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The Intelligent Vegetable Martians are Coming! Analyzing Historical Newspapers to Practice Information Literacy Skills

A key aspect of information literacy is evaluating the relationship between claims and evidence: Do claims follow clearly and logically from evidence? Can the evidence also support alternate claims? Guide students to apply information literacy skills to a 1912 article "Mars Peopled by One Giant Thinking Vegetable."

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COURTHOUSE NEWS: Interior Department proposal could end habitat protections for endangered species

If approved, the proposal by the Trump administration would rescind the regulatory definition of "harm" under the Endangered Species Act and clear the way for habitat destruction.

<https://mavensnotebook.com/2025/04/16/courthouse-news->

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Interior department proposal could end habitat protections for endangered species

*The U.S. Department of the Interior on Wednesday proposed a rule that would redefine what it means to "harm" a threatened or endangered species and rescind nearly all their habitat protections across the country.*

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RSVP: 100 Years of Silence (Part 2)
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Over 100 years ago, starting on March 19, 1923, members of the Ute tribe -- men, women, and children -- were incarcerated in barbed wire cages and removed from their traditional Ute land in the Bears Ears area of southeastern Utah.

"100 Years of Silence" is a project spearheaded by the Ute (Aviknuche, Anniknuche) community -- including Ute community leaders, storytellers, and artists -- to break the silence of the "Allen Canyon Ute Incarceration of 1923" and begin to heal generational trauma.

Last month, Native Organizers Alliance and Ute members and storytellers held an hour-long webinar titled "Ute Mountain Ute Tribe: 100 Years of Silence and Reclamation of History (Part I)". [If you missed it, click here to watch now.](#)

Now, we're pleased to bring you Part 2 of "100 Years of Silence and Reclamation of History: Healing Next Generations".

[Click here to RSVP and join us next Wednesday, April 23rd at 1:00pm ET for this important webinar.](#)

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This webinar is part of a broader project of artwork and public education that aims to enhance cultural understanding and encourage community dialogue.

Reconciliation and reclamation are crucial for Tribes to reassert their cultural identity, heal from historical trauma, foster community resilience, and to actively shape our own narratives by restoring traditional practices and connections to ancestral lands, which were often forcefully taken away or suppressed through colonization.

In telling our truths and histories, "100 Years of Silence" seeks to empower Native communities to reclaim agency and promote self-determination.

[Click here to RSVP for the upcoming webinar, "100 Years of Silence and Reclamation of History \(Part 2\): Healing Next Generations".](#)

Miigwech (thank you), Jennifer Fairbanks (Ojibwe)
Communications Director, Native Organizers Alliance, info@nativeorganizing.org

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Barrasso, Lummis vote to allow selling federal land to fund Trump budget - WyoFile

<https://wyofile.com/barrasso-lummis-vote-to-allow-selling-federal-land-to-fund-trump-budget/>

***From Records to Stories: Archives as Storytellers of Democracy***

[Sheraton Salt Lake City Hotel](#)

Salt Lake City, Utah

September 25-27, 2025

**Call for Proposal Deadline Extended to Tuesday, April 29th!**

The 2025 Annual Meeting theme is in place, and our program planners are eager to review your proposals. This is your time to shine - to share with your colleagues a project, challenge, or topic that energized you. While standard presentations are welcomed, some of the most popular sessions last year included audience engagement. Maybe this is your chance to lead a conversation on something you have your own questions about. The form is similar to last year, and the committee once again [built a spreadsheet](#) for you to share ideas if you are interested in collaborating with your colleagues. [Consider submitting a proposal today!](#)

Visit our [2025 Annual Meeting page](#), where we've posted registration fees, opened hotel bookings, and started sharing details about the schedule.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**SERI-Preservica Education Workshop Series**, a program of CoSA

***Session 1: Overcoming People and Process Challenges to Records Transfers***

Thursday, April 24, 2025 | 3pm Eastern | [Registration link](#)

State Archives staff and industry speakers will share practical insights and lessons learned from records transfer projects with a focus on:

- Assembling your team for success
- Getting buy-in from IT and Agency Records managers
- Getting started – picking a “quick-win” use case

