

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



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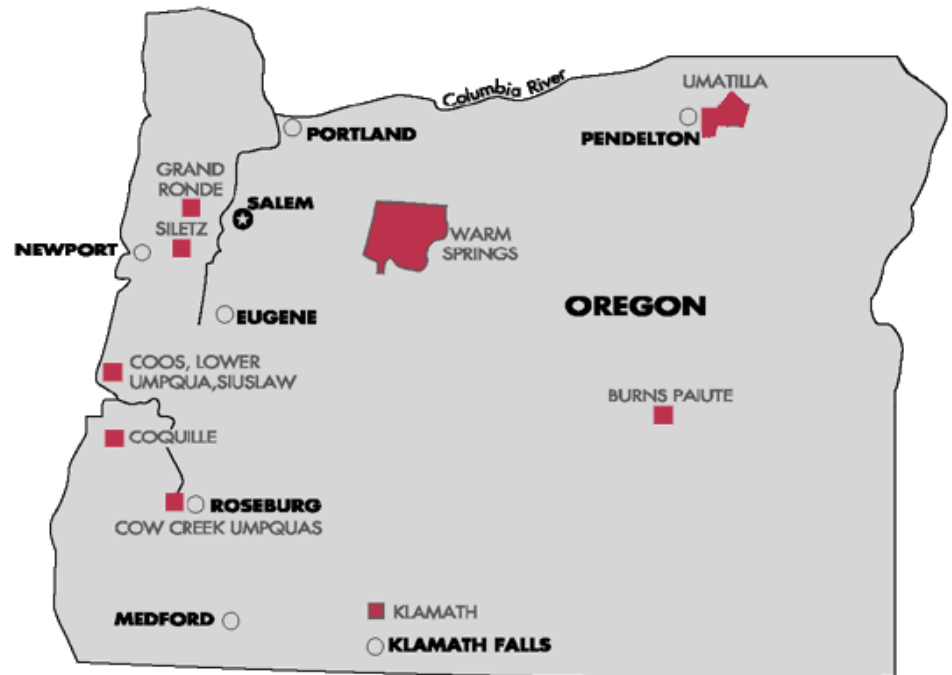
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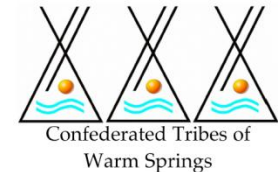
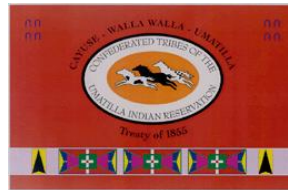
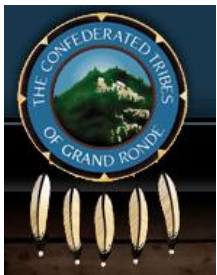
What is the Oregon Tribal Archives Institute?

OTAI was designed to address the need for an affordable, in-depth archives and records management training that would specifically address the archival education needs of Oregon's nine federally recognized tribes



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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



Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian
Reservation, August 9



Burns Paiute Tribe, August 31



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

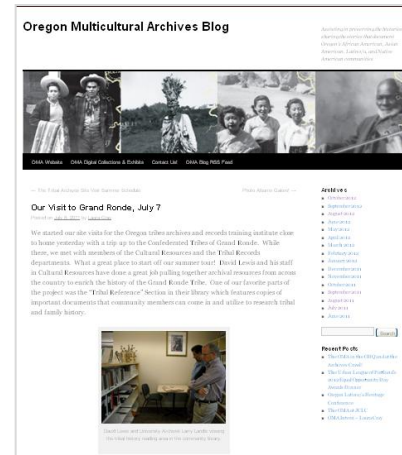
In-person needs assessments with each of the tribes' archivists, record managers, museum curators, and any other interested staff members.

Site Visits: Summer 2011



Tours of Facilities
 (L) Coquille Indian Tribe Plankhouse Sign
 (R) Grand Ronde Records Center

Meetings with Staff
 (L) Larry and Blanche, Klamath
 (R) Larry and David, Grand Ronde



OMA Site Visit
 Blog Posts



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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



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Curriculum Development: Formulate a List of Topics

