

Oregon Tribal Archives and Records Management Institute

The Oregon Tribal Archives and Records Management Institute is the end goal of a two year grant project developed by the Oregon Multicultural Archives at Oregon State University. The Institute will address the need for in-depth archives and records management training for Oregon's nine federally recognized tribes. Establishing formal and sustainable archives and records management programs by the tribes has been difficult in part due to the lack of affordable and location-accessible training opportunities for tribal members with responsibilities for archives and records management. The need for this training will be met through the planning and implementation of a one week institute that will cover a variety of archival topics for the tribes to establish or improve their archives and records management programs. The training will be based in Oregon, will be at no or low cost to tribal participants, and will take place August 2012. Beyond the training institute, the Oregon Multicultural Archives will continue working with the tribes on records related issues in a consulting capacity and help to facilitate information sharing among the tribes.



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



Coquille Indian Tribe, September 15



Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians, September 8



Burn Paiute Tribe, August 31



Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, August 9



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

Site Visits to Oregon's 9 Tribes:

July-September, 2011

In order to develop a curriculum for the Institute that would directly address the tribes' archival needs, the first year of the grant was dedicated to conducting in-person needs assessments with each of the tribes' archivists, record managers, museum curators, and any other interested staff members.

Year 1 of 2 Objectives

Conduct Needs Assessments of All 9 Tribes' Current Tribal Records and Archival Programs

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

- ~ In planning for the site visits we left the meeting agendas intentionally open-ended to facilitate each tribe's individual archival concerns. After explaining the institute and our goals, we allotted the remainder of the time to conduct a needs assessment which included tours of any facilities that the staff was willing to share with us. There were also discussions of current challenges and future plans for development of both administrative records and cultural archives programs.
- ~ Each of the site visits averaged about 4-5 hours depending on the development of their current programs and the amount of material to be covered.
- ~ Following the site visits, a brief report summarizing current programs, areas for future development, and institute logistics specific to each tribe were written and shared with everyone who attended the meetings.

Based on the Site Visits, Develop a List of Curriculum Topics for the Institute

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| ~ Grant Funding and Writing | ~ Archives 101 | ~ Collections Management Systems |
| ~ Facilities Planning | ~ Disaster Planning | ~ Collections Maintenance and Care |
| ~ Digitization and Migration | ~ Digital Assets Management and Preservation | |
| ~ Reference and Access | ~ Federal, State, and Tribal Policies, Laws, and Regulations | |
| ~ Records Retention Schedules | ~ Researching at other Institutions for Tribal Documentation | |
| ~ Outreach and Social Media | ~ Model Programs, Resources, and Networks on the National Level | |

Build and Strengthen Relationships with the Tribal Communities

- ~ We had the opportunity to talk with a total of 55 tribal members who fill a number of roles including archivists, record managers, museum directors, and tribal council members.

Year 2 of 2 Objectives

Develop the Institute Curriculum

- ~ The Institute curriculum planning team includes archivists from the Oregon Multicultural Archives, Oregon State University, University of Oregon, and the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian, with input from various tribal members.
- ~ As part of the Institute we plan to include several field trips to enhance the curriculum content including the Benton County Historical Society and both the Siletz and Grand Ronde Tribal Archives.

Plan and Host the Institute

- ~ Located in Corvallis, Oregon, Oregon State University Libraries will host the Institute; lodging and meals will be provided through OSU's University Housing and Dining Services.
- ~ The five day Institute will take place August 20-24th, 2012 with an opening ceremony on Sunday August 19th.

Create and Implement an Assessment of the Institute

- ~ Assessment will include both a written evaluation and discussion on the last day of the Institute. Six months after the conclusion of the Institute we intend to create and implement a post-assessment process.

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Oregon Multicultural Archives ~ Assists in preserving the histories and sharing the stories that document Oregon's African American, Asian American, Latino/a, and Native American communities <http://archives.library.oregonstate.edu/oma>
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