



Sequoyah National Research Center

Newsletter

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SNRC to host National Traveling Exhibit

The Sequoyah National Research Center has been selected in a competitive application process to host *Native Voices: Native Peoples' Concepts of Health and Illness*, a traveling exhibition to U.S. libraries.

Native Voices explores the interconnectedness of wellness, illness and cultural life for Native Americans, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians. Stories drawn from both the past and present examine how health for Native People is tied to community, the land and spirit. Through interviews, Native People describe the impact of epidemics, federal legislation, the loss of land, and the inhibition of culture on the health of Native individuals and communities today.

As one of 104 grant recipients selected from across the country, Sequoyah National Research Center (SNRC) will host the traveling exhibition for a six-week loan during its tour of the United States from February 2016 to June 2020. SNRC will also receive a \$250 programming grant, virtual training and publicity materials.

"We are so pleased to bring the National Library of Medicine's fascinating exhibition to Little Rock and the state of Arkansas," said Dr. Daniel Littlefield, Director. "We hope the community will take advantage of the exciting opportunity to learn about these powerful concepts that affect Native communities today."

Native Voices: Native Peoples' Concepts of Health and Illness was displayed at the NLM in Bethesda, Maryland, from 2011 to 2015. To learn more and view content from the exhibition, visit <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/nativevoices>.

The exhibition will be at SNRC in June 2017. A schedule of the exhibition and related events at SNRC will be available in the Spring of 2017. Visit ualr.edu/sequoyah for more information.

About the American Library Association

The American Library Association is the oldest and largest library association in the world, with approximately 55,000 members in academic, public, school, government and special libraries. The mission of the American Library Association is to provide leadership for the development, promotion and improvement of library and information services and the profession of librarianship in order to enhance learning and ensure access to information for all.

About the National Library of Medicine

The National Library of Medicine (NLM), on the campus of the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, has been a center of information innovation since its founding in 1836. The world's largest biomedical library, NLM maintains and makes available a vast print collection and produces electronic information resources on a wide range of topics that are searched billions of times each year by millions of people around the globe. It also supports and conducts research, development, and training in biomedical informatics and health information technology. In addition, the Library coordinates a 6,000-member National Network of Libraries of Medicine that promotes and provides access to health information in communities across the United States.



Blessing of the tree, 2010. Courtesy National Library of Medicine.

The healing totem in the National Library of Medicine herb garden began its year-long journey in 2010, with the selection of a downed 500-year-old red cedar by Jewell Praying Wolf James.

Call for Summer Interns Now Open

The application process is now open for the Sequoyah National Research Center's Native American Student Internship Program. Each summer, the Center hosts three tribally affiliated student interns for the months of June and July. Interns are required to work a minimum of 25 hours per week doing basic archival and research work under the staff's supervision.

The goal of the Native American Student Internship Program is to provide students an experiential learning environment in which to acquire an understanding of the value of archives and the research potential of the collections of the Center and to engage in academic research and practical archival activities related to tribal culture, society, and issues. Interns are expected to demonstrate the value of their experience by either a summary report of work, finding aids for collections, or reports of research or other written work that may be shared with their home institutions.

Students must be tribally affiliated, have completed at least 60 college hours, and be in good standing at their home institutions of higher learning. To apply, the student must submit an unofficial copy of the student's academic transcript, a recommendation letter from the head of the student's major department or from another relevant academic official, and a personal statement of no more than one page expressing why the intern experience would be beneficial to the student's academic or career goals.

To assist the student in meeting expenses during the two-month tenure of the internship, the Center provides on-campus housing and \$2,000 to defray other living expenses. Students interested in applying for internships for June 1 through July 29, 2016, should send applications or inquiries by e-mail to Daniel F. Littlefield or Erin Fehr at sequoyah@ualr.edu. **Applications are due by March 15, 2016.** The Center will select three applicants and notify students of their decision by April 1.

For information regarding UALR and its guest housing facilities, see ualr.edu/housing. For information on the SNRC and its work, see ualr.edu/sequoyah.

