

# **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

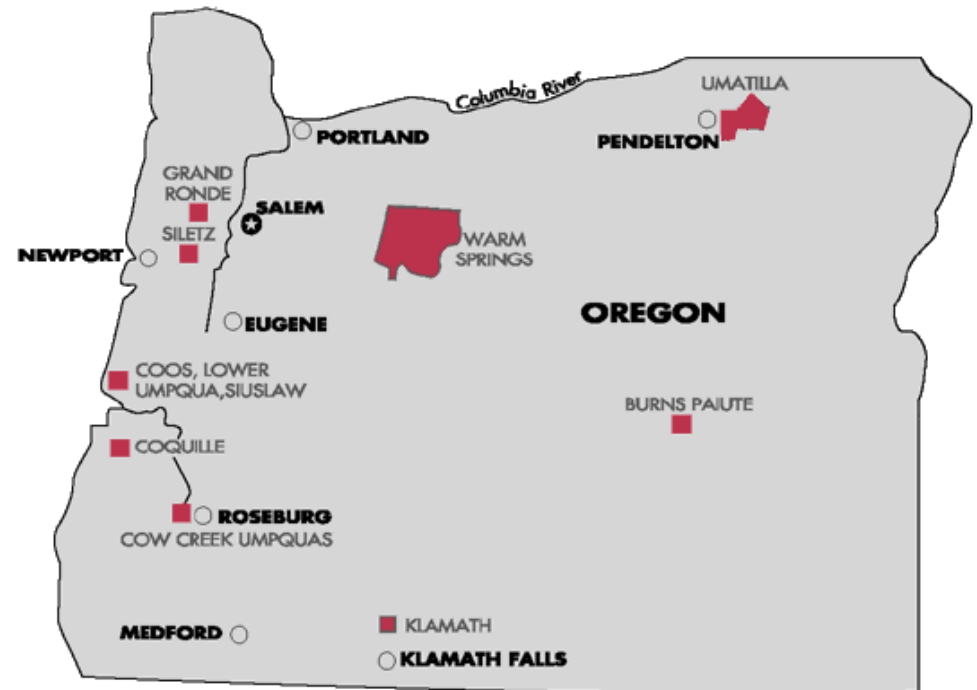
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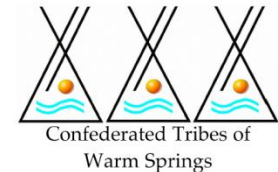
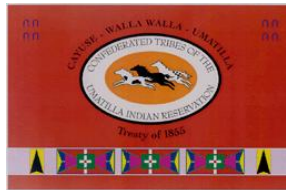
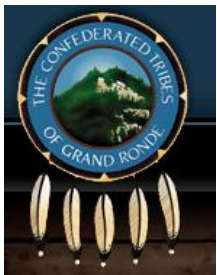
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## What is the Oregon Tribal Archives Institute?

