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APS Center for Native American and Indigenous Research Newsletter Issue #3

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

Welcome to this third 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 an ongoing space to share a wide variety of updates and information with our many friends and colleagues.

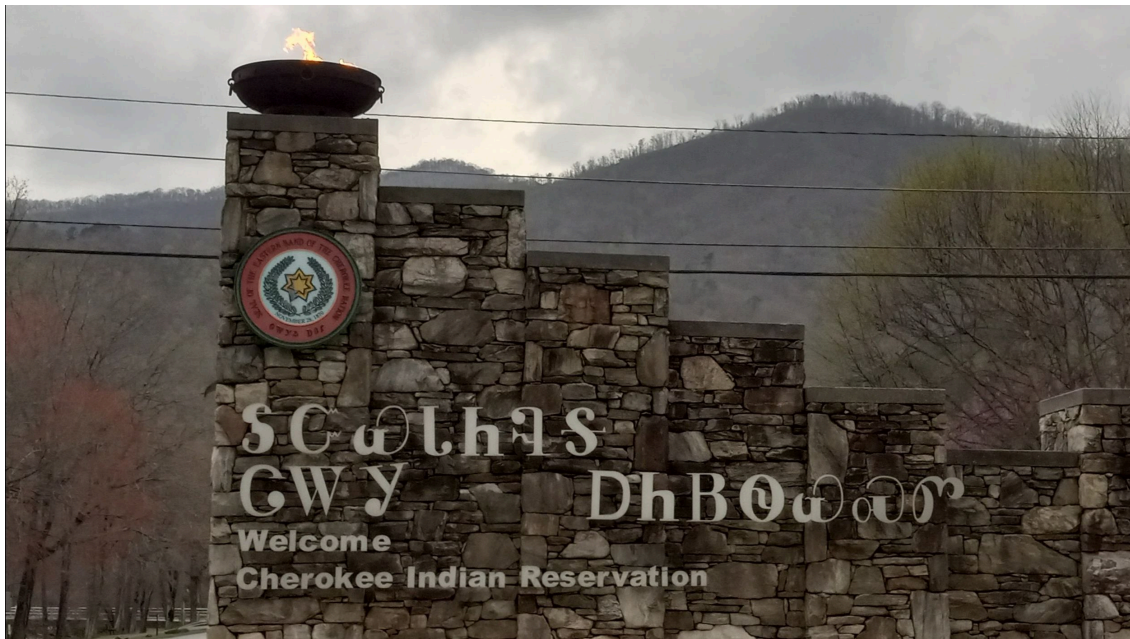
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We also invite you to join our new [CNAIR Facebook Group](#) to get all the latest updates!

CNAIR Visit Spotlights



In April, CNAIR Curator [Brian Carpenter](#) traveled to North Carolina to visit with long-time colleagues and meet newer ones at the Kituwah Preservation and Education Program and the Junaluska Museum at the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. He also attended the Cherokee Language Summit at Western Carolina University. The trip was a chance to renew the working relationship between the APS and EBCI, which goes back to 2009, and to work on new shared goals.



In early May, Carol Beaulieu and Maureen Matthews visited the APS Library to work with CNAIR as part of their [NASI Digital Knowledge Sharing fellowship](#). Their week-long visit focused on audio interviews with the Ojibwe elder Charlie George Owen from Pauingassi, Manitoba, archived at the APS Library.

The recordings, almost entirely in Anishinaabemowin, were made from 1992 to 2001, and 21 hours of them were fully transcribed and translated by the great Ojibwe teacher and translator Roger Roulette, who passed away in 2022. As Roger's long-time friends, Carol, herself a speaker, and Maureen, who made and donated the recordings, worked with

CNAIR to prepare the transcripts for use in an upcoming online resource for exploring the recordings through these bilingual transcripts.

Upcoming Events and Programming

Following Knowledge Forward: A Gathering to Mark a Decade of Indigenous Knowledge and Collaboration at CNAIR



We are excited to share that we will host a conference October 10-11, 2024 to mark the 10th anniversary of CNAIR's founding.

This hybrid conference will be an opportunity for people to gather together virtually and in person, and share their experiences, insights, and visions for the future surrounding collaborative, community-engaged work in language and cultural revitalization. Proposals for presentations will be accepted through **May 31, 2024**.

Learn more about this call for papers [on our website!](#)

Submit a conference proposal

**Indigenous Learning Forum '24-'25
Call for Proposals!**



We're accepting proposals for our 2024-2025 Indigenous Learning Forum through June 10. Visit the [Forum webpage](#) to learn more, browse past presentations, and submit your proposal!

Submissions for the 2024-2025 Indigenous Learning Forum are open through Monday, June 10. Questions should be sent to Ruth Rouvier, Native American Scholars Initiative Engagement Coordinator, at rrouvier@amphilsoc.org.

Submit a forum proposal

Comings and Goings



2024-2025 Long-Term Fellows Cohort

Andrew Abdalian (Mellon NASI Postdoctoral Fellowship) has a BA in linguistics from Swarthmore College and a PhD in linguistics from Tulane University. He works on language change and pedagogy in endangered and reawakening languages. He has worked with the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana on the revitalization of the Tunica language since 2016.

