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*A kind of light spread out from her. And everything changed color. And the world opened out. And a day was good to awaken to. And there were no limits to anything. And the people of the world were good and handsome. And I was not afraid any more.*

John Steinbeck, East of Eden

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## **2019 Zahn Spirit of Innovation Award winner Shurene Premo**

### **Healing as an Innovation**

Shurene Premo's commitment to a higher level of social work for Native Americans made her a choice for the 2019 Zahn Spirit of Innovation Award. By Jeff Ristine

*Soone nahakkunto'i.* It's going to happen.

San Diego State University student Shurene Premo's dream of someday building a Native American recovery and treatment center for her hometown Shoshone reservation in remote northern Nevada recently took three long strides forward.

She graduated with honors and a double major in American Indian Studies, from the College of Arts and Letters, and social work, from the College of Health and Human Services.

She was named the winner of SDSU's 2019 Zahn Spirit of Innovation Award, which recognizes a graduating senior who has shown exceptional entrepreneurial achievement as an undergraduate.

And she was accepted into a highly competitive, one-year Advanced Standing master's program in social work at SDSU which begins after a break of a single week. The program will focus on one of Premo's personal passions, child welfare, and will include an internship with the County of San Diego, possibly within its Indian Specialty Unit.

"The issues that we're facing right now in Indian country are (that) families are broken," Premo said last week, a day before walking in back-to-back commencement ceremonies at Viejas Arena. "The family unit is broken. It stems from historical trauma, which turns into intergenerational trauma." The result, she said, has been long histories of drug and alcohol abuse, domestic violence, depression, mental illness and suicide, as well as child abuse and neglect.

Premo is a citizen of Newe-Numa Nation and the Tosawihi Band of Western Shoshone. During her time at SDSU, Premo returned every summer to her Duck Valley Reservation in Owyhee, Nev., situated within walking distance of the Idaho state border but a 100- to 140-mile drive to any big city.

Working in the tribal social-services and federal Indian Child Welfare Act programs she shadowed social workers on sometimes “heartbreaking” cases, assisting with moving children from abusive living conditions into new homes.

She also made a promise to her uncle that she would return for good someday and create a healing lodge, which remains the objective for her ongoing education.

“I want to use the Westernized way of counseling” with its therapy and psychology, Premo said, “but we are going to bring in Native American healing and traditions.” The idea is to include Native American church, sweat lodge, sun dance, smudging ceremonies and talking circles she explained.

“My whole belief is that if we go back to our ancient traditions, language (and) ceremonies, we’re going to heal from this alcohol and drug epidemic.”

Premo demonstrated her personal commitment to that approach in a highly singular fashion at SDSU. Having not yet met the language requirement after transferring from community college, she passed up the easiest and most widely selected options (Spanish, French, American Sign Language) and sought permission to learn her native Shoshoni instead.

She’s not yet completely fluent—her grandmother helped with the translation at the top of this article—and the Duck Valley dialect she learned is but one of eight. But she wants to keep up with those back home who are learning the endangered language.

**Tamara Strohauser**, Premo’s social-work mentor and a lecturer in the School of Social Work, submitted one of several nominations of Premo for the Zahn Spirit of Innovation Award. Funded by **Irwin Zahn** and the Moxie Foundation, the award is now in its third year and comes with a \$25,000 scholarship.

“Shurene’s goal of starting native healing lodges for people in recovery and with mental illness really was a good fit,” Strohauser said. “The innovation of it is that she is building a model in her mind, in her heart, and in her studies that could be healing for all reservations.”

Premo was a unanimous choice for the award from both the Department of American Indian Studies, which also named her their Outstanding Graduating Senior, and the School of Social Work.

Premo said she hopes her work with the county in the next academic year keeps the challenges coming.

““I want to see how rough it can get,” she said. “I want to become the strongest social worker I can be, in education and experience, so that when I return home, I can empower my people to heal and strengthen our children and families in this and future generations.”

“It’s going to happen,” she said.

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**[Killer of Navajo Nation girl gets life prison sentence](#)**

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**Navajo Coal Combustion and Respiratory Health Near Shiprock, New Mexico**

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**[Energy Companies Eye Big Oil and Gas Expansion in Wyoming](#)** — Will the fracking boom echo in America's leading coal state?

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**Webinar on "Using Comprehensive Area-Wide Planning Approaches to Promote Equitable Development" June 18, 2019 (1:00 - 2:30 PM EDT) [Register Early](#)**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has launched a training webinar series to build the capacity of environmental justice practitioners working at the state level. The third webinar "Using Comprehensive Area-Wide Planning Approaches to Promote Equitable Development" is now open for registration. Please note that registration is required. When you sign up, you will receive details on how to access the webinar. Please share this information widely with your colleagues and networks.

