

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICERS

# 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

Durant, Oklahoma

August 10-14, 2009



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The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

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Welcome!



10th Annual NATHPO Meeting  
Washington, DC

AGENDA  
AT A GLANCE



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11th ANNUAL NATHPO MEETING AGENDA-AT-A-GLANCE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

	MONDAY (8/10/09)	TUESDAY (8/11/09)	WEDNESDAY (8/12/09)	THURSDAY (8/12/09)	FRIDAY (8/13/09)
<b>BREAKFAST</b>	Registration open from 8am to 6pm	Registration open from 8am to 6pm			
<b>MORNING</b>	10:00 Pre-Conference Workshop: "Using the Culturally Unidentifiable Native American Inventories Database (CUNAID)"	Starts at 9am: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening Ceremony</li> <li>• Welcome remarks</li> <li>• Legislative updates</li> <li>• NPS NAGPRA Update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charlene Vaughn, ACHP - ARRA</li> <li>• Laura Dean and Cynthia Schultz, USDA - ARRA</li> <li>• Jerry Cordova, BLM Update - nationwide Programmatic Agreement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Valerie Hauser &amp; Bill Dancing Feather, ACHP, Cultural Landscapes</li> <li>• James Bird, NPS: THPO Admin.</li> <li>• David Juney and Meeks Etchison, USFS</li> <li>• Kirk Perry &amp; Terry Cole, NARS.</li> <li>• Joe Watkins, THPO Training</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Valerie Hauser &amp; Bill Dancing Feather, ACHP, 106 Toolkit</li> <li>• PAs and MOUs</li> </ul> <p>Meeting concludes</p>
<b>LUNCH</b>	On your own	<b>Lunch (provided)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jim Briscoe "Choctaw History"</li> <li>• Dorothy Lippert, Smithsonian</li> </ul>	Lunch (on your own)	Lunch (on your own)	
<b>AFTERNOON</b>	CUNAID Workshop, continued	Regional and State Caucuses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demi Jordan - Tribal lands &amp; THPO/NPS</li> <li>• Tribal Museums and Cultural Centers</li> <li>• Richard Adams, Choctaw Lang.</li> <li>• Emily Palus, BLM, ARPA &amp; NAGPRA</li> <li>• Destry Jarvis, Report on BLM by NTHP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marvin Keller, BIA</li> <li>• Dennis Lewarch, "Living Cultures"</li> </ul>	
<b>EVENING</b>	<b>Opening reception</b> 6-8pm Choctaw Conference Center	NATHPO Business Meeting	<b>Dinner (provided):</b> Preview of Ken Burns' Series, "America's Best Idea"	<b>Picnic at Lake Texhoma (shuttle and food provided).</b> Presentation by Choctaw Singers	



## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICERS

# WELCOME!



August 10, 2009

To Meeting Participants and Honored Guests –

Welcome to Durant, Oklahoma, and to our organization's annual meeting. This is the first year that we are holding our annual meeting in the State of Oklahoma and we thank the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma for their exceptional hospitality and support.

We are honored to be with you to attend and participate in the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual NATHPO Meeting. This year's meeting theme is, "**Tribal Historic Preservation and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).**" Job creation and protecting traditional ways of life and sacred sites may at times be at odds in the current economic climate. We are encouraged by the number of tribal representatives and federal officials who are here this week and look forward to discussing your experiences, concerns, and practices as the country responds to compelling needs. In addition to ARRA sessions and speakers, we have presenters and opportunities to hear from experts and to discuss a variety of other topics, such as current events in tribal historic preservation, tribal museums and cultural centers, tribal consultation, and information and updates on other timely tribal historic preservation issues.