***Archivists Who Code Affinity Group***

Tuesday, May 6, 2025 | 3pm Eastern | [Registration link](#)

***SERI STEER Unconference***

Wednesday, May 14, 2025 | Noon - 5 pm Eastern

[Learn More >>](#)

***State Electronic Records Institute (SERI) Programming is generously supported by***  
[Preservica](#)

*We encourage you to take time to view sessions you missed in 2024 or revisit ones that were particularly interesting to you.*

[Explore our CoSA Member Webinar YouTube Channel](#)

*From metrics to BitCurator to metadata, our SERI educational series has tackled a number of relevant topics worth exploring, sharing, or revisiting.*

[Explore our SERI YouTube Channel](#)

## ShopTalk Webinars

This series features presentations by CoSA's corporate partners, who discuss trends, innovations, and case studies. All presentations are recorded and available on [our YouTube channel](#).

***Vendor Lightning Round!***

Thursday, May 29, 2025 | 3 pm Eastern

Join representatives from Pagefreezer and other businesses in a fast-paced introduction to their products and services! This is your chance to discover new businesses in a friendly, no-sales pressure environment.

**2024 Recordings Now Available:**

- [ShopTalk with FamilySearch: What Can We Do for You?](#)
- [ShopTalk with Preservica: Using Microsoft 365 for electronic records transfers](#)
- [ShopTalk with Conserv: Beyond the Shelf-Active Environmental Monitoring for State Archives, 9/10/24](#)
- [Shop Talk Webinar with APPX: Meeting the Challenges of Processing Emails, 8/15/24](#)
- [ShopTalk with Ancestry: Unlocking the Power of Storytelling in Historical Records](#)

***All those who register for any webinar will receive notice about the availability of the webinar recording. We urge all those interested in these webinars to register, even if you are unsure about your attendance.***

## 2025 AAM Annual Meeting & MuseumExpo

May 6-9, 2025 • Los Angeles

### KEYNOTE PANEL ANNOUNCED!

As the centerpiece of next month's [AAM Annual Meeting & MuseumExpo](#), Los Angeles community leaders will discuss how museums can build and sustain public trust through transparency, accountability, and authentic partnership. What does trust look like in practice, and what does it take to truly earn it?

Jessie Kornberg, President & CEO of the Skirball Cultural Center, will moderate a dialogue between:

- » Cindi Alvitre, Professor & Cultural Creator, CSULB American Indian Studies Program
- » Cheech Marin; Entertainer, Art Advocate, and Founding Donor; The Cheech
- » David Ono; Host, Producer, and Co-Anchor; ABC7 Eyewitness News

Read more about the **May 7** [keynote and general session](#), “Testaments in Trust.”

**AAM 2025 is just two weeks away!** Explore the [full program of trust-themed sessions and activities](#) taking place **May 6-9** in Los Angeles.

**[REGISTER NOW](#)**

**[VIEW THE PROGRAM](#)**



THE INDIGENOUS WORLD ASSOCIATION and the  
NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS Co-Host:

# *Indigenous Presence in Global Dialogues*

WHEN: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 • 10:00 – 11:15 am EDT

WHERE: United Nations Headquarters – Room CR-9

*Interpretation provided in English, French and Spanish*

Held during the 24th session of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, this side event brings attention to how Indigenous Peoples are navigating and influencing a range of multilateral processes, from those rooted in human rights to those governing biodiversity, climate, oceans, food systems, and intellectual property.

**Processes covered include:**

- World Intellectual Property Organization
- Human Rights Council
- Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction
- Convention on Biological Diversity
- UN Plastics Treaty negotiations



## SPEAKERS



Mr. Aaron Jones



Dr. Binota Moy Dhamai



Mr. Ghazali Ohorella



Ms. Rochelle Diver



Mr. Andrew Bisson



Ms. Rochelle Morgan-Verdin  
*Moderator*

## Join NCAI and IWA at the UN on April 23

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) and the Indigenous World Association (IWA) invite you to an Indigenous-led side event during the 24th Session of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII).

