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Sequoyah National Research Center

Honoring the Memory of Dr. James W. Parins

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As many of you know, Jim was co-founder of the American Native Press Archives, which evolved into the Center. He was devoted to the Center's mission and was deeply committed to the in-service training and experiential education opportunities the Center affords UALR students. He mentored most of the interns who have worked in the Center since the early 1990s. In addition, he was a scholar, known internationally as a biographer of Native American literary and historical figures. Jim was an inspiration to all of us, and his presence is sorely missed.



Dr. James W. Parins
1939 - 2013

Thank you again for joining us in honoring his memory.

SNRC Celebrated 30 Year Anniversary

The Sequoyah National Research Center at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock hosted a 30th anniversary dinner on Tuesday, November 12, 2013, at the Arkansas Governor's Mansion Ballroom. The event raised \$29,000 to begin an endowment for the SNRC's Native American Student



Roy Boney, Jr.

Summer Intern Scholarships.

Roy Boney, former SNRC graduate fellow, was the keynote speaker. Boney graduated from UALR in 2007 with a master's degree in art and now works as the Cherokee Language Program Manager .

New In the Archives

SNRC Archivist Erin Fehr Traveled to Anchorage and Seattle to Network and Engage in Outreach on behalf of SNRC.

Ms. Fehr visited Anchorage, Alaska this past August in order to make contacts within Alaska Native corporations in an effort to partner with them to build our archival collections on Alaska Natives. During her trip, she met with representatives from four of the twelve land-based Alaska Native regional corporations: Aaron Schutt, President and CEO of Doyon, Limited; Iamafana "Fish" Tuimalealii-fano, Communications Specialist of Ahtna, Inc.; Shelly Wozniak, Senior Director of Corporate Communications at NANA Regional Corporation, Inc.; and Barbara Donatelli, Senior Vice President of Cook Inlet Region, Inc. (CIRI). All four meetings were quite successful, resulting in promises of donations from each corporation. Erin met with Susan Anderson, CEO of The CIRI Foundation, the non-profit counterpart to CIRI, which provided generous scholarship support during her collegiate education. Susan was very supportive of SNRC's mission and connected her with several people in Anchorage with whom she had the opportunity to meet. The CIRI Foundation donated seven of their published books to our library, which are currently on display in the Center. Erin also met with Suzanne Sharp, Research Associate at the Institute of Social and Economic Research at the Uni-

versity of Alaska Anchorage, and Cindy Allred, Deputy Director of the ANCSA Regional Corporation, both of whom gave SNRC invaluable information on the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) of 1971.

In addition to Erin's meetings with Alaska Native



organizations, she also connected with Kevin Tripp, Archivist at the Alaska Moving Image Preservation Association (AMIPA), who gave her a tour of their archive, which has a substantial collection of video recordings related to Alaska and Alaska Natives. She also toured the National Archives and Records Administration Pacific Alaska Regional Archive with the archivist, Robyn Dexter.

Erin continued her trip with a visit to John Loftus, the editor of the *Muckleshoot Monthly*, the newspaper of the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe located in Auburn, Washington, just south of Seattle. While there she was able to tour the reservation and visit with several of the tribal employees, including the sheriff, archaeologist and cultural program director. Erin had corresponded with John prior to her arrival, and as promised,

he took her to the newspaper's storage unit to dig around for about three hours in order to sift through the boxes of records and bring back pertinent documents to SNRC. She was able to almost complete our run of the *Muckleshoot Monthly* from its first issue in 2000 through the most current issue. In addition, she brought back books, four documentaries on the Muckleshoot, annual reports, newspaper yearbooks, posters, and other tribal newspapers that were mailed to them. John was very pleased to add a strong Muckleshoot presence to our archives.

While in Seattle, Erin visited the National Archives and Records Administration, where she interned in 2009. Not only did she visit with her former bosses, but she did a little PR for SNRC. They weren't aware of SNRC's extensive collection of tribal publications and were thrilled to know that it existed.

Overall, Erin's trip was very successful; she was able to add to SNRC's collections and make invaluable face-to-face contacts. She also publicized the summer internship program, which was received enthusiastically. The warm reception that Erin was given proves that partnerships with Alaska Native corporations and organizations are essential in growing our collections. Erin believes that we have only begun to see the fruits of our labors in Alaska.



Erin Fehr at the Pacific Alaska Regional National Archives and Records Administration

Connecting with Tribal Colleges Nationwide



There are several states that have American Indian Tribal Colleges that can be included as partners in our proposed internship/course instruction program. The SNRC intends to extend an

invitation to join the Center as educational partners to as many tribal colleges as time and resources will allow. Currently, we have developed several courses that can be offered for online credit (3 semester hour) at any tribal college that has the capacity to conduct online instruction. However, the central focus of this proposed program is to recruit Native American students to enroll in our online SNRC Internship course, specifically designed to give students the opportunity to earn internship credit as researchers, collection organizers, cataloguers, or other participants in other internship activities to be determined by the SNRC Director and/or Archivist.

The information provided by this research is pertinent to inter-disciplinary programs that are engaged in course development of Native American studies. Ultimately, the SNRC would like its tribal college partners to utilize this proposed program to enhance their own efforts at providing the educational resources necessary to engage Native American students, increase retention, and produce higher graduation rates among/within Native American communities.



2014 Summer Interns

SNRC has named three students to our fifth class of the Native American Student Summer Internship Program. Andrew Gourd (Seneca-Cayuga) is a graduate assistant at the Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center located at the University of Oklahoma, where he is a graduate student in

the Anthropology and Library and Information Studies programs. Davina Caddell (Choctaw) is also a student at the University of Oklahoma, where she is an undergraduate student majoring in English with a minor in Native American Studies. Cassandra Keyport (Grand Portage Band of

Lake Superior Ojibwe) is a graduate student in the School of Library and Information Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where she is a member of the Tribal Libraries, Archives, and Museums student group. We look forward to their arrival in June.

Thank You Recent Donors



Dr. Dan Littlefield, SNRC Director (top); Erin Fehr, Archivist (left); and Tony Rose, Assistant Director (right)

We of the SNRC, would like to thank you for your generous donation, especially those who contributed to the success of our 30th Anniversary celebration. We would be remiss if we failed to acknowledge those individuals and organizations who contribute to our efforts on a regular basis. In addition to those who regularly send us materials and monetary donations, we thank our patrons, visitors, and researchers who contribute to the relevancy and viability of the Center in its day-to-day operation. Thank you, one and all.

Erin's Corner ~



Thanks for the Kiss!

As always, the archives are staying abuzz with activity and progress. The records in our online catalog continue to grow. Thanks to Tony Rose, images for the entire J.W. Wiggins

Native American Art Collection can now be viewed in the catalog. We are cataloging our microfilm collection and now have 600 rolls that are catalogued, including historic newspapers, Cherokee National Records, Cheyenne and Arapaho Agency Records, and National Archives records from Washington, DC and Fort Worth, Texas. One hundred twenty one new periodical titles have

been added to our collection through donation and acquisition. In addition, 60 music CDs from Canyon Records have been added.

Processing is underway on the Hirschfelder-Molin Native American Stereotypes Collection for which we received a grant from the Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Council. We have been numbering each artifact and storing it in museum-quality boxes. George Chambers has been photographing each item so that an image can be placed in the online catalog once the collection is catalogued.

To view our new catalog records and more, please visit our catalog at <http://ualr.edu/sequoyah/index.php/home/research/>. Happy researching!



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