#### **11<sup>th</sup> Annual NATHPO Meeting Training Session:**

This year we offered a NAGPRA training session, "*Using the Culturally Unidentifiable Native American Inventories Database.*" This important database includes listings and information for over 124,000 individual Native Americans, out of an estimated 100,000-200,000 minimum number of individuals (determined by the Congressional Budget Office when the law was being drafted in 1989) and almost one million Associated Funerary Objects. Participants received a copy of the database in CD format and if they choose to carry home a copy, a printed version as well. This was the first organized opportunity for a significant number of tribal representatives to come together to review and discuss the important information contained in the database and the processes that went into its creation and how to request additional information.

We say it every year and it continues to be true: We hope that you get a chance to interact with your friends/colleagues from earlier meetings, as well as make new working relationships and friends. One of the main purposes of the Annual Meeting is to bring people together for information sharing, to provide the only national showcase for your accomplishments, and to celebrate your dedication to preserving American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian cultures.

Thank you for your interest and support of NATHPO over the years and welcome to Oklahoma.

Renia Franklin, Kashia Pomra THPO and  
NATHPO General Chairman

Terry Cole, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma THPO  
11<sup>th</sup> Annual NATHPO Meeting Host



# ABOUT NATHPO

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**F**ounded in 1998, the Association is a national non-profit membership organization of Tribal government officials who implement federal and tribal preservation laws. NATHPO's overarching purpose is to support the preservation, maintenance and revitalization of the culture and traditions of Native peoples of the United States. This is accomplished most importantly through the support of Tribal Historic Preservation Programs as acknowledged by the National Park Service.

Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs) have the responsibilities of State Historic Preservation Officers on tribal lands and advise and work with federal agencies on the management of tribal historic properties. THPOs also preserve and rejuvenate the unique cultural traditions and practices of their tribal communities.

NATHPO activities include monitoring the U.S. Congress, Administration, and state activities on issues that affect all Tribes and monitoring the effectiveness of federally mandated compliance reviews and identification, evaluation, and management of tribal historic properties. Examples of completed and ongoing projects: "Tribal Tourism Toolkit for the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial and Other Tribal Opportunities (2002)," and "Many Nations Media Project - News from the Lewis & Clark Trail (2002-5)," and "Treaty Research Project for Continental U.S. (2001)." NATHPO also offers training and technical assistance on federal historic preservation laws.

## **Principles and Purposes of NATHPO** (NATHPO is guided by three main principles)

- ☞ **Tribal Sovereignty** - the inherent right of Indian Nations to self-government
- ☞ **Confidentiality** - recognition of the need to respect the confidentiality of information regarding Native cultural and ceremonial practices and places of religious or cultural significance.
- ☞ **No boundaries** - NATHPO recognizes that the cultural and heritage preservation interests of Indian Nations and their peoples often extend far beyond the boundaries of present-day reservations – often crossing state and national boundaries – and stands ready to assist in activities relating to transboundary cultural and environmental issues



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August 10, 2009

To the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual NATHPO Meeting Attendees:

On behalf of the Great Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, welcome to Choctaw Country, where we have lived and worked since our removal from Mississippi and Alabama in 1831.

The Choctaw Nation headquarters is located here in Durant Oklahoma, and our Nation's capital is located northeast of here in Tuskahoma, Oklahoma where the capital still stands since it was built in 1884. The capital is still in use today for Tribal court and it also houses the museum and gift shop.

The Choctaw Nation Historic Preservation Department gives me regular updates on the important work that all of you do. I offer you my heartfelt support and wish you continued success and well being.

Sincerely,

**Chief Gregory E. Pyle**

*Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma*



# Conference Agenda

MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2009

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Travel day.

