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Subject: NER News Clips, January 8, 2024
Date: Monday, January 8, 2024 10:30:56 AM

ACAD: [Environmental Monitor | Protecting Natural Resources: Long-Term Monitoring in Acadia National Park \(fondriest.com\)](#)

CACO: [New Superintendent Feels 'At Home' At National Seashore \(capecodchronicle.com\)](#)

DEWA: [Tocks Island Dam saga to be discussed at Columns Museum in Milford \(tricountyindependent.com\)](#)

ELIS: [What Can We Learn About the Immigrant Experience from the Ellis Island Immigration Museum? | New York Spaces](#)

ESSE: [Essex Heritage announces 2024 Partnership Grant Program | News | massnonprofit.org](#)

GETT:

- [Sensory friendly hours return to museum, visitor center | Community News | gettysburgtimes.com](#)
- [Park's winter lectures return | Community News | gettysburgtimes.com](#)
- [GNMP hosting events for special learners | Community News | gettysburgtimes.com](#)

INDE:

- [Biden Admin to Remove William Penn Statue in 'Rehabilitation' of Park Dedicated to Pennsylvania Founder \(westernjournal.com\)](#)
- [Celebrating Sylvania: NPS Moves to Remove Statue of Penn – JONATHAN TURLEY](#)
- [Biden admin removing William Penn statue in 'rehabilitation' of park commemorating founding of Pennsylvania – WGMD](#)
- [THE END OF PENN? Biden Admin Removing William Penn Statue for More 'Inclusive' Experience; Report \(hannity.com\)](#)
- [Biden administration to tear down William Penn statue, make historic park more 'welcoming' and 'inclusive' | Blaze Media \(theblaze.com\)](#)
- [National Park Service Plans to Remove William Penn Statue from the Site of His Philadelphia Home – Twitchy](#)
- [Biden's National Park Service to Remove William Penn Statue from Philadelphia](#)

[\(\[breitbart.com\]\(https://www.breitbart.com\)\)](https://www.breitbart.com)

- [Biden admin to remove statue of William Penn from Philadelphia park and 'rehabilitate' the park to commemorate Native Americans | The Post Millennial | \[thepostmillennial.com\]\(https://www.thepostmillennial.com\)](https://www.thepostmillennial.com)
- [Biden admin removing William Penn statue in 'rehabilitation' of park commemorating founding of Pennsylvania | WCCS AM1160 & 101.1FM \(\[wccsradio.com\]\(https://www.wccsradio.com\)\)](https://www.wccsradio.com)

SAHI:

- [Roosevelt honored at Oyster Bay ceremony 105 years after death - Newsday](https://www.newsday.com)
- [Roosevelt's Legacy: 105th Death Anniversary Tribute at Oyster Bay \(\[bnnbreaking.com\]\(https://www.bnnbreaking.com\)\)](https://www.bnnbreaking.com)
- [Commemoration Of Theodore Roosevelt's Passing On January 6, 2024 | Glen Cove Record Pilot \(\[glencoveoysterbayrecordpilot.com\]\(https://www.glencoveoysterbayrecordpilot.com\)\)](https://www.glencoveoysterbayrecordpilot.com)

SHEN:

- [Shenandoah National Park closes Skyline Drive due to icy road conditions | WRIC ABC 8News](https://www.wricabc8news.com)
- [Skyline Drive closing to vehicles ahead of wintry weather - \(\[cbs19news.com\]\(https://www.cbs19news.com\)\)](https://www.cbs19news.com)

VAFO: *Please note that the President's political speech on Friday took place 10 miles away from the NPS site and not at VAFO, which he visited first.*

- [Joe and Jill Biden Visit National Memorial Arch at Valley Forge National Historical Park :: Grabien - The Multimedia Marketplace](https://www.themultimedia.com)
- [President Biden Lands In Valley Forge National Park On Marine One | Norristown, PA Patch](https://www.norristownpa.com)

WEFA: [When You See These Historic Home Exteriors, You'll Fall in Love \(\[town-n-country-living.com\]\(https://www.town-n-country-living.com\)\)](https://www.town-n-country-living.com)

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To: [Vietzke, Gay E](#)
Cc: [Waldbuesser, Cinda](#); [Hardin, Kirsten A](#); [Petrella, Paula A](#)
Subject: FW: INDE statue
Date: Monday, January 8, 2024 9:15:25 AM

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Subject: Re: INDE statue
Date: Monday, January 8, 2024 9:26:54 AM

Frank,

I will get the details this morning from the park and circle back to you.

Gay

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From: [Rob Hotakainen](#)
To: [Jenny Anzelmo-Sarles](#); [NPS Media](#)
Subject: Question
Date: Monday, January 8, 2024 5:03:26 PM

Do you want to comment on the criticism NPS is facing for its decision to remove the William Penn statue from Welcome Park? I reached out to the NPS press officer in Philly but did not hear back, so I wanted to give you a chance to respond, too.

What is NPS going to do with the statue? Why is it being removed? (Press release was sparse on details.) And what's your response to criticism from Pennsylvania republicans who say this is an attempt by NPS to erase history?

Many thanks.

Rob

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Subject: Re: William Penn
Date: Monday, January 8, 2024 12:55:36 PM

thx!

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Subject: RE: William Penn

Mike,

Malcolm, Gay and I just spoke. Gay is running this down.

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Hi Gay- (b) (5)



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On it. +[@McGeary, Malcolm D](#) and [@Reynolds, Michael T](#) who are tracking and running some things to ground on another track

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Subject: William Penn

Hi all – hoping for a quick turnaround on an if-asked statement on the William Penn announcement. Can you all please send something my way in the next hour? Just a few sentences is fine. TY

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To: [Kupper, Kathy](#); [Anzelmo-Sarles, Jenny](#)
Subject: INDE -- Wm Penn/ Welcome Park
Date: Monday, January 8, 2024 2:06:46 PM

Hi all,

Update: The park continues work on briefing statement and other materials.

We will run them up to you as soon as we can.

Apologies for the delay.

Best,

E.

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From: [Kupper, Kathy](#)
To: [Anzelmo-Sarles, Jenny](#)
Subject: Fw: Revised Release, Social Media and Alert language
Date: Monday, January 8, 2024 2:14:00 PM
Attachments: [Outlook-mzhgqhfd.png](#)

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Subject: Re: Revised Release, Social Media and Alert language

Hi Andrew,
Have you also pulled together a draft Comms Plan as well?
It looks like that is a key piece that WASO COMMS is seeking.

best,
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Ellen

I have attached a revised press release which will be posted to our Facebook, X, and Instagram channels making clear the statue removal is part of a proposal and the final

decision will be informed by public comments, along with the following language:

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[Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]."

If we want an actual apology in there, we could say...." (b) (5)
[Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]."

We could use the same language on our website alert that provides the direct link to the Welcome Park section of PEPC.

https://parkplanning.nps.gov/INDE_Rehabilitate_Welcome_Park

Waiting on approval before taking any action.

Thanks.



Andrew McDougall

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We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal.

From: [Kupper, Kathy](#)
To: [Anzelmo-Sarles, Jenny](#)
Subject: Re: INDE comms plan
Date: Monday, January 8, 2024 2:15:07 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

We said it earlier but will repeat it.

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Thanks. Confirming the park understands that they should not edit or repost anything at this point on their own?

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Hi John,

Thanks for the update.

Can the park please submit a comms plan that includes the below info, draft language for the outreach materials, an "If Asked" statement, and FAQs?

Thank you,
Kathy

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Kathy and all,

I have now spoken with Steve, Amnesty and Andrew about this.

