The Oregon Tribal Archives Institute:
Providing a Professional Development and Networking Opportunity for Oregon's Tribal Communities

Panel: Developing and Organizing Professional Development Gatherings for Tribal Communities

Natalia Fernández, Oregon State University
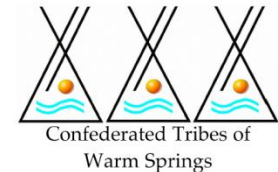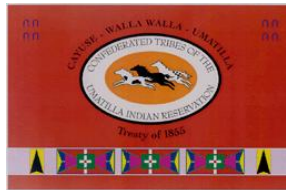
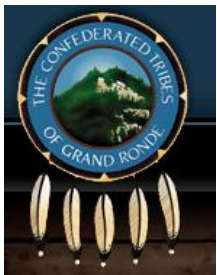ATALM Conference, Albuquerque, NM

June 12, 2013

What is the Oregon Tribal Archives Institute?

OTAI was a week long Institute held in August 2012 designed as an affordable, accessible, in-depth archives training for Oregon's nine federally recognized tribes

Oregon Tribal Archives Institute
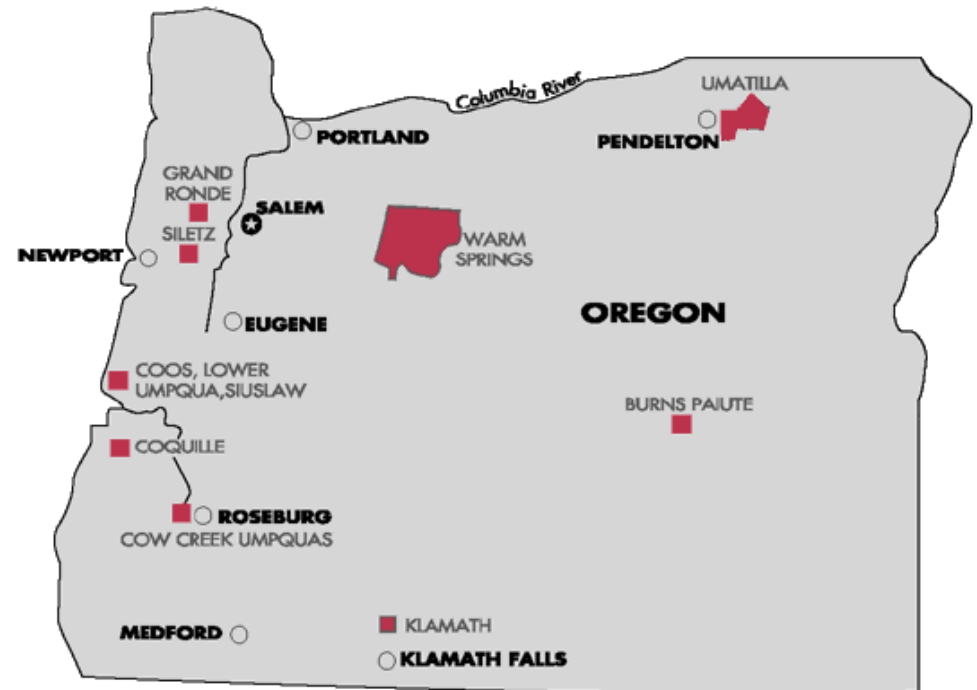
Project Background:
Previous Work with the Tribes

Tribal Logos: (L to R Top Row) Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw / Burns Paiute / Confederated Tribes of Siletz / Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians (L to R Bottom Row) Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde / Klamath Tribes / Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Reservation / Coquille Indian Tribe / Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

![TAI Oregon Tribal Archives Institute]

Project Background:
LSTA Grant Development and Goals

Grant Development:

Year 1 Goals

• Conduct Needs Assessment
   Pre-Surveys
   Site Visits

• Begin Curriculum Development

• Build and Strengthen Relationships

Year 2 Goals

• Finalize Curriculum
   Identify Trainers
   Plan Field Trips

• Plan and Host OTAI

• Conduct Assessment

Oregon
Tribal Archives Institute

TAI

Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians, September 16

Site Visits: Summer 2011

Coquille Indian Tribe, September 15

Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians, September 8

Burns Paiute Tribe, August 31

The Klamath Tribes, July 25-26

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, August 9

Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, July 20

Site Visits to Oregon's 9 Tribes: July-September, 2011

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, July 11-12

In-person needs assessments with each of the tribes' archivists, record managers, museum curators, and any other interested staff members.

