American Indian Studies Program at ASU - Its Mission

American Indian Studies is an interdisciplinary program committed to broadening the knowledge of students interested in the histories, languages, cultures, arts, and contemporary situations of American Indian nations and people. The program is designed to protect the integrity and identity of the indigenous populations of North America and to create a learning environment conducive to critical and creative thought. The program not only stresses sound academic preparation in the classroom, but also encourages students to interact and conduct research with American Indian governments and organizations. Additionally, the program emphasizes the continued effort of the university to form strong partnerships with American Indian nations at the local, regional, and national levels.

Fall 2000 Classes are:

- AIS 180: Introduction to American Indian Studies
- AIS 280: American Indian Law and Society
- AIS 394: Federal Indian Policy
- AIS 394: Native Governmental Decision Making
- AIS 394: American Indian Language & Culture
- AIS 494: American Indians/Applications of Sovereignty
- AIS 494: American Indians in Cinema, Arts, and Media

Classes cross-listed with other departments:

- AIS 394C: North American Indians
- AIS 394D: Indians of the Southwest
- AIS 394G: American Indian History to 1900
- AIS 394F: American Indian History Since 1900
- AIS 494: American Indian Art of the Southwest
- AIS 494: Counseling Indian Students
- AIS 494C: Native American Women's Literature
- AIS 494E: Navajo Language & Culture I
- AIS 494K: Tribal, State, and Federal Government in Indian Education
H-AMINDIAN: Media for Native Studies. Electronic Discussion List and Web Sites

H-AMINDIAN is an H-Net E-mail forum devoted to American Indian studies. Though emphasis is on historical study, scholars in other disciplines are welcome to participate. H-AMINDIAN pursues an active agenda with topical discussion, bibliographical essays, online seminars, and book reviews. H-AMINDIAN maintains two sites. The first is associated with the discussion list, h-amindian@h-net.msu.edu. To subscribe, send an E-mail message to listserv@h-net.msu.edu with the following command: subscribe h-amindian firstname lastname, institution

H-AMINDIAN is headquartered at Arizona State University and operated by graduate students under the direction of postdoctoral research associate, Akim Reinhardt, who reports to a local faculty managing board. H-AMINDIAN website for research, teaching, and current news, can be accessed at: www.asu.edu/clas/history/h-amindian/index.html

Come to the Labriola Center for more information. And don't forget to ask for some free bookmarks!

Check out the Labriola Center Web Site: www.asu.edu/lib/archives/labriola.htm

In addition to telling something about the Center, its collections and reference services, the site contains all past issues of the Labriola Center Newsletter to which we have added illustrations and photographs from the Center's collection. The Center has produced a number of publications that may be downloaded. Some are:


In addition to listing published monographs, the bibliography lists a number of indexes to various journal and periodical databases. It also gives encyclopedias, bibliographies, directories, government publications indexes, and Internet connections.

An important periodical in this list is the **National Magazine of the American Indian Gaming Industry**, which is available in the Labriola Center along with all the other titles listed.


Ms. Martin assembled the bibliography in response to a high number of inquiries by individual searching for their Native roots. The Labriola Center holds video recordings, books, and how-to information on searching for one's ancestors. It also lists websites, and material held in the National Archives.


Here are primary source documents on microfilm from the National Archives in addition to the personal papers of a number of individuals. Some are: George Hubbard Pepper collection (1873-1924) emphasizing the Navajo, Hopi, and Zuni Indians; John Collier's office files dealing with Native Americans and the New Deal; Papers of Carlos Montezuma, 1892-1937, physician and Indian Rights activist; papers of the Indian Rights Association, and more.


The bibliography of some 22 pages, lists a basic reference collection for the study of Native American issues.


The bibliography lists reference material dealing with native languages, available in the Labriola Center. It contains a selective list of resources useful for developing language and vocabulary skills and/or researching a variety of topics dealing with Native American languages.

Other Links from Labriola website
In addition to the above publications, the Labriola Web Site also gives links to other Native American sites such as:
American Native Press Archives; Bureau of Indian Affairs; Cradleboard Teaching Project; Journal of American Indian Education; Native American Authors; Native American Repatriation and Reburial: A Bibliography, and others.
In addition to the above, there is a direct link to the popular American Indian Index.