Since I leave (b) (6) in half an hour, I've asked Andrew to send the PR directly to you, Kathy, since I have spoken to all the main parties and we agree on what needs to be done.

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WASO, whaddaya think?

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Thank you, Jenny. We are working on a comms plan and briefing statement. We'll send up through region when they are ready.

Thanks!
Steve-

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Subject: RE: INDE comms plan

Thanks, all. WASO can come off this thread until the park and region have worked together on the comms. We'll look to region to close the loop when folks are ready.

Thanks,
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All,

I am doing clips now and I saw this one, which I assume Jenny already knows about: [Biden Admin to Remove William Penn Statue in 'Rehabilitation' of Park Dedicated to Pennsylvania Founder \(westernjournal.com\)](#)

This post, I believe, mixes up the two Penn statues. Of course, the iconic heavy one is atop City Hall and isn't ours.

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[Park seeks input on the rehabilitation of Welcome Park - Independence National Historical Park \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](#)

Thanks,
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Good Thanks again.

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Rob, making sure you got this from Andrew [Park withdraws review of Welcome Park rehabilitation proposal - Independence National Historical Park \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](#)

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Do you want to comment on the criticism NPS is facing for its decision to remove the William Penn statue from Welcome Park? I reached out to the NPS press officer in Philly but did not hear back, so I wanted to give you a chance to respond, too.

What is NPS going to do with the statue? Why is it being removed? (Press release was sparse on details.) And what's your response to criticism from Pennsylvania republicans who say this is an attempt by NPS to erase history?

Many thanks.

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Gay,

I'm sorry for the delay. Attached is the briefing statement on Welcome Park.

Regards,
Steve

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Briefing Statement FY 2024

Bureau: National Park Service
Issue: Rehabilitation of Welcome Park
Member: Internal to NPS/DOI
Park: Independence National Historical Park (INDE)

Key Points:

- Welcome Park holds significance as the only location in Philadelphia that memorializes William Penn's life and accomplishments through a timeline of his life, a model of his "Slate Roof" house and a smaller scale replica of the statue of William Penn that sits atop City Hall.
- After 40 years, many of the exhibits and other features of Welcome Park are faded and in need of repair.
- Independence National Historical Park, in consultation with Haudenosaunee and Lenape representatives, developed a new design proposal for the park. Consultation was initiated after new information revealed the existence of a "Wampum Lot" deeded to the Haudenosaunee in 1755 by William Penn's grandson for a parcel of land along south Second Street.
- The two stories are not mutually exclusive. They can be told in the same space. In fact, in many ways, they complement each other as Penn is best known today for his policy of religious toleration and his attempt to deal fairly with the tribes he encountered.
- The park initiated a period of public comment on January 5th through the issuance of a press release and social media channels.
- The release has generated an overwhelming response as the release stated that the statue of William Penn will be removed.
- The park is seeking public comment as the new design proposal is exactly that, a proposal. The final decision will be made based upon comments received during the public comment period in PEPC which is open from January 8th until January 21st.
- The proposed design has been in development for four years with informal collaboration with park neighbors, the City, and tribal nations
- Formal tribal consultation was initiated on October 13, 2023.
- Formal consultation with PA State Historic Preservation Office was initiated on December 20, 2023.
- The project is currently in the design development phase.

Background:

- After 40 years, many of the exhibits and other features of Welcome Park are faded and in need of repair.
- Information came to light about 4 years ago that in the 1750's William Penn's grandson deeded a parcel of land along south Second Street to the Haudenosaunee as a site where that would always be available to them should they come to the City.
- This agreement was reaffirmed in 1915 by the Mayor of Philadelphia.
- When new designs for Welcome Park were being considered, the federally recognized tribes associated with INHP were consulted.

- In November of 2022, INHP hosted an event with the Haudenosaunee and a representative of the Delaware Nation at Welcome Park. The parcel of land is referred to as the Wampum Lot by the Haudenosaunee people.
- According to the participants, it was the first time in over 300 years that leadership from the Lenape and the Haudenosaunee met face to face and exchanged gifts.
- Following this event, the park initiated formal consultation with the tribes regarding new design proposals for Welcome Park, with an opportunity to tell the Native American story either on land that had been deeded to them by Penn's grandson or immediately adjacent to that land.
- The National Park Service owns Welcome Park. The project scope includes replacing landscaping and hardscaping, increased site lighting and security cameras, planting of trees, circular benches and a gathering space.
- The new design proposal also called for the removal of the statue of William Penn and the Slate Roof House model for a simplified landscape aesthetic.

Current Status:

- [Public comment](#) is open January 8-January 21, 2024
- INDE is directing all media inquiries to newsmedia@nps.gov until further notice
- Members of the public are being directed to PEPC to submit comments
- INDE is updating the January 5, 2024 news release and social media post to emphasize that INDE initiated this project and that the design is proposed
- Public comments will be used to determine which elements of the new design proposal will remain and which may need to be reworked.
- The park hopes to hear from local organizations, neighbors and other stakeholders were included in the press release.

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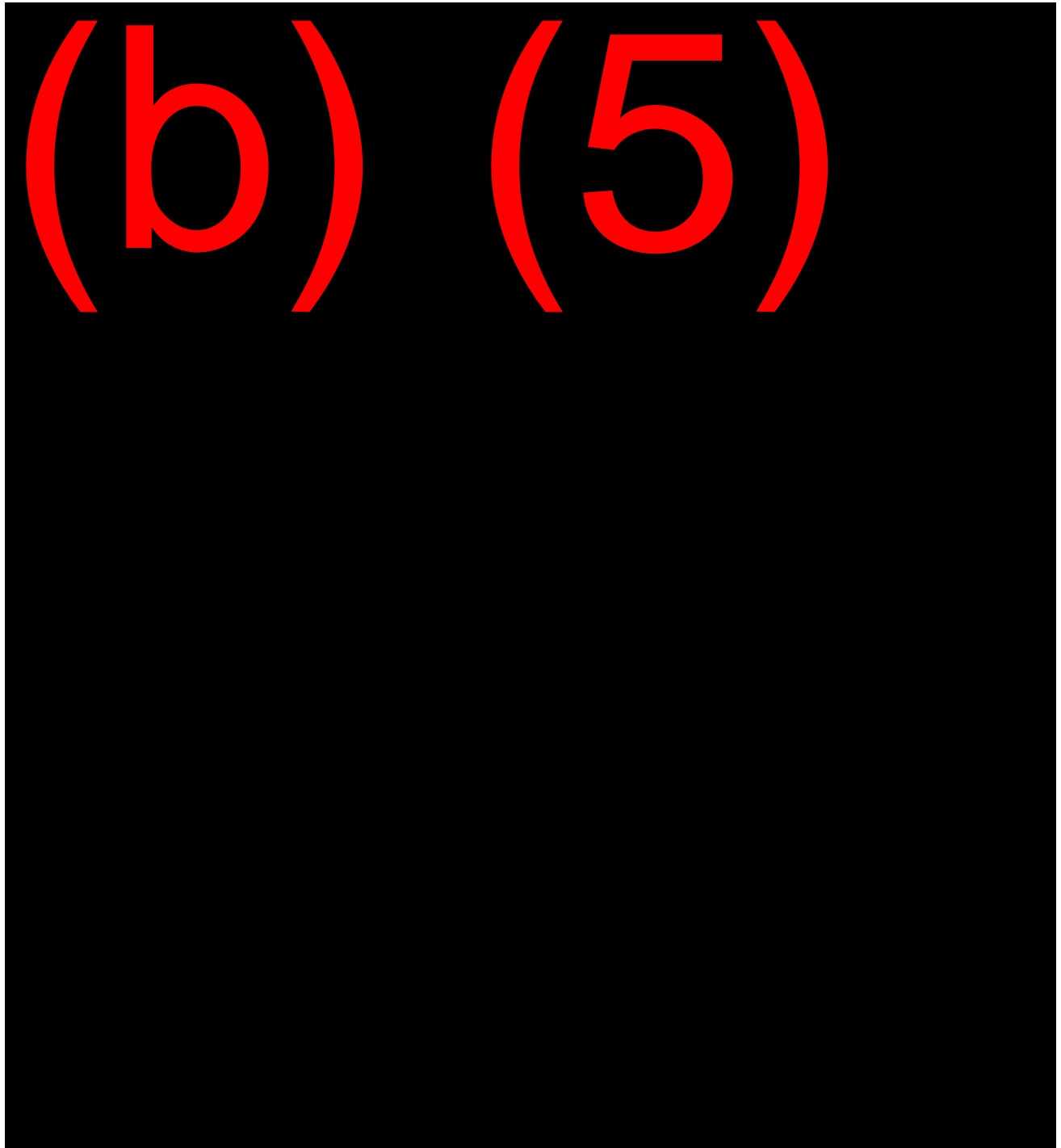
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Category: Facilities

