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APS Center for Native American and Indigenous Research Newsletter

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 the latest edition of the quarterly newsletter for the Center for Native American and Indigenous Research (CNAIR) at the American Philosophical Society (APS). This is a space to share a wide variety of updates and information with our many friends and colleagues.

What's in this Newsletter:

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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!

CNAIR Spotlight: Fellowship Alert!

We are accepting applications for our **two-year** Career Pathways Postdoctoral Fellowship, supported by the Mellon Foundation Native American Scholars Initiative. This fellowship is open to Indigenous Studies scholars in any discipline, and is ideal for those seeking to establish a career in libraries, archives, museums, or other kinds of cultural institutions. The fellowship will start January 1, 2025 and end December 31, 2026.

[Read more](#) about the fellowship, and apply by September 23!



Upcoming Events and Programming

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



Preparations are underway for our upcoming **hybrid conference** October 10-11, 2024. This conference marks the 10th anniversary of CNAIR's founding, and will feature presentations and discussions highlighting community-based and community-engaged work. You can see the draft program, and register to attend either virtually or in person [here](#).

This conference is free and open to all and will take place in Philadelphia, PA and online

from October 10-11, 2024.

**Se ofrecerá interpretación en español para todas las sesiones de la reunión.
Spanish interpretation will be offered for all of the conference sessions.**

Learn More About this Conference

Indigenous Learning Forum 24-25



We are putting the final touches on our 2024-2025 [Indigenous Learning Forum](#) program. Our first talk will be "Remembering from the Heart and Mind: Oceti Sakowin Approaches to Digital Archiving and Website Design" with Kaylen James and Dr. Samantha Majhor on Thursday, September 12 at 3 pm ET.

You can register to attend [here](#). Check back on the [ILF page](#) for information about the complete program!

**Se ofrecerá interpretación en español.
Spanish interpretation will be offered.**

Register for this Talk

Comings and Goings

CNAIR has had an exceptionally busy - and fun - summer! In addition to welcoming a new permanent staff member and our 2024-2025 long-term fellows, we have hosted many dynamic and inspiring researchers through our short-term fellowship and summer

internship programs. We also bid farewell to our 2023-2024 long-term fellows, and wish them well in their next endeavors.

Introducing Karen Trop, CNAIR Reference Archivist!



Finding it hard to ‘find’ something in a Finding Aid?

Our newest staff member, [Karen Trop](#), is here to help!

Whether you want to check in on a current photoduplication request, or ask a question about our collections, Karen is here to help make navigating the CNAIR collections a breeze.

Karen joined CNAIR as its first full-time Reference Archivist in early June. She most recently lived in Talkeetna, AK. She is a recent graduate of Simmons University’s Master of Library and Information Science program, and has previously worked as a radio station general manager before returning to her first love - archives, libraries and museums.

Say hi or ask a question directly by emailing her at ktrop@amphilsoc.org.



Welcoming Andrew Abdalian and Jessica Locklear

We recently welcomed two new Mellon NASI long-term fellows to the APS! [Andrew Abdalian](#) (postdoc) and [Jessica Locklear](#) (predoc) will be in residence for the next year. We’re thrilled they’ve chosen to join us and look forward to learning more about their work.



2024 Digital Knowledge Sharing Fellows Workshop

At the end of July we held our 7th Annual Digital Knowledge Sharing Workshop, welcoming our 2024-2025 cohort of [DKS Fellowship](#) recipients and learning about their projects:

- Louellyn White (Akwesasne Mohawk), Concordia University, "Children Lost to Indian Boarding Schools: Connecting Archives to Indigenous Communities"
- Mikalen Running Fisher (Blackfeet Nation), University of Montana, "Reindigenizing Amskapii Pikanni Artifacts"
- Lauren Kelly, University of Southern California, "From the Archives to the Valley: Bringing Nüümü and Newe Interviews Back to Payahuunadü"
- George Quinten Phoenyx Doxtater (Turtle Clan, Mohawk, Six Nations), Woodland Cultural Centre Language Department, "Cayuga Language Preservation via Reel-to-Reel Digitization"

This year's workshop was especially meaningful, as our [keynote presentation](#) was delivered by Dr. Holly Miowak Guise, who was a member of our very first DKS cohort in 2017. Dr. Guise shared her hot-off-the-presses book, [Alaska Native Resilience: Voices from World War II](#), which is the culmination of her 2017 DKS project!