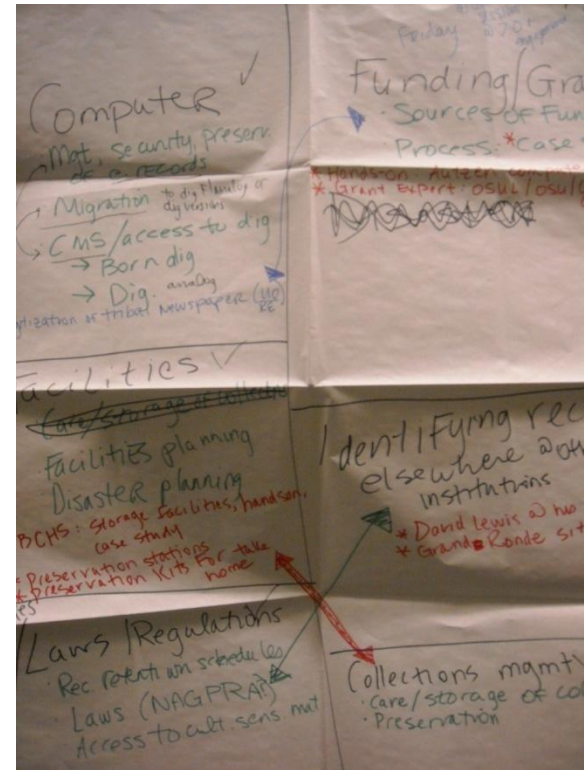
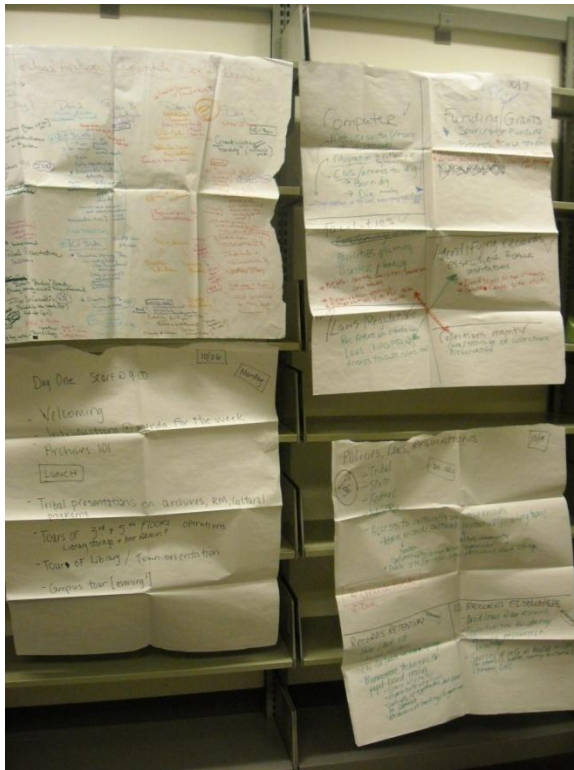
Grant Funding and Grant Writing
Archives 101
Content Management Systems
Facilities Planning
Disaster Planning
Collections Maintenance and Care
Digitization Best Practices
Sound Recordings, Best Practices
Digital Asset Mgt Systems & Metadata

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



Oregon **Folklife** Network




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Curriculum Development: Share Information with Project Collaborators

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Tribal Archives Institute (TAI) Current Pages:

About the Project

[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



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Institute Planning

Lodging & Meals and Conference Arrangements



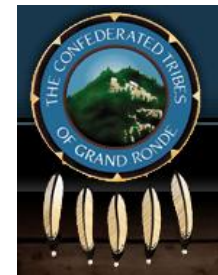
University Housing & Dining Services



Conference Materials

Special Event

Field Trips



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The Institute
Sunday August 19th – Friday August 24th

Sunday Night ~
Opening Dinner



Monday ~
Sessions at the
Valley Library





The Institute

Sunday August 19th – Friday August 24th

Tuesday ~ Field Trip to Siletz and BCCHS



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

Facilitator Perspective: Jennifer O'Neal



Sessions

- Archives 101
- Collections Management Systems
- Indigenous Access Issues
- Researching Elsewhere
- Outreach and Social Media
- Model Programs

Facilitator Perspective: Lessons Learned

- Provide basics as a foundation
- Better to provide more information than too little
- Apply pertinent information to community's needs
- Each community is different



Facilitator Perspective: Lessons Learned



- Various forms, guides, etc.
- Provide examples successful projects and collaborations
- Attendee participation and case studies
- Interaction with attendees — understand community needs



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The
Confederated
Tribes of
Grand Ronde
Plankhouse

