

OSU Creates Institute to Collaborate with Tribes

CORVALLIS, Ore. – A new Oregon State University research center has been created, with the goal of supporting and assisting Oregon's Native people.

The Native American Collaborative Institute facilitates collaboration by identifying areas of research, education, and outreach between OSU faculty and staff and tribal communities.

This interdisciplinary institute is housed in Ballard Extension Hall on the OSU campus.

NACI director Kurt Peters (Blackfoot/Powhatan), an associate professor in the Department of Ethnic Studies, already has six proposals for grant funding from three different tribes. There are nine federally recognized tribes in Oregon.

"We are here to create a flow of information to support tribal needs," Peters said. "We want to connect tribes with the right people, not merely help tribes fund a grant."

OSU President Ed Ray said the institute will operate as a conduit between the tribes and the OSU community.

"Recognizing that diversity is one of our core values, the creation of the Native American Collaborative Institute is an imperative step toward a shared vision for Oregon's future," said Ray. The NACI mission includes:

- Developing research and disseminating findings that provide policy makers with information regarding tribal concerns
- Acting as a clearinghouse for information and access to issues of tribes
- Creating agreements that increase tribal access to OSU and communicating tribal perspectives that enable OSU to better respond to

AmeriCorps Position Open at ONABEN

ONABEN – A Native American Business Network is currently recruiting for an AmeriCorps VISTA member.

ONABEN enables American Indians to realize their dreams of a better quality of life through owning and operating a small business. This position is for one year and is based in Tigard, just 20 minutes outside of beautiful Portland, Ore.

As part of the Oregon Microenterprise Network's (OMEN) Asset Building Corps, the VISTA member will be part of a team of volunteers throughout Oregon dedicated to eliminating poverty.

Specifically, the ONABEN VISTA member will help provide ONABEN stakeholders and the general population with information about ONABEN programs and impacts. He or she will help build ONABEN's capacity to provide services to American Indians through program and fund development activities.

This is an excellent opportunity for any individual interested in:

tribal needs in a manner respecting cultural values

- Facilitating tribal and OSU funding from private foundations and public sources
- Providing student, faculty, and program staff internships to further knowledge and understanding about topics of importance to both Oregon tribes and OSU

Peters said it was important to him in creating the institute that OSU be led by tribal policy and the communities' expertise and needs.

"This is a way for us to be a resource, to be of use," he said. "This is about connecting with the tribes and to fulfill OSU's land grant mission."

One of NACI's current projects is with the Umatilla Indian Reservation. The project includes mapping the resources of the geography of the Umatilla lands and several other projects in the areas of science, engineering, and education, Peters said.

The Burns Paiute Tribe has initiated a memorandum of agreement with OSU for collaboration on issues concerning natural resources. And a third tribal group is partnering with OSU to create a project focused on the needs of children at risk.

All of the projects include attention to the educational needs of students and their learning outcomes both within tribal communities as well as at Oregon State University.

Tribal communities and others interested are encouraged to contact Peters or to go to NACI's Web site for more information – <http://naci.oregonstate.edu>.

- 1) Gaining work experience in the non-profit sector, specifically in the field of American Indian small business development
- 2) Developing communications and grant writing skills
- 3) Learning more about economic development in Oregon

For a detailed position description, visit our Web site – www.onaben.org.

AmeriCorps VISTA members receive a living allowance, health insurance, relocation allowance, and either an education award of \$4,725 or a stipend of \$1,200 upon completion of service.

For more information about the AmeriCorps VISTA program, go to www.americorps.org.

Deadline to apply is June 1, 2007. Application is open to any U.S. citizen age 17 or older.

For further information about ONABEN, our programs, and the VISTA position, contact Jaimie Park at jaimie@onaben.org.

Naimuma (Relatives) Pow-Wow

May 11-12, 2007 • Peter Stott Center • PSU
930 SW Hall • Portland, Oregon

MC: Arnold Littlehead
Arena Director: Ed Goodell

Head Woman: Shawnetta Yahtin
Head Man: Reynolds Allen

Host Drum: Indian Nation

Drum Contest (Limited Space Available)

1 st	\$1,000	3 rd	\$500
2 nd	\$600	4 th	\$400

Dance Contests (14 Separate Categories)

Golden Age Men and Women
1st – \$200 2nd – \$150 3rd – \$100

Mens: Traditional, Fancy, and Grass
1st – \$200 2nd – \$150 3rd – \$100

Womens: Traditional, Fancy,
and Jingle
1st – \$200 2nd – \$150 3rd – \$100

Teen: Boys and Girls
1st – \$100 2nd – \$75 3rd – \$50

Gift for Junior Girls and Boys
Treats and Gifts for Tiny Tots

May 11

5 p.m. – Registration
7 p.m. – Grand Entry
Midnight – Adjourn

May 12

Noon – Doors Open
1 p.m. – Grand Entry
5 p.m. – Dinner Break
7 p.m. – Grand Entry
11 p.m. – Winners Announced
Adjourn



Vendors: Valerie Nelson
503-285-4474 or naimuma@gmail.com
Info: Sky Hopinka, 503-725-5671

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Students who have completed at least one year of college are encouraged to apply as senior counselors (paid position).

Konaway is also accepting applications for Native American instructors in the areas of math, English or writing, science and culture (paid position).

For more information, contact Nicole Norris or Chava Florendo at 541-552-8256 or visit the Web site at www.sou.edu/NATAM/konaway.shtml.

(Konaway co-directors are David West and Brent Florendo.)

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