**Using Comprehensive Area-Wide Planning Approaches to Promote Equitable Development**

- When: June 18, 2019 (1:00 - 2:30 PM EDT)
- Register Early: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/using-comprehensive-area-wide-planning-approaches-to-promote-equitable-development-tickets-61577252219>
- About: Several decades of practice in environmental justice and community revitalization has resulted in comprehensive area-wide planning approaches. Presenters will share lessons for achieving community involvement, revitalization and resilience from area-wide planning approaches used to address brownfields or other community challenges and discuss how states can support such comprehensive collaborative approaches. They will apply these lessons to addressing significant current challenges, such as displacement and gentrification.

**Speakers:**

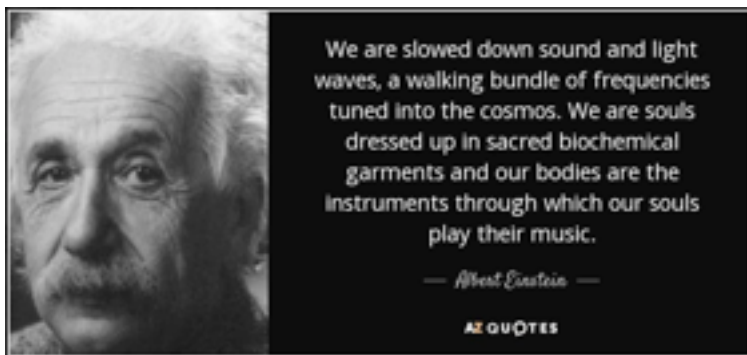
- Cate Mingoya, Director of Capacity Building, Groundworks USA
- Drew Curtis, Senior Equitable Development Manager, Ironbound Community Corporation
- Frank McLaughlin, Community Collaborative Initiative, Office of Brownfield Reuse, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
- Riche Outlaw, Coordinator, Environmental Justice Program, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

The first two webinars in this series focused on:

- Identifying and Prioritizing Environmentally Impacted and Vulnerable Communities (April 16, 2019)
  - Enhancing Community Involvement in the Regulatory Process (May 15, 2019)
- Future webinar topics in the 2019 series include:

Application of Environmental Justice to State Environmental Impact Assessments

- Environmental Justice Considerations for Rural Water Infrastructure
- For more information, please visit: <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice>  
 For questions about the series, please contact: Charles Lee at [lee.charles@epa.gov](mailto:lee.charles@epa.gov)



**[Formation of a Hopi Sustainable Energy Program - hopi03final.pdf](https://www.energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2016/02/f30/hopi03final.pdf)**

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**Attachments:** [image003.png](#) [image004.jpg](#) [2019 Powwow Volunteer Information.pdf](#)  
[FathersDayPowWow Poster2019.jpg](#) [NCAI Official Draft 2019 Mid Year Agenda.pdf](#)

The **Stewart Father's Day Powwow** needs volunteers.  
 See attached and link: [Signup Genius Volunteer](#) .

**Also, ITCN needs help with the National Congress of American Indians Mid-Year Conference. Nugget in Sparks, Nevada, June 24-27, 2019.**

The Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, Inc. is seeking volunteers to assist with NCAI activities to include: Registration, General Assembly Door Monitors, Guides, Press Desk, Tradeshow Door Monitors, and Thursday Pack Out (duties are detailed in the link provided below). Volunteer times are in four hour blocks and, for every four hours of volunteer time, you have the chance to attend four hours of the mid-year conference...I've attached the draft agenda for your review. The biggest need for volunteers is on Sunday 6/25 for bag stuffing.

The volunteer time blocks are: Sunday 6/25: 1:00p – 5:00p for bag stuffing, Monday 6/24 – Wednesday 6/26: 7:30a – 12:00p or 12:00p – 5:00p each day, and Thursday 6/27: 7:30a –

12:00p. There will be a Volunteer Training Orientation on Sunday 6/23 at 1:00p if you are able to make it. If not, please indicate so and we will provide you with the information needed.

[Here is the link](#) to sign up and join us in volunteering for this wonderful occasion! If you have any questions, please reach out to Raynell Miller or me at ITCN at 775-355-0600 x 104/115.

Starla Serawop, Enrollment Data Coordinator, Head Start Program - Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, Inc. 680 Greenbrae Drive, Suite 265 Sparks, Nevada 89431

P: 775-355-0600 x 104 C: 775-530-0218 F: 775-355-5206 [sserawop@itcn.org](mailto:sserawop@itcn.org)

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The focus of this week's list of **rare, important and unusual maps is on rare Western Americana**, including Texana.