American Indian Oral History Collection: Index now available
The collection contains transcripts of over 800 oral histories by members of the Navajo Nation and members of Pueblo tribes. It was contained in 11 reels of microfilm out of the Center for Southwest Research, University of New Mexico. (ASU FILM 9642, 11 reels)
There was no index to the contents. ASU graduate student, Rob Robertson, read and indexed the entire collection and listed names of interviewees, dates of interview, and general topic of discussion, thus allowing access to a valuable resource. This is not online but a printed guide is available in the Labriola Center.

Labriola Center's Indexing Project
In order to find an article in some of the older newspapers, a researcher simply has to read back issues until a pertinent article is found. There are also a number of smaller but current periodicals that are not indexed in any of the online indexes. No more!
Student aides in the Labriola Center have been indexing a number of newspapers for several years now.
For example, a scholarly newspaper, geared for young adults, Native Monthly Reader, is published eight times a year out of Pauma Valley, California. Its coverage includes both American and Canadian tribes and covers history, government, science, environment, social studies, and sports. It has been indexed to the Arizona & Southwestern Index since its inception and is heavily used by ASU students.
A newer project involves the Hopi weekly Qua'Toqtì = The Eagle's Cry, which was published weekly between 1976 and 1985. Students are about 1/3 of the way through this valuable publication, where researchers will be able to access some rare information.
Major articles are being indexed from early issues of Akwesnasne Notes (Roosevelt Town, New York), Tribal Tribune (Nespelem, Washington), and Winnebago Indian News (Nebraska), First Nations Messenger (Canada), and others.
We are not aware of any other institution that is providing this service.

An Answer to a Common Student Question: "How do I find journal and newspaper articles on my topic?"

The Labriola Center has partially answered this question above, by noting some newspapers that are indexed in the online Arizona & Southwest Index.

(By the way, we must note here, that the name given to the index is a misnomer since it covers material of both national and international subjects.)

In addition to newspapers, a variety of older journal articles not indexed anywhere else, may appear.

Sources for newspaper and journal articles include:

1. Uncover, an online index to some 17,000 multi-discipline journals, covers almost every topic from a to z.
2. Ethnic Newswatch, an online index to numerous ethnic newspapers including Indian Country Today, 
   Scout, Char-Koosta News, Wind River News, Native Nevadan, and News From Indian Country. Searchers can 
   obtain a full-text printout of articles on the subject of choice.
3. The online Bibliography of Native North Americans lists books, dissertations, and many journal articles 
   on all topics.
4. For index to journals in education, the online index ERIC covers some 775 periodicals.
5. The online, America History and Life lists articles and book reviews from 2000 journals, prehistory to 
   present in both the United States and Canada.
6. eHRAF, Electronic Human Relations Area files lists ethnographic materials by culture and subject.
7. The online, Harp Week, gives full text of articles published in Harpers Weekly between 1857 and 1871.
8. Arizona Republic on CD-ROM, and New York Times Index are located in Hayden Reference on the 
   concourse level.
9. Writings in Indian History, Labriola Reference, E77.M55x 1995, covers both books and articles.
10. American Indian Periodicals on Microform from the libraries of Princeton University, Newberry Library, 
    Smithsonian Institution and the State Historical Society of Wisconsin are located in the Labriola Center and 
    cover newsletters, and newspapers that contain first-hand accounts of history from the native point of view. Ask 
    for a hard copy index.
11. And most important, don't forget to take a good look at the bibliography in a book about the topic of 
    choice.
12. A number of current journals are not indexed anywhere but can be browsed for topics. Some are: 
    American Indian Report, Aboriginal Voices; and Indian Gaming.

**Native American Women**

Currently, the Labriola Center is exhibiting materials about Native American women. Following is a brief list of 
material by and about Native women.

- *American Indian Grandmothers: Traditions and Transitions*, edited by Marjorie M. Schweitzer, 
  University of New Mexico Press, 1999.
- *Elegant Visions* [videorecording]: *Native American Women's Clothing*, Bartlesville Indian Women's Club, 
  1993.
- *Essie's Story: the Life and Legacy of a Shoshone Teacher*, by Esther Burnett Horne and Sally McBeth, 
  University of Nebraska Press, 1998.
- *Making of Sacajawea: A Euro-American Legend*, by Donna J. Kessler, University of Alabama Press, 
  1996.
- *Many Tender Ties: Women in Fur-Trade Society, 1670-1870*, by Sylvia Van Kirk, University of 
  Oklahoma, 1983.
- *A Season of Grandmothers* [videorecording], by Phil Goerge, Native American Public Broadcasting 
  Consortium, [199-?].


Women in American Indian Society, by Raine Green, Chelsea House Publishers, 1992