



Sequoyah National Research Center Newsletter

Spring 2019

Center receives \$70K Grant for Shelving

The Sequoyah National Research Center was awarded a grant of \$71,927 from the Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Council (ANCRC) to purchase and install mobile, compact shelving. The new shelving will be installed by Southwest Solutions this fall. It will temporarily alleviate the space crisis SNRC is experiencing by adding enough shelving in the existing space to house all of the newspaper boxes with room to grow, freeing up floor space for additional library shelving for our ever-growing library.



Arkansas
Natural & Cultural
Resources Council

The Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Council was established by the Arkansas Legislature in 1987 to manage and supervise a grants and trust fund for the acquisition, management and stewardship of state-owned properties acquired or used for ANCRC approved purposes. The grants, funded through the state's real estate transfer tax, support projects that protect and maintain state-owned natural areas, historic sites and outdoor recreation. The ANCRC consists of eleven voting members and is administered by the Department of Arkansas Heritage.

Modern Warriors of World War I identifies 5,000

This month, the Modern Warriors of World War I database reached over 5,000 identified American Indian and Alaska Native soldiers and sailors that served during the war. A collection of card files maintained by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and preserved by the National Archives in Washington, D.C., has been extremely helpful in adding to this database. Additionally, new names have been submitted by individuals and tribal veterans offices to create a complete record of Native involvement in the war.

A new feature coming to the "American Indians in WWI" website will be a photo gallery of soldiers and sailors. If you have photographs that you would like to add, feel free to contact archivist Erin Fehr at ehfehr@ualr.edu. As always, we are asking for new submissions to remember all American Indian/Alaska Native soldiers and their service in World War I.

Website: ww1cc.org/americanindian



Captain Leo McGuire (Osage) was the first American awarded the Distinguished Service Cross in World War I. He served with Ambulance Company 647. After the armistice, he worked with the Red Cross to repatriate Polish families that were held for ransom by Russian Bolsheviks.

Photo courtesy National Archives and Records Administration.

SNRC publishes Chapbook of Navajo Author

Azee' Nitsáhákeesí: Thought Medicines



Poems by
Dwayne Martine

Last fall, SNRC sent out a call for manuscripts to publish the sixteenth chapbook in the Tribal Writers Chapbook Series. After careful consideration, Dwayne Martine's *Azee' Nitsáhákeesí: Thought Medicines* was chosen.

Dwayne Martine is a poet and writer living in Scottsdale, Arizona. He is Jicarilla Apache and Navajo and an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation. He is the Naashashi clan born for the Green meadow People clan. He has been published in national and regional print and online journals, including *Kweli*, *Mud City Journal*, *Yellow Medicine Review*, and others. He has an undergraduate degree in English from Stanford University. He works as a technical writer in the financial services industry.

The Tribal Writers Chapbook Series began in 1989, publishing five chapbooks between 1989 and 1993. It began again in 2005, and with the publication of Martine's *Azee' Nitsáhákeesí: Thought Medicines* now has a total of sixteen chapbooks. The publication was edited by Professor H.K. Hummel and Mark Vanslooten from the UA Little Rock Department of English. Vanslooten designed the book.

To purchase a copy, contact Linda Stipsky at lbstipsky@ualr.edu or at 501-569-8336. Chapbook is \$10.

Update: Touchscreen Table Project

The research phase of the "Touch-Screen Table for Teaching Trail of Tears" project is nearing completion. Director Littlefield and graduate assistant Alex Soulard have documented and photographed some sixty historic sites related to removal of Choctaws, Muscogees (Creeks), Seminoles, Chickasaws, and Cherokees through Arkansas. Documentation consists of brief accounts about removal groups of any of the five tribes who were at each site as they traveled through Arkansas. Photographs include images of historical markers, if any, and landscape shots. The final research work will consist of collecting historical images of sites and of persons present at those sites during the removals. Once the research is completed, the programmer can begin to create the device. The touch-screen table will allow the user to search by tribe, route, or individual sites. We believe it will be an excellent tool for teaching the public about Indian removal.



Alex Soulard presented his research on the project at the UA Little Rock Student Research and Creative Works Expo on April 18.

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.

2019 Summer Interns Chosen

2019 marks the tenth year of the American Indian/Alaska Native Student Summer Internship Program. This year, we chose two bright Native students to spend the summer at SNRC: Jeston Morris and Lindsey Chapman.

Jeston Morris is an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation. He is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Applied Linguistics at Arizona State University in Tempe, where he also earned his B.A. in Elementary Education and M.A. in Education. He is currently an archival assistant at Labriola National American Indian Data Center and held the position of Assistant Editor for the *Journal of American Indian Education* from 2013 to 2017. While at SNRC this summer he hopes to learn “more about basic archives, value of archives, and research potential in archival collections, including newspapers.”

Lindsey Chapman is a member of the Pawnee Nation. She graduated this month with a B.A. in History from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. As an undergraduate student, she worked with the Eufaula Area Museum and the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indian's John Hair Cultural Center and Museum in Oklahoma to research and create exhibit labels. Additionally, she worked as an intern at Hunter's Home in Park Hill, Oklahoma, last summer. She says, “The American Indian community, in addition to my tribe, has helped me exponentially to succeed, and I want to use the knowledge, skills, and experience to empower the Native American community as it did for me.” She plans to pursue her Master of Library and Information Studies at the University of Oklahoma in Fall 2019.



Jeston Morris



Lindsey Chapman

We look forward to working with two new summer interns. They will begin Monday, June 3, and work through the month of July.

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Memorial Day marks a day for Americans to remember the men and women that have given their lives in service to our country.

This year, we want to remember Charles Beaupre, a member of the White Earth Ojibwe Nation in Minnesota. Beaupre was born November 17, 1888, to Paul and Nancy Beaupre of White Earth, Minnesota. As a child, he attended Pipestone Indian School in Minnesota. He enlisted in the Army on April 17, 1917, and served with the 42 Division, 151 Field Artillery, Battery E, while at Fort Riley, Kansas, and Camp Mills, New York. He left New York on March 12, 1918, and served with the 301st Heavy Tank Corps in France. He was killed in action on October 8, 1918, at St. Quentin, part of the Hundred Days' Offensive to break the Hindenburg Line. Beaupre left behind a wife, Lizzie, and three children. He is buried at Arlington National Cemetery.



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