Good Morning! My name is Amaris Encinas and I am a USA Today reporter. I am reaching out to you because I am interested in getting some more information on the rehabilitation of Welcome Park. (I was also hopeful you might be able to send some pictures of the area my way.) I have a couple questions I will include below, in the hopes of getting those answered. Why will the statue of William Penn be removed completely? When will renovations be complete? Is there a comment/statement the NPS could provide to members of the public about why renovations to Welcome Park are important? As well as anything else park officials might think is important for the public to know as renovations begin?

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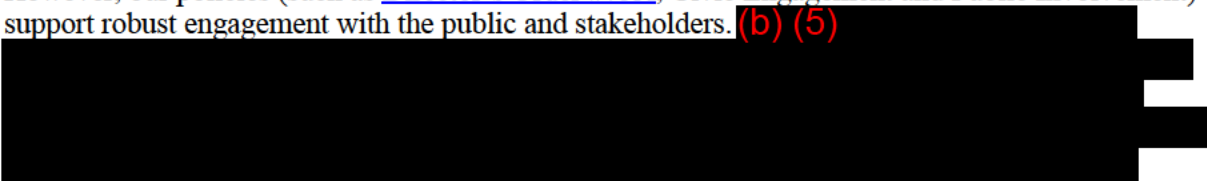
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Please tell me if you have further questions.

Alma

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Category: Information

Good afternoon! My name is Jessica Costescu and I am a reporter with the Washington Free Beacon. I was hoping you would comment on the recent announcement that the National Park Service would renovate Old City's Welcome Park, which includes removing the centerpiece statue of William Penn permanently, and redesign the park to highlight Native American history. What went into your decision to remove the statue entirely? Some argue that removing a historical statue creates an "absurd and revisionist view of [Pennsylvania's] state history." Comment? My deadline is eod. I hope to hear from you soon. Thank you! Best,
Jessica Costescu Reporter Washington Free Beacon

From: [NPS News Media](#)
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Cc: [McDougall, Andrew](#)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Axios Philly — media request — Welcome Park
Date: Monday, January 8, 2024 4:42:26 PM

Looping in [@Kupper, Kathy](#) [@Warren, John H](#) [@O'toole, Tracy M](#) [@Anzelmo-Sarles, Jenny](#) and adding to the spreadsheet.

Dave

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Are you or someone else around to briefly chat today? I would only need about 5 minutes or so.

I'm at (b) (6). What do you think?

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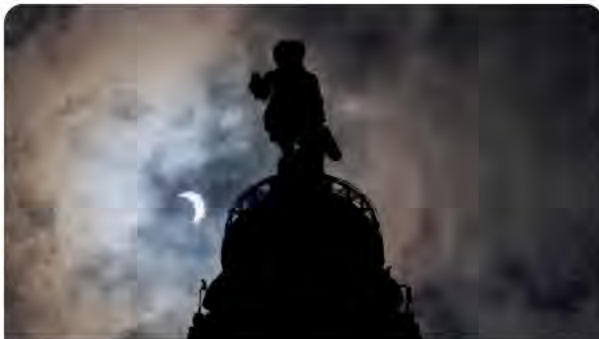
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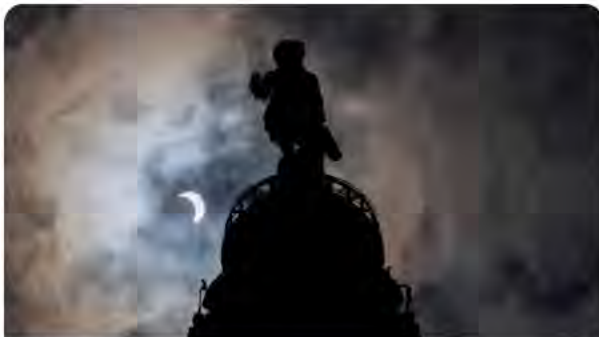
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Subject: Cleared INDE release
Date: Monday, January 8, 2024 5:41:34 PM

Cleared release is below. Please proceed with steps outlined in Teams. Let's make sure social tracks with same messaging.

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To: [Turner, Matthew T](#)
Subject: FW: INDE draft news release_DRAFT/DELIBERATIVE
Date: Monday, January 8, 2024 6:23:09 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

FYI

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Sent: Monday, January 8, 2024 6:12 PM
To: Sams, Charles F <charles_sams@nps.gov>; Reynolds, Michael T <Michael_Reynolds@nps.gov>;
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It's posted- [Park withdraws review of Welcome Park rehabilitation proposal - Independence National Historical Park \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](#)

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Subject: RE: INDE draft news release_DRAFT/DELIBERATIVE

Good by me. Thank you. If anyone else sees something please chime in.

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From: Anzelmo-Sarles, Jenny <Jenny_Anzelmo-Sarles@nps.gov>
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Subject: INDE draft news release_DRAFT/DELIBERATIVE

All, as you know Independence and NER have drafted an updated news release to pull back their design proposal and public comment period for Welcome Park. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns before I send this to Tyler.

Thanks

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From: [Anzelmo-Sarles, Jenny](#)
To: [Cherry, Tyler A](#)
Subject: FW: Penn status update from NPS
Date: Monday, January 8, 2024 6:27:06 PM

Nothing back from Kristy but sent this to her just before 6

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From: Anzelmo-Sarles, Jenny
Sent: Monday, January 8, 2024 5:59 PM
To: Kristy.Cappiello@fox.com
Subject: Penn status update from NPS

Kristi- Tyler from Interior sent your note about a statement. My colleague in Philadelphia is working on getting this news release out and wanted to be sure you didn't get missed on this update from the park today.

Thanks!

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To: [McDougall, Andrew](#); [Carlson, Ellen L](#); [NPS News Media](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] JESSE WATTERS PRIMETIME STATEMENT REQUEST
Date: Monday, January 8, 2024 5:05:59 PM

Andrew, please make sure Kristy gets the news release when it goes out.

From: Cherry, Tyler A <tyler_cherry@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 8, 2024 5:01 PM
To: Anzelmo-Sarles, Jenny <Jenny_Anzelmo-Sarles@nps.gov>
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] JESSE WATTERS PRIMETIME STATEMENT REQUEST

For your follow up once the Park sends their statement out. I would make sure this producer receives the update directly so we don't have misreporting during primetime.