- 3:00pm Hotel check-in begins.
- 8:00am to 6:00pm Registration open (Choctaw Casino-Resort-Hotel conference center).
- 10:00am Pre-Conference Workshop on “Culturally Unidentifiable Native American Inventories Database (CUNAID)”
- 10:00am to 12:00noon **National Park Service**, National NAGPRA Program Provides an Overview of the CUNAID: How It Was Created and a Demonstration of Its Use
- \* **Jaime Lavallee**, Program Officer, *National Park Service*, National NAGPRA Program, Washington, DC
  - \* **Mariah Soriano**, Database and Website Coordinator, *National Park Service*, National NAGPRA Program, Washington, DC (via speakerphone)
- 12noon 1:30pm Lunch break (on your own)
- 1:30 to 3:00pm CUNAID continued and an Update on Other Databases Being Developed by the National NAGPRA Program
- 3:00 to 3:15pm Break
- 3:15 to 5:00pm Panel Discussion, “Navigating the CUNAID”
- \* **Robert Cast**, THPO, *Caddo Nation*, Oklahoma
  - \* **Bobby Gonzalez**, NAGPRA Representative, *Caddo Nation*
  - \* **Emily Palus**, National Curator and NAGPRA Coordinator, *U.S. Bureau of Land Management*, Washington, DC
  - \* **Shirley J. Schermer**, Director, Burials Program, *Office of the State Archaeologist of Iowa*
- 6:00 to 8:00pm Opening Reception for the 11th Annual NATHPO Meeting. Hosted by the *Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma*, **Terry Cole** master of ceremonies.



# Conference Agenda

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11<sup>TH</sup>

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8:00am to 6:00pm	Registration open (Choctaw Casino-Resort-Hotel conference center).
9:00am to 9:15am	Opening Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Invocation by <b>Olin Williams</b>, <i>Choctaw Nation</i></li><li>* Posting of the Colors, <i>Choctaw Nation Color Guard</i></li><li>* Lord's Prayer (sign language) <i>Choctaw Nation Princess</i></li></ul>
9:15am to 10:15am	Welcome and Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* <b>Chief Gregory E. Pyle</b>, <i>Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma</i></li><li>* <b>Sue Folsom</b>, Executive Director, Historic Preservation, <i>Choctaw Nation</i></li><li>* <b>Terry Cole</b>, THPO, <i>Choctaw Nation</i></li><li>* <b>Reno Keoni Franklin</b>, <i>NATHPO Chairman</i></li><li>* <b>D. Bambi Kraus</b>, <i>NATHPO President</i></li><li>* THPO Acknowledgements</li></ul>
10:15am to 10:30am	Break
10:30am to 11:15am	Legislative Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* <b>Danna Jackson</b>, <i>Akin Gump, Strauss, Hauer &amp; Feld, LLP</i></li></ul>
11:15am to 12noon	Update on National NAGPRA Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* <b>Jaime Lavallee</b>, Program Officer, <i>National NAGPRA Program</i>, Washington, DC</li></ul>
Lunch Break	Lunch provided.
12noon to 1:30pm	Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* <b>Jim Briscoe</b> will provide a "Choctaw History"</li><li>* <b>Dr. Dorothy Lippert</b> (Choctaw), Repatriation Officer, <i>National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution</i>, Washington, DC.</li></ul>
1:30pm to 3:00pm	Regional/State Caucuses
3:00pm to 3:15pm	Break
3:15pm to 5:00pm	Regional/State Caucuses report to the General Assembly
Evening (on your own except for NATHPO members)	



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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2009

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9:00am to 10:15am

- \* **Charlene Vaughn**, *Advisory Council on Historic Preservation*: The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and Historic Preservation. Short presentation followed by questions and answer session (via speakerphone).
- \* **Laura Dean**, *U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service (RUS)*, and **Cynthia Schultz**, *U.S. Department of Agriculture National Telecommunications Infrastructure Administration (NTIA)* will discuss the ARRA Broadband Initiative that are to be implemented by RUS and NTIA and the challenges for Section 106 review.

10:15am to 10:30am

Break

10:30am to 12noon

**Jerry Cordova**, National Tribal Coordinator, *Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior*, will give an update on the BLM Nationwide Programmatic Agreement Listening Sessions.

12noon to 1:30pm

Lunch Break (on your own)

1:30pm to 3:00pm

**Derril E. Jordan, Esq.**, *NATHPO General Counsel*, will discuss the recent National Park Service application of the term "Tribal lands" in the review of Tribal THPO applications.

