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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.

As 2024 draws to a close, we are reflecting on a very full year here at the Center for Native American and Indigenous Research. In this Winter Solstice issue of our newsletter, we share some of the highlights of the year and a few things we are looking forward to in 2025. We also want to express our gratitude to you all, our CNAIR community, for allowing us to be part of your lives and contribute to your important work. We wish everyone a restorative holiday season and a joyous new year!

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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: (Re)Introducing the Indigenous Community Research *Fund*

We're excited to share that we've made some changes to make it easier to apply for support from the [Indigenous Community Research Fund \(ICRF\)](#), formerly the Indigenous Community Research Fellowship. In addition to the new name, we have replaced the application with a short 'Letter of Interest' (LOI) which you can submit through a Google Form. We've also changed to a rolling deadline, so you can complete your LOI at any time!

This new system will give us greater flexibility to tailor awards to applicants' specific resources and needs, and we think it will also center CNAIR's values of collaboration and

relationship-building throughout the application process.

Read more about these changes in our recent [blog post](#).



Upcoming Events & Opportunities

CNAIR Open House for LSA Attendees

Will you be in Philadelphia next month for the [Linguistic Society of America's Annual Meeting](#)? If so, we hope you'll consider visiting the APS while you're in town!

We've scheduled a **CNAIR Open House** for Thursday, January 9, and we invite you to attend! Space is limited, so **advance registration is required**.

CNAIR Open House - Thursday, January 9, 2025

Session 1: 1:00 PM

Session 2: 2:30 PM

Our **Reading Room** is also open for research Monday-Friday, and you can make a reservation by emailing our Appointments Desk. You can read more about both opportunities and register for the Open House [here](#).



Fellowships & Internships

It's Fellowship Season! We are accepting applications for a wide range of funding opportunities, including **long-term residential** fellowships, **short-term research** fellowships, and our **summer undergraduate internship** program.

The table below gives a snapshot of all opportunities, and you can read about each in detail on our [CNAIR Funding Opportunities](#) page.

	Applications Open	Applications Close	Notification	Fellowship Term
Postdoctoral Fellowship (Mellon/NASI)	September 26	January 17	Early March	August 15, 2025 - May 15, 2026
Predocctoral Fellowship (Mellon/NASI)	September 26	January 17	Early March	August 15, 2025 - May 15, 2026
Digital Knowledge Sharing Fellowship (Mellon/NASI)	November 1	March 3	Early April	June 1, 2025 - May 31, 2026
Summer Undergraduate Internship (Mellon/NASI)	November 1	March 3	Early April	June 9 - August 1, 2025
Indigenous Community Research Fund	December	Rolling deadline	Within 1 month of application	variable

Indigenous Learning Forum

We hope you were able to attend our excellent Fall 2024 [Indigenous Learning Forum](#) presentations. You can view recordings of several of these on our [YouTube channel](#).

We have a full schedule of presentations for Spring 2025, beginning with a talk with our own NASI Postdoctoral Fellow **Andrew Abdalian** on January 23! Andrew will share his work creating a Tunica Language Textbook. Read more and register [here](#)!



Spring 2025 Schedule

Thursday, January 23: "[Just one more quick edit: Lessons from the making of the Tunica Language Textbook](#)" (Andrew Abdalian)

Thursday, February 20: "[Following the Pines: Lumbee Mobility and Indian Identity in the Deep South](#)" (Jessica Locklear)

Thursday, March 20: "[Activating Nuxalk Ancestral Governance to Protect the Nuxalk Language with the American Philosophical Society \(APS\)](#)" (Emily Jean Leischner)

Thursday, April 17: "[Ñuqaqa runa simitam rimachkani: Learning Quechua as a Heritage Language](#)" (Jacqueline S. Campo)

Thursday, May 8: "[Akiinziitookw - Let's Read Together!](#)" Collaborative Interpretation of [Moravian Munsee Lenape Manuscripts and Ancestral Voices at Harvard's Houghton Library](#)" (Anca Wilkening, Ian McCallum, Velma Noah Nicholas)

**Se ofrecerá interpretación en español/inglés para todas las presentaciones.
Spanish/English interpretation will be offered for all presentations.**

Comings and Goings



Celebrating 10 Years of CNAIR!