From: Cappiello, Kristy <Kristy.Cappiello@FOX.COM>
Sent: Monday, January 8, 2024 3:19 PM
To: Interior Press <interior_press@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] JESSE WATTERS PRIMETIME STATEMENT REQUEST

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Good Afternoon,

This is Kristy Cappiello from Jesse Watters Primetime on the Fox News Channel. We're running a story on the removal of the William Penn statue from Welcome Park and would like to include comment from Secretary Haaland. The show airs at 8 p.m. ET. Feel free to reply here or shoot me a call or text at **(b) (6)**.

Thank you,
KC

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From: [McDougall, Andrew](#)
To: [Rob Hotakainen](#); [Anzelmo-Sarles, Jenny](#)
Cc: [NPS News Media](#)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Question
Date: Monday, January 8, 2024 6:47:22 PM
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Hey Rob

The review of the new design proposal for Welcome Park has been withdrawn.
No changes to the William Penn statue are planned.



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Independence National Historical Park News Release

Release Date: January 8, 2024

Contact: Andrew McDougall, Andrew_Mcdougall@nps.gov 215-435-4372

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Independence National Historical Park (U.S. National Park Service)

The park represents the founding ideals of the nation, and preserves national and international symbols of freedom and democracy, including Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell. The Declaration of Independence and U.S. Constitution were both debated and signed inside Independence Hall, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

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Celebrating 75 years: Our history is America's history.

A unit of the National Park Service, Independence National Historical Park was created 75 years ago by an Act of Congress on June 28, 1948. Accredited by the American Association of Museums, Independence NHP covers almost 54 acres in Philadelphia's Old City, and includes Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, Congress Hall, Franklin Court, and other historic buildings associated with the founding of the United States. Events, programs and special exhibits which celebrate our 75th Anniversary will be held throughout the year. For more information on our 75th Anniversary events, visit the park's website, <http://www.nps.gov/inde> or follow us on social media by searching @IndependenceNHP.



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From: Rob Hotakainen <rhotakainen@eenews.net>
Sent: Monday, January 8, 2024 5:07 PM
To: Anzelmo-Sarles, Jenny <Jenny_Anzeldo-Sarles@nps.gov>
Cc: NPS News Media <NewsMedia@nps.gov>; McDougall, Andrew <Andrew_McDougall@nps.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Question

Great thanks much

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On Jan 8, 2024, at 5:06 PM, Anzelmo-Sarles, Jenny <Jenny_Anzeldo-Sarles@nps.gov> wrote:

EXTERNAL SENDER: Use caution with links and attachments.

Hi Rob, connecting you with Andrew from the park on this. I believe he'll have something for you within the hour.

From: Rob Hotakainen <rhotakainen@eenews.net>

Sent: Monday, January 8, 2024 5:03 PM

To: Anzelmo-Sarles, Jenny <Jenny_Anzelmo-Sarles@nps.gov>; NPS News Media <NewsMedia@nps.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Question

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Do you want to comment on the criticism NPS is facing for its decision to remove the William Penn statue from Welcome Park? I reached out to the NPS press officer in Philly but did not hear back, so I wanted to give you a chance to respond, too.

What is NPS going to do with the statue? Why is it being removed? (Press release was sparse on details.) And what's your response to criticism from Pennsylvania republicans who say this is an attempt by NPS to erase history?

Many thanks.

Rob

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From: [Kupper, Kathy](#)
To: [McDougall, Andrew](#); [Anzelmo-Sarles, Jenny](#); [Schafer, Katie M](#); [O'toole, Tracy M](#); [Warren, John H](#); [Sims, Steven D](#)
Cc: [Fifer, Jordan T](#); [Barak, Dave A](#); [NPS News Media](#)
Subject: Re: Tracking Spreadsheet for INDE
Date: Monday, January 8, 2024 7:21:08 PM
Attachments: [Outlook-zjil3tek.png](#)

Thanks Andrew!

From: McDougall, Andrew <Andrew_McDougall@nps.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 8, 2024 7:11 PM
To: Anzelmo-Sarles, Jenny <Jenny_Anzelmo-Sarles@nps.gov>; Schafer, Katie M <katie_schafer@nps.gov>; O'toole, Tracy M <tracy_otoole@nps.gov>; Warren, John H <John_Warren@nps.gov>; Sims, Steven D <Steven_Sims@nps.gov>
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Subject: Re: Tracking Spreadsheet for INDE

I responded to all the media inquiries you had listed on the spreadsheet.

Thanks for all your help.



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From: Anzelmo-Sarles, Jenny <Jenny_Anzelmo-Sarles@nps.gov>
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To: Schafer, Katie M <katie_schafer@nps.gov>; O'toole, Tracy M <tracy_otoole@nps.gov>; Warren, John H <John_Warren@nps.gov>; McDougall, Andrew <Andrew_McDougall@nps.gov>

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Subject: RE: Tracking Spreadsheet for INDE

Thanks. We only have 2 queries on this? Assuming/park region will quickly log the rest.

From: Schafer, Katie M <katie_schafer@nps.gov>

Sent: Monday, January 8, 2024 2:11 PM

To: O'toole, Tracy M <tracy_otoole@nps.gov>; Warren, John H <John_Warren@nps.gov>; McDougall, Andrew <Andrew_McDougall@nps.gov>

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Subject: Tracking Spreadsheet for INDE

Hi y'all, compiling this spreadsheet to track media inquires related to the commemorative works issue at INDE. Please input any inquires related to this topic. Please include requests you've already received.

[INDE Inquiries](#)

Please do not respond to any media requests until they've gone through the WASO/DOI review approval process.

Katie Schafer
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DATE	OUTLET	Reporter	reporter/outlet email	Status	Email Subject Line
8-Jan	Politicalite.com UK	Patty Saffran	pattysaffran@verizon.net		Welcome Park from Marc Levy @ the Associated Press about the William Penn statue at Welcome Park
8-Jan	AP	Mark Levy	mlevy@ap.org		
8-Jan	Wall Street Journal	Kris Maher	kris.maher@wsj.com		WSJ question on deadline
8-Jan	USA Today	Amaris Encinas	AEncinas1@gannett.com		From NPS.gov: AEncinas1@gannett.com
8-Jan	Washington Free Beacon	Jessica Costescu	costescu@freebeacon.com		From NPS.gov: Media Inquiry
8-Jan	Axios	Mike D'Onofrio	mike.donofrio@axios.com		Axios Philly — media request — Welcome Park
9-Jan	Daily Caller	Jake Smith	jakesmith@dcnf.org		From NPS.gov: Media Inquiry
8-Jan	American Journey Experience (museum)	Mike Noriega	mnoriega@mercuryone.org		American Journey Experience: William Penn Inquiry
8-Jan	Fox News Channel	Kristy Cappiello	Kristy.Cappiello@FOX.COM		JESSE WATTERS PRIMETIME STATEMENT REQUEST

From: [Anzelmo-Sarles, Jenny](#)
To: [Cherry, Tyler A](#)
Subject: FW: Urgent correction request from national park service,
Date: Monday, January 8, 2024 7:28:32 PM

FYSA

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From: Anzelmo-Sarles, Jenny
Sent: Monday, January 8, 2024 7:28 PM
To: 'encinas@gannett.com' <encinas@gannett.com>; echen@gannett.com
Cc: McDougall, Andrew <Andrew_McDougall@nps.gov>
Subject: Urgent correction request from national park service,

Hi Amaris, we see USA Today published a [story](#) at 6:30 tonight reporting that Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia is taking comment on a proposal to rehab Welcome Park, which had included the possibility of removing the Penn Statue. Want to be sure you saw this news release from the park this afternoon. Looping my colleague, Andrew, at the park.

