

# AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY Library & Museum

## APS Center for Native American and Indigenous Research Newsletter

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The Center for Native American and Indigenous Research (CNAIR) promotes innovative uses of the Library's collections to support Indigenous communities' priorities and scholarship.

## Celebrating Native American Heritage Month at the APS



Larry Aitken (Leech Lake Ojibwe) giving a pipe ceremony to open the 2010 Building Bridges conference at the APS Library.

Welcome to this first edition of the new quarterly newsletter for the Center for Native American and Indigenous Research (CNAIR) at the American Philosophical Society (APS). We envision this as a new space to share a wide variety of updates and information with our many friends and colleagues.

November is also Native American Heritage Month. To celebrate, CNAIR has lined up a full month of programming, from talks to blog posts and more, featuring work by Indigenous scholars and communities from throughout the hemisphere.

What's in this Newsletter:

- Meet the CNAIR Staff
- 2023-2024 CNAIR Fellows and Interns
- Apply for the Next Round of CNAIR Fellowships
- Upcoming Events and Programming
- Blogs from our NASI Interns
- APS CNAIR Updates and Recent Programming

To receive these CNAIR newsletters please [join our mailing list](#).

We also invite you to join our new [CNAIR Facebook Group](#) to get all the latest updates!

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## Meet the APS CNAIR Staff!



From left to right:

**Brian Carpenter**: Curator of Indigenous Materials

**Ruth Rouvier**: Native American Scholars Initiative Engagement Coordinator

**Paul Sutherland**: Archivist of Indigenous Materials

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## Announcing our 2023-2024 CNAIR Fellows and Interns



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## Long Term Fellows

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### **NASI Predoctoral Fellows**

Maura Sullivan is a Chumash linguist working on her PhD at Tulane University. Her linguistic interests include using archives in language revitalization as well as audio and video techniques for language use. Her dissertation, “Redefining our record: Chumash inquiry in Smithsonian archives”, details how for many years the presentation of Chumash language and culture was done through a predominantly settler colonial lens. Her research focuses on Chumash approaches and understandings of the archival data.

Alexandra Lamiña is a PhD candidate in Latin American Studies at the University of Texas, Austin. Alexandra is a Kitu-Kara Native woman Geographer, Urban Planner, and Amazonia advocate from Ecuador. She is a doctoral candidate in Latin American studies at the University of Texas at Austin. Her previous work focused on Indigenous geographies and regional planning in Ecuadorian Amazonia. Working in the Indigenous Amazonia with the Kichwa Nation has inspired her work to support territoriality and political representation processes since 2010.

### **NASI Career Pathways Fellow**

Emily Leischner has a PhD in Museum Anthropology at the University of British Columbia. Emily is a settler, community-based researcher who studies and works with heritage institutions like museums and archives. In reciprocity with colleagues and friends from the Nuxalk First Nation, (whose territory is on the Northwest Coast of what is also known as British Columbia, Canada), she researches the historical and contemporary appropriation of Nuxalk knowledge and heritage, collaborating on projects that reclaim and uphold Nuxalk sovereignty. Her dissertation examines resource extraction and settler colonialism in the capture, imprisonment and return of sound recordings of Nuxalk voices in museums and archives.

### **NASI Postdoctoral Fellow**

Christopher Roy has a B.A. from the University of Vermont (French, Anthropology) and a Ph.D. from Princeton University (Anthropology). He has conducted ethnographic research among the Abenaki, Indigenous people of the northeastern U.S. and southern Quebec, and he has continued to work in the archives for over two decades. He taught for 10 years at Temple University in Philadelphia.