**Indigenous Presence in Global Dialogues**

**Date:** Wednesday, April 23, 2025

**Time:** 10:00 – 11:15 AM ET

**Location:** United Nations Headquarters – Room CR-9

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As international decision-making processes increasingly affect Indigenous rights and territories, Indigenous Peoples continue to assert their presence, agency, and expertise in shaping these outcomes. This side event, co-hosted by NCAI and IWA, centers Indigenous leadership in multilateral arenas such as the Human Rights Council, the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), and emerging environmental agreements. Participants will gain practical tools, grounded perspectives, and updates on critical developments across key forums.

### Featured Speakers:

- **Dr. Binota Moy Dhamai** (Jumma) is a globally respected researcher and former Chair of the UN Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, with decades of experience advancing Indigenous rights in Asia and at the United Nations. He currently works as a Research Fellow at the Australian National University, bridging academic research and policy engagement to promote justice, recognition, self-determination, and human rights for Indigenous Peoples worldwide.
- **Ghazali Ohorella** (Alifuru) is an Indigenous diplomat with over 20 years of experience in global negotiations, currently representing Indigenous Peoples in the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Agreement. He is also a Pacific member of the Indigenous Coordinating Body on enhanced participation at the United Nations.
- **Rochelle Diver** (Anishinaabe – Fond du Lac Band) is the UN Environmental Treaties Coordinator at the International Indian Treaty Council, where she leads on issues intersecting food sovereignty, environmental toxics, and the holistic health of Indigenous Peoples. She currently serves as one of the co-chairs of the International Indigenous Peoples' Forum on Plastics (IIPFP) and is part of the Indigenous negotiating team for the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) process for the emerging international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution.
- **Andrew Bisson** (Anishinaabe – M'Chigeeng First Nation) is the Chief Executive Officer of the Assembly of First Nations, with deep policy experience across First Nations institutions and the Canadian government.
- **Aaron Jones** (Tulalip Tribes) is a seasoned policy advocate and tribal negotiator who serves as Director of Natural & Cultural Resources for the Tulalip Tribes and Co-Chair of the NCAI International Committee, with extensive experience in negotiations at the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Convention on Biological Diversity.

- **Moderator: Rochelle Morgan-Verdin** (United Houma Nation) serves as NCAI's Policy Lead for International Affairs and brings a deep commitment to elevating Indigenous voices in global diplomacy.

**We encourage all credentialed UNPFII attendees to join us.**




**THE IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT**

*UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, 24th Session, Side Event*


# **IMPLEMENTING FPIC ACROSS THE REGIONS**

A comparative panel analyzing Free, Prior and Informed Consent


**Thursday, April 24, 2025, 3:00-4:15 PM (ET), UNHQ CR 4**  
Languages: English, French, Spanish, Russian




**JAMES ANAYA**



**ALBERT BARUME**







**JENNIFER CORPUZ**



**FAWN SHARP**

**Moderated by TIP Co-Directors Kristen Carpenter and Sue Noe**



## **Join NCAI, The Implementation Project, and Nia Tero at the UN on April 24**

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) invites you to a special side event during the 24th Session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII):

### **Implementing Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC) Across the Regions**

**Date:** Thursday, April 24, 2025      **Time:** 3:00 – 4:15 PM ET

**Location:** United Nations Headquarters – Conference Room 4

**Languages:** Interpretation provided in English, French, Spanish, and Russian

**Co-Sponsors:** National Congress of American Indians, The Implementation Project, and Nia Tero

This event will bring together Indigenous leaders, legal scholars, UN experts, and advocates from Latin America, North America, Asia, and Africa. This comparative panel will examine the implementation of FPIC through newly enacted national legislation, Indigenous Peoples' own laws, customs, and traditions, and evolving industry protocols. With a focus on developments since 2020, the session will highlight emerging trends and challenges in operationalizing FPIC, drawing on examples from different regions and legal systems to explore how the safeguard is being respected, enforced, or redefined in practice.