Undergraduate Internships

One of the highlights of our year here at CNAIR is hosting our [NASI Summer Undergraduate Interns](#). This summer was no exception! Naomi (Yucatec Maya), Dani (Muscogee), and Tia (Lumbee) did important research in the collections of the APS, contributed to our Digital Knowledge Sharing Workshop, and visited partner institutions in Philly and Washington, DC. We can't wait to see what they do next!



Farewell to Christopher Roy and Alexandra Lamiña!

In August we bid farewell to two long-term Mellon NASI Fellows, [Alexandra Lamiña](#) (Predoctoral) and [Christopher Roy](#) (Postdoctoral). We've loved having them in residence at the APS for the past year!

We also extend huge congratulations to Alexandra who recently accepted a job at the University of Connecticut in the Department of Geography, Sustainability, Community, and Urban Studies, where she will be working this fall as an Assistant Professor.



CNAIR visit to Oaxaca

In July of 2024, Curator of Indigenous Materials Brian Carpenter visited Oaxaca to meet with Zapotec, Chocholteco, and Mixe language teachers and activists, and colleagues in multiple libraries in museums, including the Juan de Córdova Research Library and the Museo Comunitario Coixtlahuaca. One highlight of the trip was attending the opening of an exhibition at the Pitao Bezelayo Cultural Center in the Indigenous Zapotec town of Mitla in Oaxaca, Mexico.

The exhibition featured reproductions of over 40 photographs taken in the 1920s and digitized by CNAIR from the papers of the anthropologist Elsie Clews Parsons. The exhibition was one part of an ongoing project called “Este Lugar Tiene Muchas Historias / Lajtre Yuduxh Rextiixni” (“This Place Has Many (Hi)stories”). A NASI Digital Knowledge Sharing fellowship provided seed money at an early stage of this project by Dr. Hilary Morgan V. Leathem, Dr. Guillermo Ramón Celis, and Marco Méndez, founder of the cultural center. The broader project includes translation of Parsons’ 1936 book on Mitla into Spanish and Zapotec by community language experts and the creation of a community-curated digital map.

CNAIR’s role also includes digitization of the entirety of Mitla-related photos and manuscripts in the archival collections, and making it easier for these unique and treasured materials to be accessed and shared by people locally in both digital and physical forms for use by Mitla community members themselves for their own priorities.

CNAIR Collection Updates

New Collection Processed

The papers of linguist Bruce Pearson (1932-2021) are processed. They mainly focus on his work with three tribes in Oklahoma (Delaware Tribe of Indians, Absentee Shawnee Tribe, and Wyandotte Nation), documenting their languages and supporting revitalization efforts. The finding aid is not yet online as we are moving to a new platform for publishing finding

aids, but anyone interested may request a copy of the finding aid by emailing cnair@amphilsoc.org.

News from our Network

November is Native American Heritage Month here in the US. We'd love to celebrate by sharing what YOU, our friends and colleagues, are up to! If you'd like us to feature your work, accomplishments, and thoughts through our social media channels, we've created a handy form where you can submit your news. You can also email us at cnair-programming@amphilsoc.org.

And as always, if you have news, opportunities, or updates you would like to share in our next newsletter, please fill out the [Newsletter submission 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.

July 24th DKS Keynote Discussion – [Alaska Native Resilience: Voices from World War II" 7th Annual Digital Knowledge Sharing Workshop Keynote Discussion with Holly Miowak Guise](#)

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

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