EXECUTIVE EDUCATION FOR TRIBAL LEADERS

Throughout the spring of 2002, the Udall Center’s Native Nations Institute, in conjunction with the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development, will hold a series of executive education sessions on nation-building designed for leaders of American Indian nations, Canadian First Nations, and other indigenous groups. The sessions will take place on The University of Arizona campus in Tucson.

The purpose of these sessions is to provide senior leaders of Native nations with tools to develop sustainable economies, maintain political sovereignty and cultural heritage, build governing institutions and human capacity, and secure or reestablish rights to territory and natural resources. The curriculum is based on extensive research carried out over the last 15 years by researchers at the Harvard Project, and more recently, by the Native Nations Institute. Programs are customized for Native leaders wrestling with the distinctive problems of indigenous community and economic development.

Enrollment is limited to 30 persons per two-day session, allowing participants to share experiences with peers from other Native nations. Early registration for each session is $695 USD; late registration is $795 USD. This fee includes instruction, seminar materials, one dinner, two continental breakfasts, two lunches, and all breaks.

To receive additional information (including lodging options), contact Emily Chiles at (520) 884-4393 or at <nni@email.arizona.edu>.

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Pryor Receives UA’s Centennial Award

The Udall Center congratulates Nathan Pryor, program assistant, for winning The University of Arizona’s (UA) 2001 Centennial Achievement Award. This campus-wide award recognizes the community contributions of two students each year who demonstrate leadership, perseverance, and personal growth and development. Awardees receive a monetary award, an engraved plaque, and recognition at UA commencement. Pryor will graduate with a bachelor’s degree in regional development this May.

Save the Date: ECR Conference in May

The U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution of the Morris K. Udall Foundation and the Udall Center will cohost a conference in Tucson May 14-16, 2002, on “Environmental Conflict Resolution: The State of the Field and Its Contribution to Environmental Decision-Making.” The conference will examine how the profession of environmental conflict resolution has progressed, its contribution to the nature and quality of environmental decisionmaking, and the value of emerging institutional resources and requirements as this field enters its fourth decade.

Several members of the Udall Center staff will be participating in the event. Assistant director Robert Merideth will convene a panel of presenters on the use of geographic-information systems and decision-support tools to enhance public participation in environmental decisionmaking. Program manager Mette Brogden and senior policy scholar Liz Taylor will organize a session on the recently completed national policy dialogue on species conservation and subsequent work to develop state conservation agreements.

An overview of the conference can be found at <conference.ecr.gov>. For more information, contact Melanie Emerson at the U.S. Institute at (520) 670-5299 or at <memerson@ecr.gov>, or contact the conference manager at 866-ECR-2002 or at <ecr@bscmanage.com>. 
Center Produces Directory on San Pedro River Basin

The Udall Center has just published the binational San Pedro River Basin Directory, compiled by Denise Moreno. The directory lists more than 100 entities in the United States and Mexico that are involved in environmental work in the San Pedro River Basin. This publication provides contact and background information on international agencies and organizations, as well as on federal and state agencies, local governments, cooperative and interagency groups, interest groups, research institutions, and media contacts in both Mexico and the United States.

Anyone who would like a copy of the directory—for example, those engaged in outreach and research, as well as concerned citizens in the San Pedro River Basin—can order it for $5.00 by contacting Kathleen Veslany at (520) 884-4393 or at <veslany@u.arizona.edu>. The report is also available electronically at no charge on the Center’s Web site.

SYMPOSIUM HELD ON STAKEHOLDER-DRIVEN WATER MANAGEMENT EDUCATION ALONG THE U.S.-MEXICO BORDER

At the request of Mexico’s National Water Commission (CNA), the Udall Center helped organize a one-day workshop in November 2001 in Guadalajara, Jalisco, for CNA professionals. The Commission was interested in the experiences of some southwestern and U.S.-Mexico border programs that feature interdisciplinary, stakeholder-driven approaches to water-management.

Presentations by the Udall Center team included talks by Diana Liverman (director of the University of Arizona’s (UA) Center for Latin American Studies), Margaret Wilder (associate dean of the UA’s College of Social and Behavioral Sciences), Stephen McElroy (research associate at the U.S. Agricultural Research Service in Tucson), and Robert Varady (deputy director of the Udall Center).

More than 100 senior CNA employees from different parts of Mexico attended the event. Participation of the Udall Center team was partly funded by The University of Arizona-based, NSF-funded SAHRA (Sustainability of Semi-Arid Hydrology and Riparian Areas) program. For more information, contact Robert Varady at <rvarady@u.arizona.edu> or at (520) 884-4393.
Native Nations and Environment Conference Update

More than 200 people, including representatives of some 40 Native nations in the United States and Canada, as well as federal officials, representatives of a number of nongovernmental organizations, and other interested participants, attended the “Building Native Nations: Environment, Natural Resources, and Governance” conference in Tucson, Arizona, in December 2001. Organized and hosted by the Udall Center and its Native Nations Institute (NNI), and the Morris K. Udall Foundation, the program explored governance and policy challenges faced by American Indian and other indigenous nations in dealing with natural resources and environmental management issues.

Highlights of the conference are available on the Center’s Web site and include the story of Cochiti Pueblo’s successful battle to reclaim flooded agricultural land and win back lost grasslands, told by the Pueblo’s Governor, Regis Pecos; the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s new, Web-based tool for providing Indian nations with ready access to federal data about hazardous waste and other environmental information relevant to their lands; a keynote presentation on environment, natural resources, and tribal sovereignty by Professor Charles Wilkinson of the University of Colorado School of Law; and a discussion of indigenous leadership and management challenges by Chief Sophie Pierre of St. Mary’s First Nation in British Columbia.

A conference proceedings is being compiled for distribution. For more information, contact Stephanie Carroll Rainie at <scrainie@u.arizona.edu> or at (520) 884-4393.

Report Examines American Indians and Welfare Reform

The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA) ushered in a new era of welfare programs in America. Among other things, PRWORA and related legislation specifically addressed the needs of American Indian tribes. Welfare, Work, and American Indians: The Impact of Welfare Reform, a report commissioned by the National Congress of American Indians and completed in November 2001, reviews the key features of the welfare reform legislation as it applies to American Indians and Indian Country, assesses the impact of the Act on Indian nations and the chances of achieving the new law’s goals, and identifies key issues that demand attention if welfare reform is to succeed on Indian lands.

The report was jointly prepared by the Kathryn M. Buder Center for American Indian Studies at Washington University in St. Louis and the Native Nations Institute of the Udall Center for Studies of Public Policy at The University of Arizona. The report addresses three policy areas in which significant change must be achieved in order for current reform efforts to be considered successful: income support and support services, job skills and training, and economic development.

This report is available in its entirety on the Udall Center’s Web site at <udallcenter.arizona.edu>; those interested in ordering the report in its printed form (for a $2 charge to cover postage and handling) can contact Kathleen Veslany at <veslany@u.arizona.edu> or at (520) 884-4393.

Udall Center Employee News

Recently, the Udall Center welcomed two new employees to its staff. Kylie Dickman, formerly an undergraduate associate at the Center, has been hired as an office specialist to assist with the publications program as well as to provide administrative support to the office. Raymond Naito joins the staff as a systems analyst. Both Dickman and Naito graduated from The University of Arizona in December 2001, receiving bachelor’s degrees in sociology (Dickman) and visual communications (Naito).
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