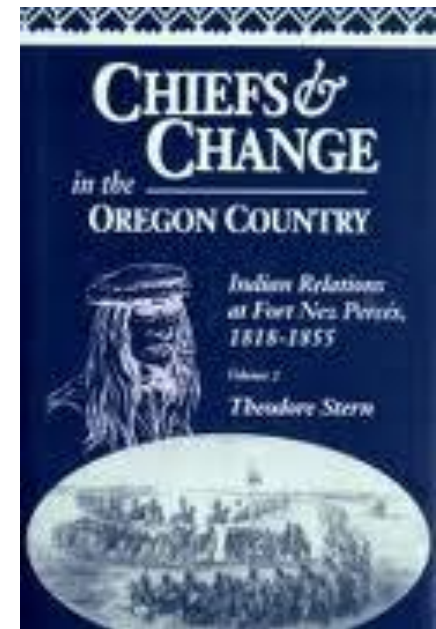
Key Issue:

Develop long-term relationships and collaborations between institutions and tribal communities

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University of Oregon Libraries and The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation: Theodore Stern Papers

- University of Oregon Anthropology Professor (1963-1982)
- Faculty Papers within University Archives
- Umatilla and Klamath tribes significantly documented
- Collaboration with Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute (TCI)
- Hands-on archive training processing collection





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Grand Ronde Goal

- To make the Grand Ronde Cultural Center and Archives the center of research about the 30+ tribes who came to the reservation and the following 150 years of history. An organized Archives makes this possible.
- Attempts to capture a regional culture area of 14 million acres and the culture and history of seven major tribal groups



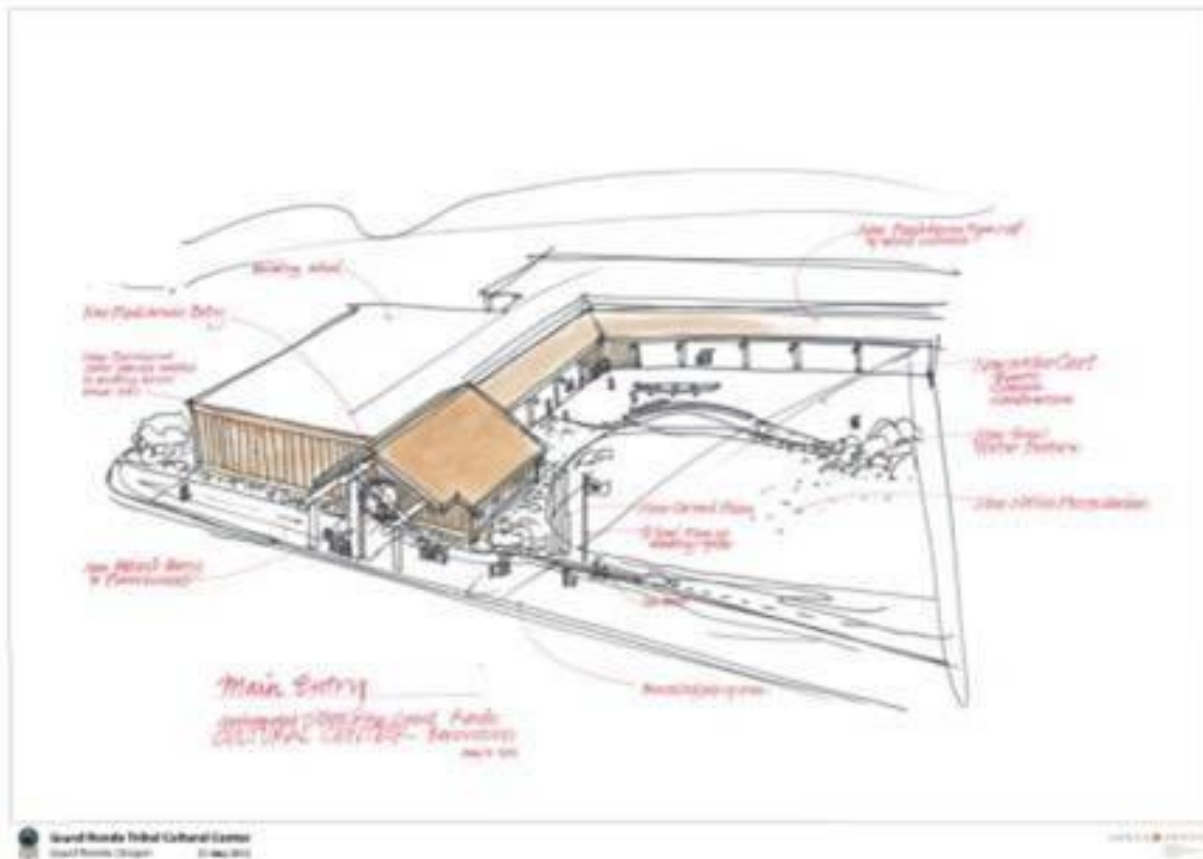


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Grand Ronde Cultural Center and Archives