### **Featured Speakers:**

- **James Anaya** is a globally recognized legal scholar and Former UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. He currently serves as a Professor of Law at the University of Colorado, where he continues to shape the field of international human rights and Indigenous legal frameworks, with particular expertise in advancing Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) standards around the world.
- **Dr. Albert Barume** is an international Indigenous rights advocate and Former Chair of the UN Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. With a background in law and human rights, Dr. Barume has been instrumental in promoting legal protections for Indigenous Peoples in Africa and advising global institutions on Indigenous issues.
- **Jennifer Corpuz (Kankanaey Igorot)** is an Indigenous lawyer, international negotiator, and policy expert, currently working at the intersection of Indigenous governance, FPIC, and global biodiversity policy. She has played a key role in Asia-based negotiations and Indigenous representation in multilateral environmental frameworks.
- **Fawn Sharp (Quinault Nation)** is the President of the National Congress of American Indians and a national leader on Indigenous governance and tribal sovereignty. With a background in law and diplomacy, she has represented American Indian and Alaska Native Nations at the highest levels of national and international advocacy.

- **Moderators: Kristen Carpenter and Sue Noe** are Co-Directors of The Implementation Project (TIP), where they lead research and advocacy focused on advancing Indigenous rights through legal frameworks. Both are accomplished legal scholars with extensive experience supporting Indigenous Peoples' law and policy implementation across the United States and beyond.

As part of the session, TIP will preview "The Tribal Guide to Implementing FPIC in the Context of Conservation and Development," an upcoming publication that offers practical, tribally-driven guidance for Tribal Nations and Indigenous Peoples to develop, formalize, and enforce their own FPIC frameworks.

**We encourage all credentialed UNPFII attendees to join us.**

## More from COSA

### New Program Series with Preservica Kicks Off April 24th

*Tools and Techniques for Streamlining the Transfer of Agency Records* is a new 3-part webinar series in partnership with Preservica that will provide a forum for State Archives (and State Agencies and IT) to explore the latest people, process and technology challenges and solutions for efficient and automated transfers for a wide range of different sizes and frequency of records.

[Learn more about the series and register for the first session >>](#)

### 3rd Annual SERI STEER Unconference Set for May 14th

Make plans now to attend this popular virtual meet-up where attendee-led discussions on current aspects of managing electronic records in state and territorial archives will get you energized and networked to colleagues across the country.

[Find details on the theme and schedule >>](#)

### New BACKER Publications Available

As the BACKER project winds down, a variety of new resources are available in the Resource Center. They include:

- [Digital Processing Plan Template](#)
- [Digital Transfer Workflow, Maine](#)
- [BitCurator for Government Archives, New Jersey](#)
- [Digital Accession Processing and Ingest Workflow, Nevada](#)
- [Digital Best Practices Series volume 3: Records Schedules for Governing Digital Records](#)
- [Digital Best Practices Series volume 4: Recommended Practices for Data Extraction and SERP: Migrations](#)
- [Digital Best Practices Series volume 5: Best Practices for Electronic Records Custody and Control](#)
- [Digital Best Practices Series volume 6: Recommended Practices for Digital Preservation Roles and Responsibilities](#)
- [Digital Best Practices Series volume 7: SERP: Digital Systems Governance](#)
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- [Head Start funding lags by nearly \\$1 billion this year, causing some preschool closures](#)

## **Scientists Discovered 7,000-Year-Old Mummies in the Desert That Don't Share DNA With Modern Humans**

This ancient people lived in the Sahara when it was a much more welcoming environment.  
<https://www.popularmechanics.com/science/a64383417/saharan-mummies-dna/>

## **Scientists unveil 3D-printing breakthrough that could transform global water systems: 'The potential applications are vast'**

"3D printing has opened up new possibilities across multiple fields, from food production to housing. Now, its use in designing the next generation of sustainable technologies could be a game-changer. Microbial electrochemical systems have broad applications for green tech, including wastewater treatment, energy generation, and chemical synthesis, as a report by SciTechDaily explained. These devices leverage microorganisms to transfer electrons, and MES can both degrade pollutants and generate electricity, making them a future-forward tool for sustainable design. Among the advantages of using 3D printing for MES is the ability to rapidly prototype and customize reactor designs, as the report detailed. This gives researchers the flexibility to optimize fluid dynamics and mass transfer within the reactors, helping improve performance. ... " [Read more from The Cool Down.](#)