In October we had the great honor of welcoming over 400 (yes 400, that's not a typo!!) friends and colleagues to the APS, both online and in Philadelphia, for a conference marking the 10th anniversary of CNAIR's founding. [Following Knowledge Forward: A Gathering to Mark a Decade of Indigenous Knowledge and Collaboration at CNAIR](#) featured presentations in Spanish and English from long-standing CNAIR collaborators as well as scholars and practitioners who we are just getting to know.

Participants also enjoyed virtual and in-person tours of the archives, an art station, and a puzzle table! You can read about the complex logistics of the hybrid and fully interpreted conference in this [blog post](#) by our colleague Hali Dardar, and watch recordings of presentations on our [YouTube channel](#) once they are available in 2025.



(left to right) Mikalen Running Fisher, Taylor Gibson, Mowana Lomaomvaya



(left to right) Tanis Hill, Brian Carpenter, Taylor Gibson, Heather Bomberry

CNAIR on the Road

In November, the head of CNAIR, Brian Carpenter, took an 8-day trip through Haudenosaunee country in central and western New York state to visit with new and long-standing colleagues at Seneca Nation, Tuscarora Nation, and Onondaga Nation. Brian also attended the annual commemoration of the [Treaty of Canandaigua](#) on November 11th, where chiefs, clan mothers, and many other community members from many Haudenosaunee nations assembled to speak about the importance of this treaty in the

present day and to “polish the chain of friendship” between the Haudenosaunee confederacy and the United States.



A few times every year, CNAIR travels to visit various Indigenous communities with which it is working, both new ones as well those that have been long-standing partners, such as Tuscarora Nation on this visit. These visits often involve bringing recently digitized materials, developing more interpersonal connections, and meeting community members and leaders involved in language revitalization, archiving, and other related areas of work in order to learn more about ways that CNAIR can make itself useful to community priorities.

Collection Updates

Farriss Collection

A [finding aid is now online](#) for papers of historian Nancy M. Farriss (Mss.Ms.Coll.184). The collection contains archival research compiled for her 1984 book: *Maya Society Under Colonial Rule: The Collective Enterprise of Survival*, and includes copies of original documents from archives in Yucatán, Mexico City, Seville, and elsewhere, many of which are difficult to access.

Construction Underway!

If you've searched through the CNAIR collections in the past few weeks, you've noticed a significant new look to our finding aids.

Say goodbye to endless scrolling with each finding aid's **dedicated search bar** and **collapsible collection organization** found in the right-hand, mobile-responsive table.

You can check out the new features at <https://as.amphilsoc.org/>. Many finding aids also include updated information.

As with any big change, we're still sweeping up the dust! Detours may be expected, and we're here to help with any needed wayfinding. Don't hesitate to reach out to us for any reference needs at cnair@amphilsoc.org.

News from our Network

Summer Rewind with NASI Interns

Year-end is an opportunity for reflection, and CNAIR's 2024 Native American Scholars Initiative (NASI) Interns Dani Cohen and Tia Hunt have posted about their internship experiences on the APS Blog.

In [Philly's Colonial History → How it feels to be indigenous in this space](#), Dani (Muscogee [Creek] Tribe), contextualizes colonial historical markers through an Indigenous perspective.

Tia (Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina) digs into the legacy of political activism and information-sharing via Native-run newspapers in [The Right to Tell](#).

Both reflections share great insights in their archival research experiences. You can read Dani and Tia's blog posts, and other CNAIR news and happenings at <https://www.amphilsoc.org/blog-category/cnair>.

Would you like to share news with the CNAIR network? You can submit items for future newsletters through [this 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.

September 12 ILF – ["Remembering from the Heart and Mind: Oceti Sakowin Approaches to Digital Archiving and Website Design" with Kaylen James and Dr. Samantha Majhor](#)

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