Osage Microfilm Added

The Center has acquired eighty-seven rolls of microfilmed Osage County, Oklahoma, newspapers from the Oklahoma Historical Society as part of a grant awarded by the Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Council. The microfilm will supplement the resources of the J.T. Moncravie Osage History and Culture Collection and aid in the research of one of Arkansas's former resident tribes.

Some of the microfilmed newspapers now available at SNRC include the *Pawhuska Daily Capital*, *Osage Journal*, *Fairfax Chief*, and *Osage County News* dating from the first half of the twentieth century.

Depository Library

The Center has received status as a federal repository library in partnership with Ottenheimer Library.

This library is a **congressionally designated depository** for U.S. Government documents. Public access to the Government documents collection is **guaranteed by public law**. (Title 44 United States Code)



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Our mission is to acquire and preserve the writings and ideas of Native North Americans by collecting the written word, art and other forms of expression by Native Americans and creating a research atmosphere that invites indigenous peoples to make the Sequoyah National Research Center the archival home for their creative work.

Garrard Ardeneum Collection Update

Since the last newsletter, I have processed several boxes containing the records of The McAlester Fuel Company. Included among the McAlester Fuel Company records are those related to oil and mineral exploration, as well as administrative functions such as office leases and employee compensation. In addition, there are extensive records and correspondence related to the company's tax burden.

I have begun to assess the wealth of photos left behind by Tom and Allece Garrard. Among these are photos related to both the Garrard and Locke families dating to the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The collection also contains photo albums documenting Mrs. Garrard's time as Director of the U.S. Army Service Clubs in Germany immediately following World War II.

I have also processed records related to the very beginnings of the Garrard Ardeneum. The records include correspondence and legal documents related to Allece Garrard's purchase of the properties on which the Ardeneum currently stands. Interestingly, there are several documents showing that the original name Mrs. Garrard had in mind for the Garrard Ardeneum was actually "Oklahoma Lives." Included among the Garrard Ardeneum material is a VHS cassette of the opening ceremonies, which we hope to digitize in the near future!

Thanks for reading and I look forward to providing further updates in the months ahead!

~Zack Whitaker, Project Archivist



Allece Garrard (left) with Char Lugar, wife of Dick Lugar, at an event for the Republican Senatorial Inner Circle, circa late-1980s.

Upcoming Events

Director Littlefield will be speaking at a few upcoming events during the months of February and March. On February 27th, he will speak on the historical relationship between African descended peoples and American Indians at the Black Heritage Conference at the Hillary Rodham Clinton Children's Library in Little Rock.

On March 14th, Dr. Littlefield will be taking part on the "Scouting Out Native American Tourism!" panel, chaired by Paul Austin, for the Governor's Conference on Tourism 2016 in Springdale, Arkansas. For more information, visit <http://www.arkansas.com/travel-tools/governors-conference/>.

The next day March 15th, he will be speaking for the American Business Women's Association's monthly meeting in North Little Rock about the Center and its work.

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Return From Exile on display through May

The Dr. J. W. Wiggins Native American Art Collection and the Sequoyah National Research Center present *Return from Exile: Contemporary Southeastern Indian Art* at the Dr. J.W. Wiggins Gallery.

The exhibit is co-curated by Bobby Martin, Tony Tiger, and Dr. Jace Weaver. Martin and Tiger are highly respected artists, educators, and curators in Oklahoma. Dr. Weaver is the Director of the Native Studies Program at the University of Georgia and is a well-known Indian scholar originally from Oklahoma, now living in Athens, GA.

The curators describe *Return From Exile* as “the first major survey of well-known contemporary Southeastern Indian artists to show in the Southeast. *Return From Exile* presents an exhibition of compelling and challenging art by a stellar collection of contemporary Southeastern native artists, based around the theme of return and resilience.”

The exhibit will be available February 4 – May 6, 2016. The Dr. J.W. Wiggins Native American Art Gallery is located at the Sequoyah National Research Center, University Plaza, Suite 500 on the University of Arkansas at Little Rock campus.

Tony A. Tiger (Muscogee Creek/Seminole/Sac & Fox), *Intertribal*. Acrylic on panel, 50 x 16 in.



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