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## Short Term Fellows and Interns

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### **NASI Undergraduate Interns**

Mara Gutierrez, Yale University

Kiwenke Hubbard, Washburn University

Keyen Singer, University of Oregon

### **Indigenous Community Research Fellows**

**Etta Anderson**, Colorado River Indian Tribes, "Mohave Language Revitalization"

**Ensley Guffey**, Catawba Nation, "Making Catawba holdings available remotely through digital objects"

**Ian McCallum**, Munsee-Delaware Nation, University of Toronto, "Asiiskusiipuw"

### **NASI Digital Knowledge Sharing Fellows**

**Maureen Matthews**, Independent Scholar, "Hallowell Photographs: Images and Memories"

**Laura Spaan**, Eyak Cultural Foundation, "Accessing Eyak: Connecting the Community to its Audiovisual Heritage"

**Alexander Jimerson**, Deadiwënöhsnye's Gëjöhgwá, "Onödowa'ga:' Gawënö' Wadwënödahöh"

**Sara Snyder Hopkins**, Western Carolina University, "Scoping the Cherokee Language Journals of Will West Long"

## Apply for a Fellowship or Internship

Applications for our 2024 fellowships are now open! In addition to our **academic residential fellowships and internships** based at the American Philosophical Society in Philadelphia, we also offer non-residential individual and group fellowships intended for **community-oriented projects** and goals.

Long term academic fellowship applications are due **January 19, 2024**, and short term fellowships and internship applications are due in late February and March.

Read more [here](#).

	<b>Applications open</b>	<b>Applications close</b>	<b>Notification</b>	<b>Fellowship Term</b>
<b>Postdoctoral Career Pathways Fellowship</b> (Mellon/NASI)	November 1	January 19	Early March	September 1, 2024 - August 31, 2026
<b>Postdoctoral Fellowship</b> (Mellon/NASI)	November 1	January 19	Early March	August 15, 2024 - August 14, 2025
<b>Predocctoral Fellowship</b> (Mellon/NASI)	November 1	January 19	Early March	August 15, 2024 - August 14, 2025
<b>Summer Undergraduate Internship</b> (Mellon/NASI)	November 1	February 28	Late March	June 9 - August 3, 2024
<b>Indigenous Community Research Fellowship</b>	November 1	March 15	Mid April	June 1, 2024 - May 31, 2025
<b>Digital Knowledge Sharing Fellowship</b> (Mellon/NASI)	November 1	March 15	Mid April	June 1, 2024 - May 31, 2025

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## Upcoming Events and Programming

We're pleased to offer three virtual or hybrid events in November, and will be scheduling the remainder of our [Indigenous Learning Forum](#) presentations in Spring 2024.

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**11/29: APS Lunch at the Library "Ethical Returns, Access and Complicating the Archive" with Maura Sullivan**

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**Wednesday, November 29,  
2023, 12:00 p.m. ET  
Benjamin Franklin Hall 427  
Chestnut St. Philadelphia, PA 19106.**

This talk will explore the issue of access to archives. As a Chumash linguist researching archival materials the idea of access comes up a lot and I hope to detail the different ways that it takes shape. This will cover the logistics of accessing physical or digital copies of archives as an Indigenous researcher.

**Maura Sullivan** is a Chumash linguist working on her PhD at Tulane University. Her linguistic interests include using archives in language revitalization as well as audio and video techniques for language use.

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This event is free to attend but registration is required. [Please register to attend in-person and online.](#)

Lunch will be provided to those attending in person.

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## 11/30: Indigenous Learning Forum: "Archival Material in Media Art - The 2023 Indigenous Gulf Stream" with Hali Dardar

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The second 2023-2024 Indigenous Learning Forum will take place November 30, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. ET on Zoom.

This presentation will explore archival material as ephemera for creative expression and consider the relational impact of an Indigenous art collective using archival materials in the 2023 biennial New Media art project the Indigenous Gulf Stream.

**Hali Dardar** is a member of the United Houma Nation, co-founder of the Houma Language Project and Bvlbancha Public Access, and the Project Manager for Language Vitality Initiatives and the Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage.

This event is free to attend but [registration is required.](#)

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## Spring 2024 Indigenous Learning Forum Schedule

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**Keith Richotte, Jr.**, "The Worst Trickster Story Ever Told: Native America, Plenary Power, and the U.S. Constitution"

**Jennifer Komorowski**, "Haudenosaunee Oral Tradition as a Philosophy of Being in the

World"

**Raymundo Cruz Miguel**, "Teaching Zapotec as a second language"

**Jacqueline S. Campo**, "Limeños andinos: Narratives of indigenous Quechua migrants from the Andes to Lima, the capital of Peru"

Check back soon for scheduling information!