Eve, since its late in the day looping you in case you can help make sure this gets to the correct editor ASAP.

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Thanks so much,
Jenny

From: [Puccio, Joseph A](#)
To: [Farinelli, Susan](#)
Cc: [Saylor, Nicki](#)
Subject: LC's Slide Deck for NPS Briefing, Tuesday, Jan. 10
Date: Tuesday, January 9, 2024 10:52:10 AM
Attachments: [LC Native American Initiatives for NPS National Leadership Council Jan. 10 2024.pptx](#)

Susan,

Attached is the slide deck for our session tomorrow. I will also bring a copy with me on a flash drive. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

Joe

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Native American Initiatives at the Library of Congress



Land Acknowledgement

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Agenda

- **Welcome and overview – Robin Dale**
- **Native American Collections Working Group – Joe Puccio**
- **Inclusive description – Helena Zinkham**
- **LC Subject Headings – Heidi Berthoud**
- **National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled – Jason Broughton**
- **American Folklife Center’s collaborations – Nicki Saylor**

Brief Overview

- Collections documenting Native American lives and culture throughout the Library (Ethnographic recordings, photographs, manuscript material, rare books, legal content, and more)
- Public access to content (*Many Nations*, resource guides, as well as description/catalog records)
- Localized practices led to disparate approaches
- Movement toward systemic, respectful, culturally sensitive and inclusive collections practices
- Increasing Library engagement with, as well as collections materials holdings by, for, and about Native Americans/Indigenous Peoples

Native American Collections Working Group

Brief Overview

Joe Puccio
Collection Development Officer
jpuc@loc.gov



Task Force on Native American Holdings

- Established June 2020, Chair – Nicki Saylor
- Final Report August 2021
- Multiple recommendations approved by senior leadership

Handoff to NACWG

- Established in December 2021
- To implement approved Task Force recommendations
- 11 members with anticipated three-year existence

Areas of Focus

- Creating policies and posting protocols
- Defining and stewarding culturally sensitive materials
- Responsibly expanding collections access
- Involving communities
- Creating an internal community of practice

Accomplishments Thus Far, 1 of 6

Added Notice on the Reader Registration page

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with all privacy requirements.

The Library asks that researchers approach the materials in our collections with respect for the culture and sensibilities of the people whose lives, ideas, and creativity are documented here.

[I READ THE LEGAL STATEMENTS ABOVE and BEGIN PRE-REGISTRATION.](#)

Accomplishments, 2 of 6

Developed, had approved & launched:

Native American Land Acknowledgment

The Library of Congress has long treasured and preserved Native American collections in a variety of formats. Today, the Library is dedicated to building vibrant partnerships with Native American communities; providing respectful, consultative, and appropriate access to historic Native American materials; promoting innovative scholarship on Native American collections; collecting contemporary Native American works; and cultivating and celebrating distinguished achievements by Native American scholars and creators.

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Accomplishments Thus Far, 3 of 6

Native American History Month event:

Native American Working Group Reaches Out

The group is inviting outside expertise, including from federal cultural partners.

BY CARLA DAVIS-CASTRO

The Native American Collections Working Group launched just a little over a year ago. Since then, its members – staff specialists from across the Library – have recommended policies and practices to



Accomplishments Thus Far, 4 of 6

Survey on current Native American holdings:

July 2022

Summary of Results from NACWG Survey Monkey, March-April 2022.

The survey of divisions was developed under the direction of Nicole Saylor with assistance from Barbara Bair. The survey fulfills the NACWG charter goal of conducting a census determining the status in Special Collections divisions regarding Native American holdings, description, digitization, and access guides, preliminary to discussion of NACWG digitization initiative goals and planning the updating of the *Many Nations* guide in a newly visualized format.

Accomplishments Thus Far, 5 of 6

Staff consciousness raising:

GAZETTE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Volume 99, No. 41
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INSIDE



Kluze Staff Fellows

Two Kluze Cancer staff fellows shared their research findings this summer. Who was other's biggest fear? Check this fall.

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Health and Wellness

The Health Services Division offers advice for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

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This self-portrait of photographer Wendy Red Star and her daughter is one of numerous highlights of the Library's Native American photography collection.

New Working Group Highlights Native American Collections

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New Collections Policy

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS COLLECTIONS POLICY STATEMENTS



Materials Relating to Indigenous Peoples of the United States, Canada, and Mexico

Contents

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- II. Diverse and Inclusive Collecting Statement
- III. Research Strengths
- IV. Collecting Policy
- V. Best Editions and Preferred Formats
- VI. Acquisition Sources
- VII. Collecting Levels

I. Scope

This statement covers materials on the contemporary and historical conditions, experiences, and lives of Indigenous peoples of the United States, including Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian

<https://www.loc.gov/acq/devpol/materialsindigenouspeoples.pdf>

Work in Progress

- Complete updating of *Many Nations* content via LibGuides
- Finalize culturally sensitive materials access policy
 - Currently – draft document has been distributed for external review

Thanks!

Inclusive Description Task Force

Helena Zinkham
Prints & Photographs Div.
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The Library of Congress also has an “Inclusive Description” initiative underway to help us avoid harmful and offensive language for all people. The word “inclusive” means being aware, humble, and respectful about language related to colonialism and geography and disability, gender, race, ethnicity, and cultural identities. The word “description” focuses on the text we write in archival finding aids as well as subject notes in catalog records. The text that staff provide for unpublished and rare collections that don’t come with their own published summaries.

Starting in 2020, special format divisions began to write guidelines and developed pilot projects. We’ve also drafted a core values statement and FAQ --like many research libraries.

Resource:

Fox, Violet. *Statements on Bias in Library and Archives Description*,
<https://cataloginglab.org/list-of-statements-on-bias-in-library-and-archives-description/> Cites more than 60 statements. Last updated 11/2023.

Guidelines

- **Person first, not identity**

Examples from the Manuscript Division:

- The collection documents the business dealings of **Ana, a Black woman** in 17th-century Brazil.
NOT: a Black woman named Ana
- **Fugitive from slavery**
NOT: Runaway slave
- **Person with a disability**
NOT: Disabled person

Have you already heard the phrase “Person first”? It’s a frequent recommendation for inclusive description. The Manuscript Division guidelines for writing finding aids include these examples among many others. [[Read them out.]] To be clear, if a letter or broadside says “runaway slave,” we’ll quote that language. We’re aiming to make library resources more approachable. We’re not aiming to sanitize history.

[[30-page internal document]]

Pilot Projects

- **Incarceration of Japanese Americans**

Example from the Prints & Photographs Division:



**From
“evacuation” to
“incarceration”**

Blog story:

<https://blogs.loc.gov/picturethis>

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A pilot project to expand the description of photos about the incarceration of Japanese Americans might be of special interest for the National Park Service. We looked at your websites and at the Densho Encyclopedia. But contact with Japanese Americans was the key. In 2020, Kara Chittenden, a cataloger in the Prints & Photographs Division, learned about a fine art print made from this famous World War II photograph by Dorothea Lange. The US Government titled the photo: “residents of Japanese ancestry registering for evacuation.” The woman in the foreground turned out to be the printmaker’s grandmother! Kara interviewed the family, and we added a subject note that begins: “Photograph shows Shizuko Ina ... before being removed from her home and incarcerated ...”