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, July 7

Curriculum Development: Fall 2011-Spring 2012

Our Objectives:

- Formulate a List of Topics Based on the Site Visits

- Brainstorm Sessions and Schedules

- Identify Trainers

- Share Information with Project Collaborators

Curriculum Development: Formulate a List of Topics

Grant Funding and Grant Writing
Archives 101
Content Management Systems
Facilities Planning
Disaster Planning
Collections Maintenance and Care
Digitization Best Practices
Sound Recordings, Best Practices
Digital Asset Mgt Systems & Metadata

Born Digital Records
Exemplary Digitization Projects
Digital Preservation
Reference and Access
Records Retention
Researching Elsewhere
NWA Discussion
Outreach and Social Media
Model Programs

Curriculum Development:
Brainstorm Sessions and Schedules
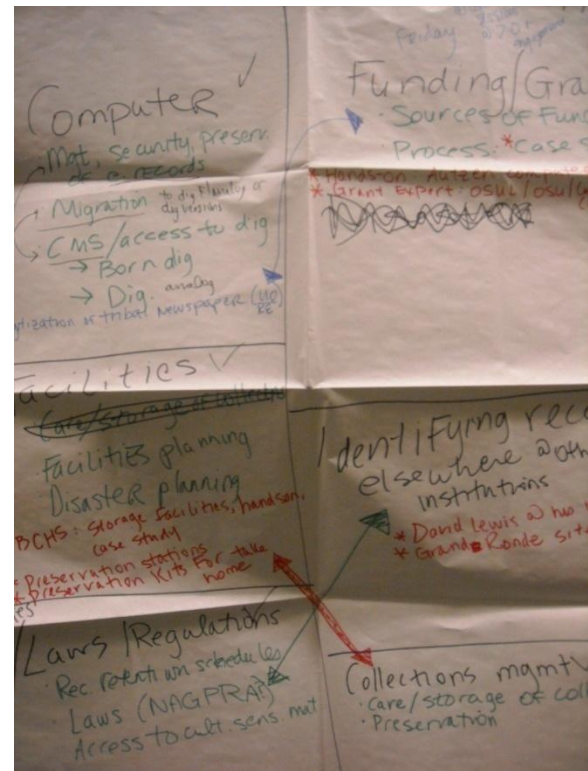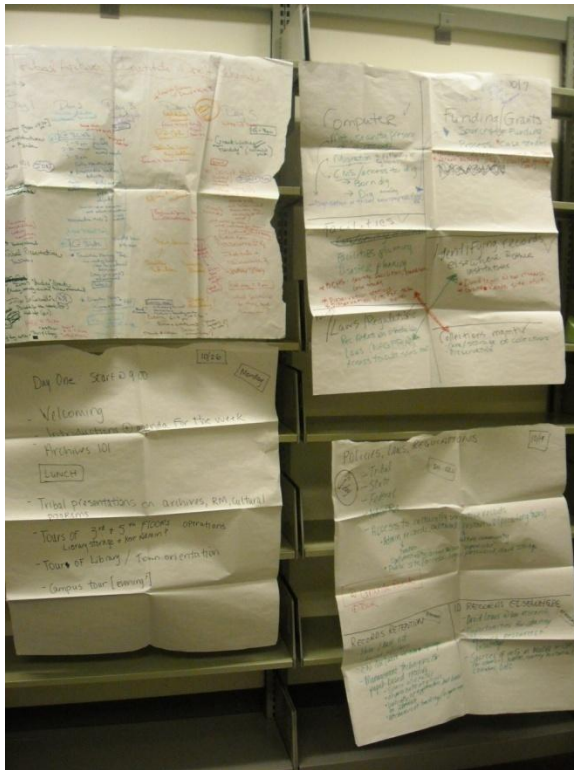
Curriculum Development:
Identify Trainers

Curriculum Development:
Share Information with Project Collaborators

OTAI Wiki

Institute Planning

Lodging & Meals and Conference Arrangements

University Housing & Dining Services

Oregon State UNIVERSITY | Libraries

Conference Materials

Special Event

SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CASINO

Field Trips

TAI Oregon
Tribal Archives Institute
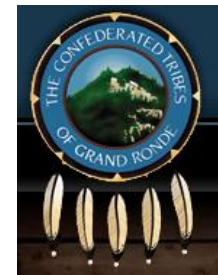
The Institute
Sunday August 19th – Friday August 24th

Sunday Night ~
Opening Dinner

Monday ~
Sessions at the
Valley Library

TAI Oregon
Tribal Archives Institute

The Institute
Sunday August 19th – Friday August 24th

Tuesday ~ Field Trip to Siletz and BCHS

Siletz Tribal
Community Archives

Benton County
Historical Society

The Institute
Sunday August 19th – Friday August 24th

Wednesday ~
"All Things Digital" Day

Thursday ~ Field Trip to Grand Ronde
and Closing Dinner

Grand Ronde Tribal
Community Archives

Friday ~
OTAI's Last Day!

George Wasson,
Closing Dinner
Speaker

Assessment

Institute Assessment

Evaluation of each specific session

"Reflection" Session

- Paper-based questionnaire
  re: OTAI as a whole

- Group discussion
  re: plans for the future

Follow Up Assessment

January 2013

Phone Interviews

- Application of content learned

- Thoughts on future gatherings

Moving from Institute to Network

The network is designed to facilitate communication among tribal archivists, records managers, and culture keepers in order to ask questions, share resources, and celebrate their work.

Challenges & Lessons Learned

Things to Keep in Mind

- Building Relationships

- Varied attendee skill level and job duties

- Project Timeframe (grant cycles)

Ideas for the Future

- Tribal community act as host

- Shorter, more frequent gatherings

- More in-depth and hands on trainings on just a few topics

Next Step:

Acquire grant funds for more trainings, potentially regional

Project Website