others to exemplify the grants evaluations procedures of applicable programs.

### **1- ONAP Vacancy Announcements - [Deputy Administrator](#)**

**Department:** HUD Office of Native American Programs

**Location(s):** 1 vacancy - Chicago, Illinois

**Salary:** \$129,671.00 to \$168,569.00 / PA

**Series and Grade:** GS-1101-14

**Application Deadline:** November 6, 2023

**Position Information:** Permanent - Full-time

**Who May Apply:** Open to the public

**Application Link:** [Deputy Administrator](#)

*Forever in Our Hearts*



*Andrea Rose Ramirez*

*04/22/1977 - 10/24/2023*

Thursday, November 09, 2023

Viewing | 10am - Service | 11am

RSIC Reno Gymnasium | 34 Reservation Road | Reno, NV 89502

Dinner immediately following Service

*Food donations in Lieu of Flowers*