A blog post about this experience resulted in learning the names of more Japanese Americans in our photographs and led to an ongoing project with interns. We leave the formal titles assigned during World War II because that’s an important part of the historical record. The interns are finding great interest and value in adding the subject notes; the catalogers, too. More than 500 photos are now available through the word “incarceration.” The practice of inclusive description mitigates some harms, and it can also connect cultural history organizations with more people by using the language that they look for online. You can read the interns’ blogs at <https://blogs.loc.gov/picturethis>

- Densho <https://encyclopedia.densho.org/>
- “The National Park Service administers two of the ten internment camps. In

addition to Manzanar, the Minidoka Relocation Center.”

- Photo by Dorothea Lange, San Francisco, CA, 1942, <https://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/2001705939/>
- Mitsuko Brooks blog, <https://blogs.loc.gov/picturethis/2021/11/adding-context-photographs-of-japanese-americans-imprisoned-during-world-war-ii/>
- Naja Morris blog, <https://blogs.loc.gov/picturethis/2022/11/adding-details-to-improve-access/>

Update on Library of Congress Subject Headings for Indigenous Peoples

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The Library of Congress recognizes that many of its subject headings for Indigenous peoples living within the United States and bordering countries are either incorrect or offensive. The Library is committed to rectifying these errors and is determined to do it correctly with respect for Indigenous peoples, their customs, culture, and languages. Currently, the Library receives proposals to create and update Library of Congress Subject Headings related to Indigenous peoples and tribal names and considers them on a case-by-case basis. **Moving forward, the Library is committed to engaging with Indigenous communities to co-create more holistic solutions to resolve this complex problem.**

"Library of Congress Evaluation of Headings for Indigenous Peoples"
Library of Congress official communication, 27 March 2023
<https://www.loc.gov/aba/cataloging/subject/Evaluation-Headings-Indigenous-Peoples.pdf>

Challenges and ripple effects

Example:

Proposed change from Iroquois Indians to **Haudenosaunee (North American people)**

Requires change to three broader terms:

- Indians of North America \$z Canada, Eastern
- Indians of North America \$z East (U.S.)
- Iroquoian Indians

Requires decision to introduce new LCSH qualifier:

(North American people)

Multiple identities

Political/legal identity

Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (federally recognized tribe in Washington State)

Political/legal identity as citizens of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation

Ethnological identity

Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation is not an ethnicity in and of itself, nor do members share a single ethnicity

Tribal nation is made up of Twelve Bands: Chelan, Chief Joseph Band of Nez Perce, Colville, Entiat, Lakes, Methow, Moses-Columbia, Nespelem, Okanogan, Palus, San Poil and Wenatchi

Ethnological identity as relating to one or more of the Twelve Bands

Program Specialist (Indigenous Peoples)

Performs research and analysis work

- Analyzes existing headings for accuracy
- Proposes changes
- Identifies gaps in knowledge and researches solutions

Project development work

- Plans and oversees projects
- Prepares procedural documents
- Coordinates complex research and development activities

Provides consultation and liaison services

- Provides expert subject and technical advice within the Library of Congress
- Seeks community support and advice
- Represents the Library in the national and international community and other organizations

Community engagement

- Guiding principle: "Nothing about us without us"
- Indigenous Headings Consultants Group (IHCG)
 - Community of experts with demonstrated subject and technical skill
 - Centers Indigenous knowledge and experience when seeking solutions
 - Group of 6-10 members:
 - Representation from different kinds of libraries
 - Representation from different regions of the United States and its bordering countries
- ***Goal: All changes will be made in consultation with the affected community***
- Community discussion is already in motion:
 - LC roundtable on Indigenous headings planning at ATALM 2023
 - Program for Cooperative Cataloging Task Group on Metadata Related to Indigenous Peoples

Interim measures

- Website: Subject Headings for Indigenous peoples (<https://www.loc.gov/aba/cataloging/subject/indigenous.html>)
 - Includes guidelines for subject and demographic group terms proposals
 - Lists proposals that are being held pending review by the Program Specialist
 - Provides recommended resources
- "...We recognize that there are individual changes to headings (and new headings) that can and should be made. These guidelines are our attempt to define a path to proceed in this interim period and prioritizes evidence that shows proposals are using the terms preferred by the community while balancing practical concerns about outreach and language barriers."

National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled

NLS Native American Conversations,
Collections, and Outreach

Presentation to National Parks
Service Leadership Council

January 10th, 2024



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NLS Priorities

NLS's Mission Statement

- To provide books, magazines, musical scores, foreign language, locally produced materials and texts in braille and recorded formats to blind and print disabled individuals in the United States and U.S. citizens living abroad.

NLS's Vision Statement

- *That All May Read*

NLS Priorities

Library of Congress National Library Service for the Blind & Print Disabled Native American Collection Conversations, Outreach, & Professional Activities

1. Presented information about NLS services to Tribal College Librarians Professional Development Institute
2. Travel to Montana to record books in indigenous language content by native speakers – Stone Child College on the Rocky Boy reservation. Worked with librarian Joy Birdwell on selections for narration in Chippawa Cree.
3. Continued work and recording of the graphic novel *Sacajawea* with described images in English and Shoshone narrated by the author, who was also the model for the Sacajawea coin.

NLS Priorities

Library of Congress National Library Service for the Blind & Print Disabled Native American Collection Conversations, Outreach, & Professional Activities

1. Initiate and develop a program of NLS collection reviews with tribal librarians, and collaboration with Karen Haught Librarian for the College of the Muscogee Nation.
2. Create conversations that will produce collaboration with the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) grant program officers to encourage accessibility in basic and enhancement grant development, Jennifer Himmelreich (Dine).
3. Work with NLS Cooperating Network libraries across the country and territories to engage with indigenous language native speakers and native American authors to add content to the collection.

NLS Priorities

Library of Congress National Library Service for the Blind & Print Disabled Native American Collection Conversations, Outreach, & Professional Activities

1. Sourcing Native American braille and audio titles for the NLS collection.
2. Work with Carol Begay Green, developer of Navajo braille code to transcribe content for NLS collection.
3. Initiate conversations to host Cindy Hohl (Santee Sioux) to speak at IFLA-LPD conference and represent Indigenous Matters section.

Thank you!
Questions?

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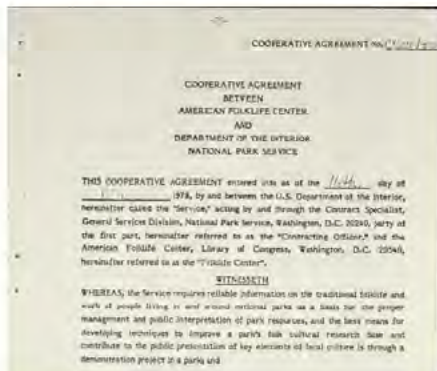
American Folklife Center's collaborative stewardship work with tribal communities



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National Parks Service & American Folklife Center

Collaborations date back to the 1970s



1978 cooperative agreement between NPS and AFC



Mullen, Patrick B, and Carl Fleischhauer. *Visit to Jesse Hatcher's home in Carter's Mill, North Carolina.* United States Carter's Mill Patrick County Virginia, 1978. Carter's Mill, Patrick County, Virginia, None, 8. Photograph.

https://www.loc.gov/item/afc1982009_cf_023/

I want to acknowledge our history of working with NPS directly on tribal initiatives, going back to the time when they also were starting direct outreach.

Native American communities ...