- Archives
- Collections Processing
- Research Area

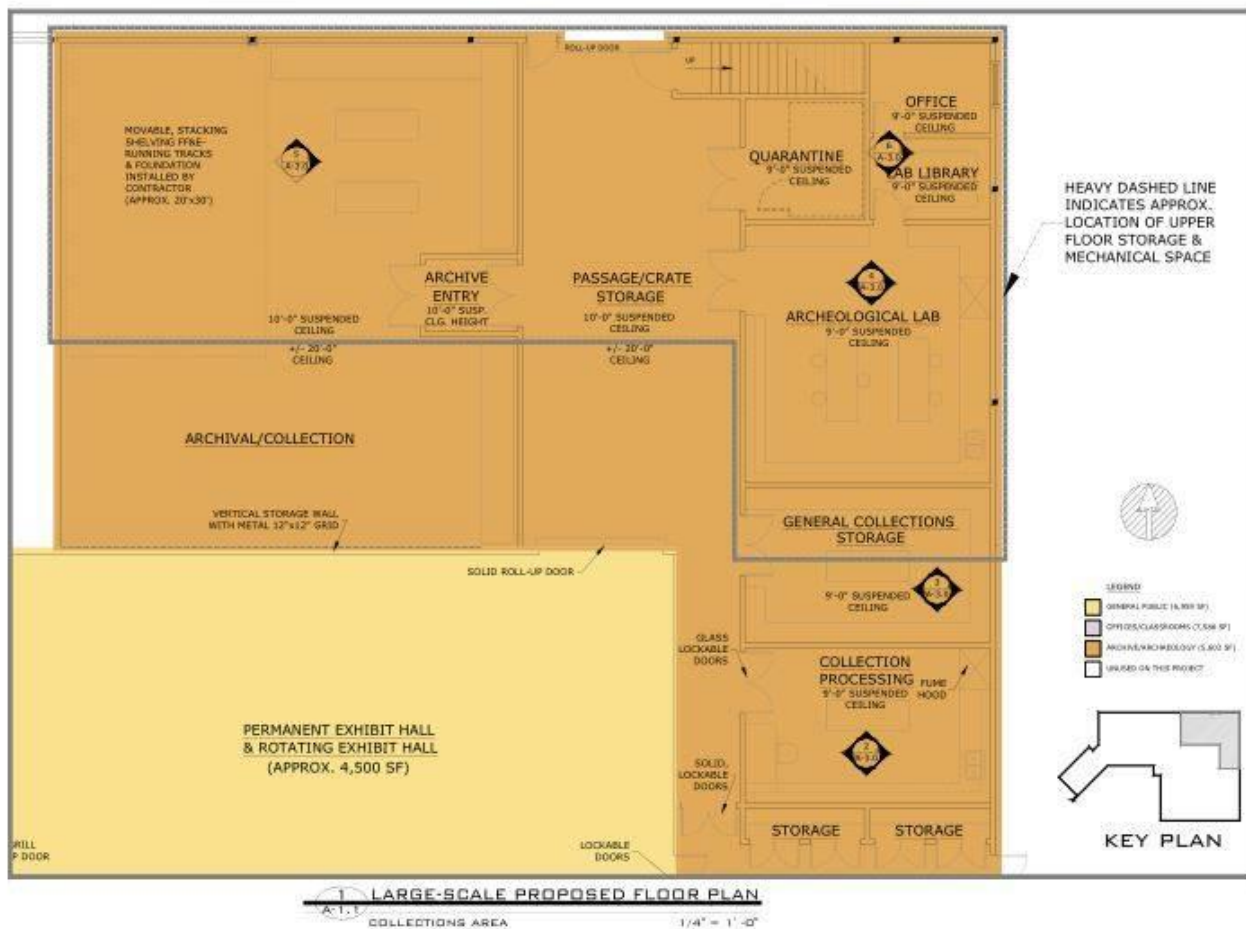




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Extensive Archival collection needs now possible with a trained archivist





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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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Project Website

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

OSU Oregon State University Digital Collections | Oregon Multicultural Archives | Archives Home

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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](#)
- [Publications and Presentations about TAI](#)
- [Oregon Tribal Archives Network](#)
- [Acknowledgements](#)
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Any Questions?

Thank you for joining us!

To continue the discussion regarding tribal archives please return to this room at 3:30pm for the NWA Native American Collections Roundtable discussion