Highlights include a very rare [Gold Rush edition](#) of Fremont's *Map of Oregon and Upper California*, a [unique example of Keeler's map](#) of the trans-Mississippi West, an unrecorded variant of a [major map of the Southwest](#) by the Topographical Engineers, an unrecorded map promoting [Patillo Higgins' Standard Oil Company](#), and a colossal and unrecorded [map of Dallas](#).

As always, thank you for having a look.

All best, Michael Buehler, Member [ABAA](#), [ILAB](#), [SNEAB](#)

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## **Upcoming Home Hosting Opportunities for Algerian Youth, as well as University Students from Bangladesh, Malaysia, Poland and Colombia**

**NNIC needs your help! We are still looking for hosts for nine high school students for our 12-day Algerian Youth Leadership Program.**

Could you, or do you know a family or individual who could, host one or two 15-17 year old students for the 12 nights that they are in Reno? All students speak English and will be participating in an-all day leadership program during the workdays. Hosts need:

- a spare bed - students can share a bedroom with another student or "sibling" of the same gender as long as they have a separate bed
- to provide some meals - we will provide lunches and some dinners on program days, as well as providing families with a small supply of food
- to provide transportation to and from UNR each day - from there, we will transport participants to all activities during the day

Please apply today and/or spread the word to help us provide caring families for these international visitors while gaining an impactful, worldly experience for you and your family!

To apply or for further details, visit <https://www.unr.edu/nnic/programs/aylp/aylp-home-hosting> or contact Stacy Kinion at 775.784.7515 ext. 226 or [skinion@nnic.org](mailto:skinion@nnic.org).

**NNIC Hosts New Program for University Students from Colombia, Poland, Bangladesh and Malaysia - Home Hosts Needed for Weekend and Student Ambassadors For the Program**

NNIC is hosting the Study of the U.S. Institutes (SUSI) for Student Leaders on the Rule of Law and Public Service in Reno this Summer, at the University of Nevada, Reno. SUSI on the Rule of Law and Public Service is a program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State with funding provided by the U.S. Government, and in honor of the late Senator John McCain.

It is an intensive academic program for 20 undergraduate students from four countries (Poland-Colombia- Malaysia-Bangladesh). While here, students study leadership, judicial process, and project-planning and participate in volunteer and service activities, leadership workshops, and cultural excursions.

Would you, or someone you know, like to host an international college student for a weekend this Summer? We seek short term (June 28th -June 30th) home-hosts for our SUSI students. You will have the opportunity to learn about new cultures, share your culture and family tradition, and form lasting friendships and memories.

For more information/sign up, please contact Program Coordinator Nilufer Leuthold at [nleuthold@nnic.org](mailto:nleuthold@nnic.org).

We also seek 8 more student ambassadors who will accompany the group to various cultural and leadership activities. Student leaders will be selected based on their interest in international affairs, and their ability to complete about 4-5 weekly activities with the group. Student ambassadors will be paid \$1,000 for the four-week program. Contact Nilufar if you would like to apply or know anyone interested in applying.

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"For the past several years, we've been appreciative recipients of a **seed grant from Native Seeds/SEARCH**. Schools can apply for a grant by submitting information about their gardening program. Part of the commitment is documentation of the process, including harvesting and distributing seeds." [read more>>>](#)

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**[Native Americans Weren't Guaranteed the Right to Vote in Every State Until 1962](#)**

[history.com](#)

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**[Clara Caufield: Grandmas are the backbone of Indian Country](#)**

America was built upon the backs of resourceful women, many wives,...



## BLM FRACKING PROPOSAL ON THE CENTRAL COAST

The Trump Administration has proposed to open over 1 million acres of public lands on the Central Coast to fracking and oil drilling. Our community has witnessed the impacts of oils spills on our environment and economy firsthand. Moreover, we are facing the severe impacts of climate change, including rising sea levels, drought, and record-breaking fires. We know what's at stake if we do not act to address climate change by investing in renewable energy resources.

The Bureau of Land Management has opened a comment period on their report which ends on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Click [here](#) to leave a comment for the BLM.