Ca. 1990: Keepers of the Treasures listening sessions and final report (the latter using some AFC photos)

1990-1994 (at least) – participating in the NPS Historic Preservation Grants to American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians (as it was called back then) –

Always working with Pat Parker (NPS) and Nancy Fuller (SI – Native American Museums)

1992 – field school for cultural documentation here on the Mall during the SI Festival. We contributed my time as well as loaned them the Nagras that people used.

American Folklife Center as community collaborator

Work with tribal communities dates to 1977 Federal Cylinder Project



Dennis Hastings and Dorothy Sara Lee Listen to the Tape of Mr. Edward's Indian Chipmunks
<http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.afc/afcomaha.0177>



Erika Brady working on the Federal Cylinder Project

First, I'll start with some background. The American Folklife Center has a long history of collaborating with tribal communities to co-curate collections, beginning in 1977, with the Federal Cylinder Project (FCP) to preserve early ethnographic field recordings on wax cylinders to a collaboration with the Omaha community to issue an LP and a digital collection featuring pow-wow recordings contextualized by tribal members. During the FCP, copies of the field recordings were shared back with the communities. Staff also worked to ensure our descriptive records reflected community wishes. For example, during FCP staff recorded visiting Seminole people listening to the cylinders and obtained information used during cataloging. On our behalf, Nancy Lurie interviewed Ho-chunk elders to get corrections and information on the Densmore recordings, and that information shows up in the FCP catalogs. We routinely ask individuals to whom we send family/community recordings to send us updates and corrections.

Today, the Center continues to work with communities of all kinds to make recordings accessible to communities and online. We have piloted the use of Traditional Knowledge (TK) Labels, which allow tribal communities to denote their use preferences for digital collection materials and thereby help end-users make informed decisions about how the materials should be attributed and used. The Center, along with other Special Collections divisions, just finished participating in a project to develop a platform enabling the sharing of information between institutions and tribal communities regarding materials held at federal archives. I will spend the next few

minutes stepping through ways we're working center communities in our stewardship work – from acquisitions to access.

Acquisitions

Community Collections Grants (CCG) support community documentation

“Janie Luster gathers palmetto for Houma basket-making from traditional gathering places that are increasingly off limits to native artists (note the “Keep Out” sign), Theriot, Louisiana, 2022. Photo by Tammy Greer.



Jourdan Brunson and Tameshia Rudd-Ridge, founders of kinkofa, researching at Dallas Municipal Archives for the 'If Tenth Street Could Talk' project. Photo by Tyana Danae of Script16 Studios. Used with permission.

We are currently at work on a Mellon-funded initiative called Community Collections Grants, part of the Library’s major Of the People: Widening the Path initiative. This program enables people to conduct fieldwork documenting the cultural activities and experiences that are happening right now in their home communities. The resulting collections of interviews, photographs, written descriptions, or other types of documentation will be from their own perspectives— and will expand the range of contemporary folklife or cultural heritage found in the Library’s collections while also adding to holdings in local institutions. We are looking for ways to sustain this program beyond the grant cycle and integrate lessons learned through this focus on community-driven collecting. [*****Add images and information specifically about Native American grantees.]**

Arrangement & Description

Day-to-day considerations when making catalog records, finding aids, etc.

- Use updated LCSH terms (Purépecha Indians replaces Tarasco Indians)
- Supplement existing controlled vocabulary terms with self-descriptive terms and Indigenous language terms in descriptions
- Review terms of aggrandizement for collectors/creators in collections
- Revise titles to put communities or performers first
- Add notes that identify and contextualize the use of insensitive, harmful, or offensive language in collections



Valerie Switzler (Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs) and Roberta Conner (Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation) reevaluate archival materials with Guha Shankar and Melissa Lindberg at the Library of Congress. Photo: Kimberly Christen.

AFC has been involved in the Inclusive Description effort that Helena will be talking about. We've also collaborated with her division and others within the Special Collections Directorate on a project with Washington State University (WSU) to figure out how to facilitate the "round trip" of descriptive metadata, which the Library shares with Indigenous cultural institutional partners. Community members and cultural authorities then correct and update this metadata, and finally will send this updated metadata back to the Library. WSU is developing something called the Mukurtu Metadata Transformation Tool to facilitate this transfer. As part of our Passamaquoddy collaboration we used simple spreadsheets to test round-tripping.

The collaboration builds on things we do day-to-day to be inclusive when describing ethnographic collections. (Talk through the slide.)

Elaborate on last bullet: E.g. responded to request by Haudenosaunee (hoh den uh SHOH nee) communities to correct insensitive titling of sacred cultural performances. Record note notes that "the Haudenosaunee consider "False-face" to be derogatory; the songs and masks are sacred"

Access

Day-to-day considerations when serving Indigenous materials

- Always ask researchers to seek approval from tribal communities before releasing digital copies
- Provide information on relevant collections to researchers and at conferences/symposia
- Host community visits to listen to recordings
- Participate in language preservation initiatives (Breath of Life, ATALM)



Above, Joy Harjo receives a recording cylinder from American Folklife Center's Judith Gray, an expert on Native American cylinder recordings. Photo by Shawn Miller, 2019.

AFC has been involved in developing the Access Policy that Joe talked about. Here are some ways we work to ensure responsible access. (Talk through the slide.)

(Judith ... help here?)

Passamaquoddy Collaboration

Digital return & piloting the use of Traditional Knowledge (TK) Labels & 'round-trip metadata'



Donald Soctomah, at left, Passamaquoddy tribal historic preservation officer, talks to anthropologist Jane Anderson during a visit to Calais, Maine to plan the project. Photo by Guha Shankar

Some years ago now – culminating in 2018 – AFC spent years on a project to pilot a new collaboration model with communities to enhance information about and include tribe-provided context and usage preferences into our descriptive records. We have talked a lot about this work at conferences, and about the sonic enhancements of the original sound recordings that made this collaboration possible.

New Yorker: “The return of the Passamaquoddy archive involves the work of a large interdisciplinary team. There are, in addition to the librarians and engineers at the American Folklife Center, two academics who specialize in digital repatriation: Kim Christen, at Washington State University, and Jane Anderson, at New York University. Christen manages an open-source content-management program called Mukurtu, the word for “dilly bag” in the language of the Warumungu, of central Australia. Since its launch, several years ago, the software has been used by more than six hundred groups, including the Passamaquoddy, to curate their own Web sites and regulate access in accordance with custom. “

For today’s presentation, in the interest of time, I will focus on the ‘round-trip metadata’ element of that project that informed our work on the Mukurtu Shared project, an initiative to develop a platform enabling collaborative curation with Native American communities of their collection materials held at federal archives such as ours.

Traditional Knowledge (TK) Labels

Subtitle

About this item

Title

Passamaquoddy War song ; Trading song

Other Title

Titles in Passamaquoddy: Mihqelsuwakonutomon (Song of Remembrance in the Passamaquoddy War Song Series) ; Esunomawotuline (Trading dance/song)
Jesse Walter Fewkes collection of Passamaquoddy cylinder recordings SR29
Mihqelsuwakonutomon (Song of Remembrance in the Passamaquoddy War Song Series) ; Esunomawotuline (Trading dance/song)

Summary

The first song, MiHQelsuwakonutomon, means 'He/She tells memories of it'. This is a lament or mourning song. It is a fragment of one song in a series of songs and dances. Esunomawotuline, the trading dance, is the second song on Fewkes' wax cylinder 17 (Cylinder 4260; AFC 1972/003:SR29) recorded by Jesse Walter Fewkes in Calais, Maine, March 16, 1890.