Jessica Locklear (Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina) (Mellon NASI Predoctoral Fellowship) is a PhD Candidate in the Department of History at Emory University and an enrolled member of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina. Jessica's research focuses on migrations carried out by members and ancestors of the present-day Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina throughout the twentieth century. Jessica's dissertation project demonstrates that Lumbee people have intergenerational histories of utilizing mobility to adapt to ever-changing historical circumstances while maintaining distinct Indigenous identities.

Adrienne Tsikewa (Zuni Pueblo) (Mellon NASI Career Pathways Postdoctoral Fellowship) is currently finishing her PhD in Linguistics at the University of California,

Santa Barbara. Her dissertation research focuses on family language practices in Zuni/English bilingual households and how related language ideologies contribute to language shift from Zuni to English. She also advocates for more Native American participation and perspectives in linguistics, and serves on an ethics ad hoc committee under the Linguistic Society of America that focuses on best practices of returning language materials to heritage language communities.

Emily Leischner (Mellon NASI Career Pathways Postdoctoral Fellowship) 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.

Welcoming our 2024-2025 Short-Term Fellows Cohort (from left to right)



Indigenous Community Research Fellows (from left to right)

Izaira López Sánchez (Ñuu Savi) y Omar Aguilar Sánchez (tee savi), "Colección del Ñuu Savi en el APS"

Jakeli Swimmer (Eastern Band of Cherokee), "Reclamation of the Eastern Cherokee People"

Sean O'Rourke and Mary-Jo Michell (Nlaka'pamux), "Preserving ḷəq̓ḷaq̓tn and Nlaka'pamux knowledge, heritage through collaboration with the American Philosophical Society Library and Museum."



NASI Digital Knowledge Sharing Fellows (from left to right)

Mikalen Running Fisher (Blackfoot Tribe), "Reindigenizing Amskapii Pikanni Artifacts"

Lauren Kelly, "From the Archives to the Valley: Bringing Nüümü and Newe Interviews Back to Payahuunadii"

Louellyn White (Akwasasne Mohawk), "Children Lost to Indian Boarding Schools: Connecting Archives to Indigenous Communities"

George Quinten Phoenix Doxtater (Turtle Clan, Mohawk, Six Nations), "Cayuga Language Preservation via Reel-to-Reel Digitization"



Undergraduate Internships (from left to right)

Tia Hunt (Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina), North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Naomy Poot Ibarra (Maya), Mount Holyoke College

Dani Cohen (Muscogee (Creek) Tribe), Princeton University

CNAIR Collection Updates

New Acquisitions Highlights



CNAIR is processing the recently donated Michael Silverstein Papers. The collection centers on fieldwork that Silverstein did in Oregon and Washington from 1967 to 1974, mainly studying the Kiksht language. The heart of the collection is 420 hours of reel-to-reel tapes, which are now fully digitized and being shared first with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

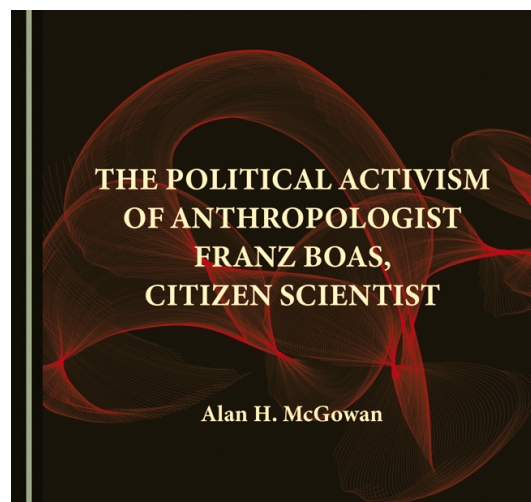
News from our Network

The IndigenizeSNAC project, which is testing the Social Networks and Archival Contexts platform for Indigenous representation and discovery, is currently recruiting Native and Indigenous junior scholars and graduate students in a range of disciplines to participate in focus groups on evaluating [SNAC](#) for Indigenous research. We intend to use this feedback to improve the SNAC platform and its usability for Native and Indigenous researchers. If you identify as a junior Indigenous scholar or archival researcher and are interested in participating in these focus groups and helping us to test the SNAC tool, please contact us at: indigenizesnac@umd.edu

Dr. Mneesha Gellman's book, *[Indigenous Language Politics in the Schoolroom: Cultural Survival in Mexico and the United States](#)* was published by University of Pennsylvania Press in 2023. In March 2024, her next book, *[Misrepresentation and Silence in United States History Textbooks: The Politics of Historical Oblivion](#)* will publish open access with Palgrave Macmillan.



Alan McGowan's new book *[The Political Activism of Anthropologist Franz Boas, Citizen Scientist](#)* was published by Cambridge Scholars Publishing in January 2024. It draws in part from materials newly added to the [Franz Boas Personal and Professional Papers](#), as described in [this blog post](#) by CNAIR's Paul Sutherland.



Share your news!

Do you have news, opportunities, or updates you would like to share in our next newsletter? If so, please fill out this [Google Form!](#)

Catch Up on Recent CNAIR Programming

We've had some wonderful programming over the past few months. Check out our [YouTube playlist](#) and [CNAIR blog catalog](#) to explore all of our available content.

April 17th Virtual Discussion – Launching Boas Papers Volume 2 on "Franz Boas, James Teit, and Early Twentieth-Century Salish Ethnography"

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