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## Blogs from our 2023 NASI Undergraduate Interns



**CNAIR** was honored to host three young Indigenous researchers this summer through our Native American Scholars Initiative Undergraduate Internship program. Each intern completed a project of their own design over the course of the 8 week internship. In addition to presenting their work to the APS community in a Brown Bag talk, and in a poster session at the 2023 Digital Knowledge Sharing Workshop, they wrote about their projects in these blog posts.



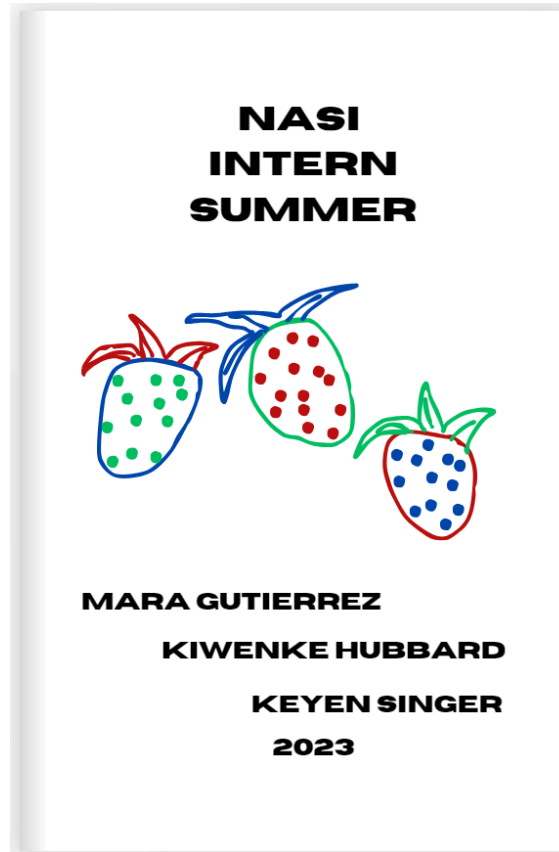
Indigenizing the Finding Aid by Kiwenke Hubbard

A Summer of Searching by Mara Gutierrez

Accessing Sahaptin Language Material from APS Archive by Keyen Singer

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They also created a [Zine](#) memorializing their summer!



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**APS Visit from Manitoba and Alberta**



Earlier this year, CNAIR was honored to welcome visitors from Manitoba and Alberta to view Ojibwe photos, maps, and documents from the 1930s in the A. Irving Hallowell Papers. The visitors included Chief Sheldon Black of Black River First Nation and Myrna Whiteway, great-granddaughter of Chief William Berens of Berens River.

This rich resource of 500+ photos from Ojibwe communities in the Berens River watershed has contributed to multiple community-centered projects from the 1990s through the present, including Pimachiowin Aki, a successful UNESCO World Heritage Site bid to protect nearly 30,000 square kilometers of boreal forest in Manitoba and Ontario.

CNAIR is nearing completion of a new level of enhanced searchability of these digitized photos, including tagging of over 200 people, with their Ojibwe and/or English names, who have been identified by community members over the past 30 years.

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## Catch Up on Recent CNAIR Programming

We have a wonderful collection of recordings from past CNAIR programs. These include:

Alan Corbier's [Keynote Presentation from our 2023 Digital Knowledge Sharing Workshop "Weweni Zgagnigedaa: Let's properly store things"](#).

A [Virtual Conversation between Deborah Miranda and Laura Furlan](#) about the effects of missionization on California Indian masculinities, seen through the life of one Carmel Mission Esselen man, her ancestor Ventura Cantua-Soto.

A wide range of presentations from our 2020 Conference ["Relationships, Reciprocity and Responsibilities: Indigenous Studies in Archives and Beyond"](#)

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