Names

Fewkes, Jesse Walter, 1850-1930, recorder, speaker;
Sémora, Peter, performer.

Created / Published

1890-03-16.

Contents

Song of Remembrance in the Passamaquoddy War Song series = MiHQelsuwakonutomon (1:00) = Trading Song = Esunomawotuline (1:22)

Headings

- Passamaquoddy Indians--Maine--Calais
- Passamaquoddy Indians--Music
- Passamaquoddy Indians--Folklore

Traditional Knowledge Labels



Attribution - Ełłtask (now it is done).



Outreach - Ekelimkevey (Educational).



Non-Commercial - Ma yut monuwajaw (This is not sold)

[Learn more about the traditional knowledge labels](#)

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[Jesse Walter Fewkes Collection of Passamaquoddy Cylinder Recordings \(26\)](#)

[American Folklife Center \(132454\)](#)

[Library of Congress Online Catalog \(1:410,775\)](#)

Format

[Audio Recording](#)

Contributor

[Fewkes, Jesse Walter](#)
[Sémora, Peter](#)

Here is an example of how the Passamaquoddy enhanced records look with TK Labels on loc.gov.

Adding community voice

Subtitle

- **Titles in Passamaquoddy**
- **Cultural narrative note**
- **Traditional knowledge note**

Notes

- Recorded in Calais, Maine on March 16, 1890 by Jesse Walter Fewkes.

- Titles from Federal Cylinder Project catalog. Song titles in Passamaquoddy and cultural narratives and traditional knowledge were supplied by Passamaquoddy tribal elders and leaders in 2017.

In March 1890, Walter Jesse Fewkes traveled from Boston, Massachusetts, to Calais, Maine, to work with the Passamaquoddy tribe to test out the new phonograph technology. The Passamaquoddy tribe is one of the indigenous communities of the region and includes communities from Pleasant Point and Indian Township in Maine and St. Andrews, New Brunswick, in Canada. Over three days, Fewkes made recordings on 25 wax cylinders. 31 of these cylinders remain. The new cylinder technology allowed for recordings of approximately 3 minutes duration. Fewkes was able to record partial songs, vocabulary, rambles, and important Passamaquoddy cultural narratives. Peter Selmore, Nott Joseph, and Peter Jacotte have been identified as three key individuals with whom Fewkes worked the most closely. These are the first sound recordings ever made featuring Native American voices.

- Passamaquoddy cultural narrative for "Mihqetsuwakonutomon pihce elonukopon." He/she remembers what happened long ago. There were many 'war' songs that the Passamaquoddy sang, and this English title - war song - is inadequate and simplistic for understanding their independent complexity and diversity. There were songs in preparation for going to war, there were songs sung by those who were away at the battle and different songs for those still in the community thinking of those away. There were also songs for returning warriors, there were songs for loss and songs for honoring and remembering those warriors who were lost. There were also a range of spiritual and medicinal songs for warriors to help protect them at all stages of their journey. J. Walter Fewkes notes in his letters to Mary Hemenway in March 1890 that he recorded several war songs in his three days with the Passamaquoddy. All of these are different and because of their fragmentary nature the wax cylinder could only record several minutes of much longer songs. It is difficult to understand them in relation to each other. In this song, Mihqetsuwakonutomon, a sadness can be heard and felt. This could mean that it was a mourning song for warriors who did not return from battle. This is translated into Kossamaquoddy, Sonakponosok etoli-rakihwaut (soldiers who are being mourned). This would be the kind of song sung on Veterans Day. Molly Neptune Parker also identified similarities in this song to contemporary Passamaquoddy funeral songs. Wayne Jewell describes these songs as a "puzzle that we keep trying to put together by listening to them." All the war songs that Fewkes recorded in the 1890 trip have been identified as a whole series of songs and they have been given the name: Malnotuwintawakon which means generally 'war songs'.

- Passamaquoddy cultural narrative for "Esunomawotultine." Esumomawotultine is the Passamaquoddy name for song 2 on Fewkes' cylinder 17 (Cylinder 426; AFC 1972/003: SR19). Esumomawotultine means "let's trade." It was sung on the cylinder by Peter Selmore, who also provided the cultural narrative. This narrative is found in Fewkes' Calais field notebook and was published in the journal of American Folklore, 1890. The song and dance is common to Passamaquoddy, Maliseet and Mi'maq communities. According to Nicholas Smith, the Wabanaki had at least three different types of trading dances. "The important gift-giving trait was an element in two of them. One was the trading dance of the ceremonial prelude to the actual trading at the fur trading posts. I have called another the

Cylinder Recordings
Dance Music
Field Recordings
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Indian Dance
Indians of North America
Maine
Maliseet Indians
Mi'maq Indians
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Passamaquoddy Indians
Songs
Songs, Passamaquoddy
War Songs

The goal was to stay faithful to Passamaquoddy intent in their enhanced Mukurtu records, yet we found ourselves heavily modifying the original tribal records to fit within the limitations of the MARC cataloging standard. In some cases, a single community record described not only a cylinder recording, but also information about related contemporary performances of the same song posted within the www.passamaquoddypeople.com site (hosted by Mukurtu). We worked to extract only information about the cylinder, which required careful editing of the text as given. We also went back and forth with the community to seek clarification about details such as how people named in the community record related to the recording. Were they translators, original singers, providers of additional knowledge? This back-and-forth was not only time-consuming, but it caused us to question what it means to faithfully insert the community's voice into the Library record.

Passamaquoddy Collaboration

Subtitle



Dwayne Tomah performs at the Library on June 4, 2018. Donald Soctomah, the Passamaquoddy tribal historic preservation officer, stands behind him. The song hadn't been performed publicly in 128 years. He was able to do so, in part, because of technologies at the Library that had helped uncover indistinct words from an 1890 recording of the song in the Folklife Center's collections. Photo by Valda Morris.

- The return has led to cultural revitalization ->Songs not heard in 120 plus years are now being performed and circulated in the community, principally due to the efforts of language specialist, Dwayne Tomah, and Donald Soctomah, THPO.
- And songs are now used in the tribe's language immersion program: from NPR, 2019: "[Tribal] historic preservation officer Donald Soctomah played a song from the wax cylinder recordings to a group of young children at the tribe's language immersion school. He says one of the teachers, who learned a version of the song from her grandmother, joined in. Then, a month later, Soctomah visited again. "I said, 'I'm going to play it again,'" Soctomah says. "And the teacher said,

- 'No, you don't have to play it. Just listen to the kids.' Those kids around the table were singing that song. I said, 'Wow.'"

<https://www.houstonpublicmedia.org/npr/2019/09/03/748604202/historic-recordings-revitalize-language-for-passamaquoddy-tribal-members/>

Thank you!

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Attached is the slide deck for our session tomorrow. I will also bring a copy with me on a flash drive. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

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Hi there – I wanted to reach out to the National Park Service regarding the decision to keep the William Penn statue in place in Pennsylvania. What factors went into this decision?

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INDE:

*Please note: despite headlines from multiple news outlets, the decisions about whether or not to remove the William Penn statue from Welcome Park were not made by "the Biden Administration." Such characterization is totally inaccurate.*

- [Feds Fold Like a Cheap Suit, William Penn Statue Will Not Be Removed – RedState](#)
- [Park Service retracts decision to take down William Penn statue at Philadelphia historical site | AP News](#)
- [Plan to remove William Penn statue, renovate Welcome Park in Philadelphia withdrawn - CBS Philadelphia \(cbsnews.com\)](#)
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- [Philadelphia park will keep William Penn statue after online firestorm \(usatoday.com\)](#)
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