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### From the Digital Library - Missouri Hub

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#### [I Found Out Smoking Was Hazardous to My Health](#)

An American Indian is smoking a peace pipe that has Treaties with U.S. hanging from it and he is commenting, 'I found out smoking was hazardous to my health'. [View Full Item in State Historical Society of Missouri](#)

#### [Remarks Made On A Tour To Prairie Du Chen; Thence to Washington City, in 1829](#) [Issac N Whiting](#)

Late commissioner employed by the United States to negotiate with the Indians of the Upper Mississippi, for the purchase of mineral country, and author of western antiquities [View Full Item in](#)

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#### [Pillowcase with Stain said to be the Blood of Felix St. Vrain](#)

Embroidered linen pillowcase with a stain said to be the blood of Felix St. Vrain. St. Vrain was an Indian Agent killed during the Black Hawk War by a band of pro-Sauk Winnebago Indians on May 24, 183...







**[Etley Projectile Point from the Collection of Marlin Perkins](#)**

American Indian stone Etley projectile point from the Middle to Late Archaic period. This point is from the collection of Merlin Perkins. Collected in St. Clair, Co. IL.

**[View Full Item in Missouri Historical Society](#)**

**[Wood Crate For Ceramic Bottle with Identification Tags](#)**

Wood Crate with two identification/travel tags, used to store a single example of American Indian ceramics. Used by the St. Louis Public Schools



as teaching aids for grades 4-8. **[View Full Item in Missouri Historical Society](#)**

**[Jefferson Barracks - Native American Recruits](#)**  
**[Saint Louis Globe-Democrat](#)**Original article: "**[Private](#)**



Robert L. Wilburn of Cabool, Mo. (kneeling with rifle), a 54-year-old former Indian fighter, and these eight full-blooded Sioux Indians have buried the hatchet at Jefferson...**[View Full Item in University of Missouri - Saint Louis](#)**

**[President Wilson talking to all American Indians](#)**

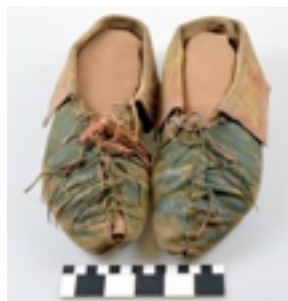
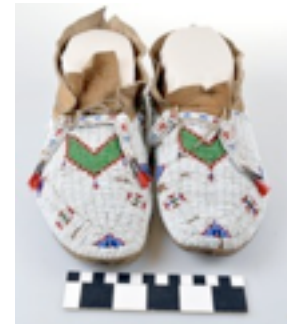
Color poster illustration by Paul F. Berdanier shows United States government agents in a southwestern Native American adobe village. While one agent signs in two Native Americans, another plays a gra...

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**[M-058: Little Shield Sketchbook](#)** This series of sketches, a visual autobiography of "Little Shield, Chief of the Arrapohas," shows his exploits of valor and historical enemies in pictographic form. Little Shield's figure is riding a... [View Full Item in University of Missouri - Saint Louis](#)

**[Cheyenne Men's Moccasins Collected by Remington Schuyler at the Rosebud Reservation](#)** Cheyenne Men's beaded moccasins collected by Remington Schuyler during his time at the Rosebud Indian Reservation. Schuyler worked at the L.K. Wood Trading Post and later became a noted artist and wri... [View Full Item in Missouri Historical Society](#)



**[Men's Painted Leather Moccasins Collected by Remington Schuyler at the Rosebud Reservation](#)** Men's painted leather moccasins collected by Remington Schuyler during his time at the Rosebud Indian Reservation. Schuyler worked at the L.K. Wood Trading Post and later became a noted artist and wri... [View Full Item in Missouri Historical Society](#)

**[Sculpture: Protest of the Sioux by Cyrus E. Dallin.](#)** Vertical, sepia photograph showing a statue of an American Indian seated on a horse on top of a large pedestal. There is a man in a dark suit and hat seated on a bench at the pedestal's base. [View Full Item in Missouri Historical Society](#)

**[Kiowa Indian Children](#)** [Kiowa Indian Children](#)  
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[Indian snake dance](#)The Indian snake dance was performed in the Cliff Dwellers concession on the Pike at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition -- the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair. [View Full Item in Saint Louis Public Library](#)

### [Shawnee Indian Mission](#)

The restored dormitory building of the Shawnee Indian Mission. This building is located at the northeastern corner of 52nd Street and Porter Road (now 53rd Street and Mission Road). This vantage point... [View Full Item in Kansas City Public Library](#)



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The restored residence of the missionary at the Shawnee Indian Mission. This building is located at the southeastern corner of 52nd Street and Porter Road (now 53rd Street and Mission Road). This vantage point... [View Full Item in Kansas City Public Library](#)

### [Indian Petroglyph Exhibit](#)

[Washington State Park](#) [View Full Item in Missouri State Archives through Missouri Digital Heritage](#)

### [Moki Indian Maidens](#)

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