## **Trump administration revives effort to weaken Weaken Migratory Bird Treaty Act**

"Five years after a federal judge blocked Trump administration efforts during his first term to weaken the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MTBA), the president has reinstated the same provisions across most of the country. At issue is whether businesses can be liable for "incidental takes" of migratory birds, instances where birds are killed by industrial activities, such as the deaths of birds that land on an uncovered pond of hazardous wastes. Back in August 2020 the judge, Valerie Caproni of the Southern District of New York, ruled that the so-called Jorjani Opinion lacked needed substance — "the Opinion is riddled with ambiguities made only more apparent by the incoherent guidance FWS subsequently issued." — and was counter to the Interior Department's "prior longstanding position and enforcement practices" under the treaty. ... " [Read more from the National Parks Traveler.](#)

## **Trump directive creates chaos on the Colorado River**

"In March, Gila River took out 10,000 acre-feet of their allotted water from Lake Mead after the Trump administration's Unleashing American Energy executive order froze money for any program related to the Inflation Reduction Act. The act, which Congress passed during the Biden Administration in 2022, allocated money for tribes and states in exchange for giving up some of their shares of Colorado River water. The Trump administration later unfroze the Inflation Reduction Act funds that would be used for water conservation projects and to build canals. The act allocated around \$4 billion to compensate tribes, states and other organizations to not take water out of the Colorado River to use to generate revenue like crops. Gila River Governor

Stephen Roe Lewis wrote a letter to the Interior Secretary Doug Burgum on Feb. 11 before removing Colorado River water from Lake Mead. “We have given the department every opportunity to avoid what could be a calamitous break in our longstanding partnership, with terrible consequences for the entire basin,” he said. ... ” [Continue reading at ICT](#).

### **Leave it to ReBeaver: A new future for river restoration in the West**

“Throughout the Rockies, TU employs hundreds of project managers, contractors, staff, and other essential individuals who all contribute to rural restoration and prosperity. Earlier this year, this work and investment took another leap forward through a new partnership with BlueCommons through their ReBeaver Restoration Fund, which supports communities seeking to implement watershed-scale riverscape restoration projects employing process-based principles. “For nearly two centuries, the forests and streams of the Colorado River Basin have been waiting for a chance to thrive again,” said Elizabeth Gonzalez, Operations Manager at BlueCommons. “The headwaters of nearly every [watershed](#) in the Basin hold immense potential for renewed water quantity and quality to support healthy watersheds. BlueCommons, through its ReBeaver Fund, is seizing this opportunity to empower local partners with innovative financing options – including an up-front cash match and low to no-interest loans – to unlock the ability for partners to tap into federal, state, and other public funding sources.” ... ” [Read more from Trout Unlimited](#).

### **Nevada: Earthquakes can’t stifle progress of tiny Devils Hole pupfish, feds say**

“The seemingly sequestered, deep-blue swimming hole that the world’s rarest fish calls home isn’t immune to shifts in the tectonic plates. Luckily, scientists have been planning for years. Earthquakes — one in December and another in February — are part of the reason that National Park Service scientists recorded only 38 fish in their semiannual survey of Devils Hole pupfish, the agency said in a news release on Tuesday. Last spring, that number was much higher, at 191 fish. “The present size at near-record lows deserves our serious attention,” Michael Schwemm, a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service fish biologist, said in a statement. For the first time, scientists have successfully introduced into the wild 19 fish raised in captivity at the nearby Ash Meadows Fish Conservation Facility. ... ” [Read more from the Las Vegas Review-Journal](#).

**SEE ALSO:** ‘[Extremely concerned](#)’: Only 38 of this critically endangered species remain, from SF Gate

### **Arizona: The Valley is a popular spot for data centers. Is there enough water to sustain them?**

“Data centers have become more common in Arizona; the Valley is one of the biggest markets for them in the country. But data centers often need water, which in some cases, is in shorter supply here. So, how does that impact this industry in Maricopa County? Brett Walton, a reporter for Circle of Blue, a nonprofit news agency reporting on water issues, has written about this and joined The Show to discuss why it is that data centers require water.” [Read transcript or listen to radio show from KJZZ](#).