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



## 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

## 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

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## Site Visits: Summer 2011



The Klamath Tribes,  
July 25-26



Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians,  
July 20



Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs,  
July 11-12



Confederated Tribes of Grand  
Ronde, July 7



Burns Paiute Tribe, August 31



Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian  
Reservation, August 9



Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians,  
September 8



Coquille Indian Tribe, September 15



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

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

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



## 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

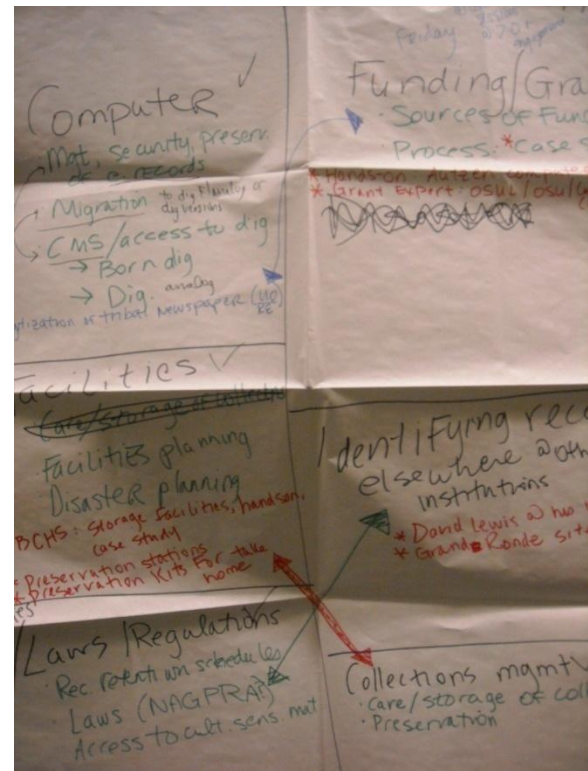
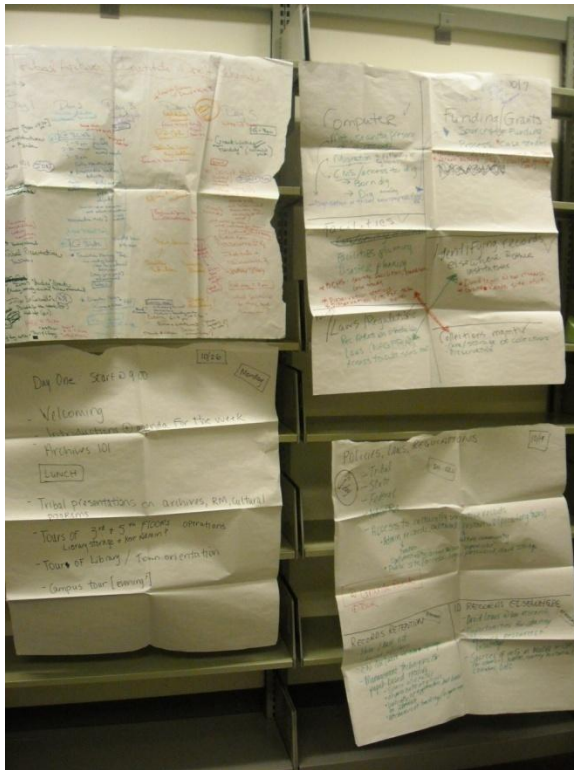




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### Curriculum Development: Brainstorm Sessions and Schedules







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## Curriculum Development: Identify Trainers



Smithsonian  
*National Museum of the American Indian*



*Celebrating  
60 Years!*



**Oregon Folklife Network**








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# Curriculum Development: Share Information with Project Collaborators

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[LSTA Grant](#): Grant Proposals Years 1 & 2 and Quarterly Reports

**Team Meetings**

[Curriculum](#)

[Event Planning - Logistics](#)  
UHDS - Lodging and Meals and Mileage Reimbursement  
Curriculum Session Logistics

[Event Planning - Cultural](#)  
Opening Ceremony and Dinner  
Closing Ceremony and Dinner  
Gifts and Extras

[Assessment and IRB](#)

**Work with the Tribes and Tribal Community**

[Site Visits](#): 9 site visit reports

[Oregon Tribal Community Meetings](#): LCIS / NAYA / OICPSE

OTAI Wiki



## Institute Planning

Lodging & Meals and Conference Arrangements



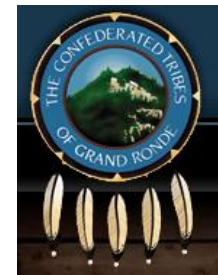
University Housing & Dining Services



Conference Materials

Special Event

Field Trips



The Institute  
Sunday August 19<sup>th</sup> – Friday August 24<sup>th</sup>

Sunday Night ~  
Opening Dinner



Monday ~  
Sessions at the  
Valley Library





# The Institute

## Sunday August 19<sup>th</sup> – Friday August 24<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday ~ Field Trip to Siletz and BCHS



Siletz Tribal  
Community Archives



Benton County  
Historical Society

The Institute  
Sunday August 19<sup>th</sup> – Friday August 24<sup>th</sup>

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





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### 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.





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### 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



# Oregon Tribal Archives Institute

## Project Website

<http://scarc.library.oregonstate.edu/oma/tai/index.html>

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The Oregon Tribal Archives Institute (TAI) is the culmination of a two year grant project developed by the **Oregon Multicultural Archives** dedicated to assisting Oregon's nine federally recognized tribes with their archives and records management needs. TAI took place in August of 2012 with the goals to provide Oregon's tribal archivists and records managers with professional development and networking opportunities through a week long training.

TAI Information

- [Project Overview](#)
- [Year 1 - The Site Visits and Curriculum Development](#)
- [Year 2 - The Institute](#)
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