3:00pm to 3:15pm

Break

3:15pm to 4:00pm

Tribal Museums and Cultural Centers Today

Panel discussion will give an overview of the workshops and seminars that have been completed per NATHPO's National Native Museum Training Program ~ lessons learned and future applicability.

- \* **Ian Thompson**, *Archaeologist, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma*
- \* **Karen Kaniatobe**, *THPO, Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma*
- \* **Dennis Lewarch**, *THPO, Suquamish Tribe of Washington*
- \* **Regina Berna**, *Chickasaw Nation*
- \* **D. Bambi Kraus**, *NATHPO President*

4:00pm to 4:30pm

Choctaw Language Efforts

**Richard Adams**, Language Director of the *Choctaw Nation*, will give an overview of his work to preserve and protect the Choctaw language.





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## Wednesday, August 12th continued

4:30pm to 5:00pm

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Protecting Cultural Resources.

- \* **Emily S. Palus**, National Curator and NAGPRA Coordinator, BLM, Washington, DC, will present information and a brief update on the joint BLM and FBI investigation into the looting of archaeological sites and trafficking in artifacts and Native American cultural items in the Four Corners Region.
- \* **T. Destry Jarvis**, *Outdoor Recreation and Parks*, will discuss his work on the National Trust for Historic Preservation report on BLM lands and protecting cultural resources.

6:00pm to 8:00pm

Evening dinner (provided). An 18-minute preview of the new Ken Burn's series on the national Parks, "America's Best Idea," will be shown.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2009

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9:00am to 9:30am

**Valerie Hauser** and **William Dancing Feather** (*Washoe*) of the *Advisory Council on Historic Preservation* will provide an update on their work in the field of cultural landscapes and defining the concept in tribal terms (via speakerphone). Discussion will include tribal landscapes of religious or cultural significance and how historic and cultural landscapes are currently being documented.

9:30am to 10:00am

**James Bird** (Eastern Band of Cherokee), Chief, Tribal Preservation Services, *National Park Service*, Washington, DC, will give an update on his work with the THPO and other programs. Discussion to include THPO program and reporting requirements, THPO grant applications, scopes of work, budgets, grant reimbursement procedures, annual reports, and grant product summary forms. Information will be presented to help the THPOs prepare these files, to better understand the important role of these documents, and what the NPS does with the gathered information.

10:00am to 10:15am

Break

10:15am to 11:00am

**Dr. David H. Journey**, Heritage Program Manager, Ozark-St. Francis National Forest, *U.S. Forest Service*, and **Meeks Etchison**, Heritage Program Manger, Ouachita National Forest, *U.S. Forest Service*, Hot Springs, Arkansas, will provide an update on their work in the southeast region and will touch on issues of national significance.



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## Thursday, August 13th continued

11:00am to 12noon

Two Reports and Discussion on Oklahoma Initiatives

**Kirk Perry** (Chickasaw) and **Terry Cole** (Choctaw) will discuss the Native American Repatriation Summit.

**Joe Watkins** (Choctaw, PhD, RPA, Director, Native American Studies Program, *University of Oklahoma*, Norman, Oklahoma. In 1996, a National Center for Preservation Technology and Training Report of a Workshop on Tribal Needs and Priorities (1996-11) identified training needs for tribes. In response to this report and independent inquiries, the Native American Studies Program at the University of Oklahoma is developing a training program to assist new and existing Tribal historic Preservation Offices and Officers. The proposed program will use on-line and intensive three-day training courses to provide special training opportunities for people who wish to work within the Office of a Tribal Historic Preservation Officer. These courses will allow the individual to earn college credit toward (initially) a certificate and (hopefully) a Master's degree. As a preliminary step, members of the Native American Studies program requests your help in identifying specific skills, knowledge, and abilities that you believe would help fledgling and established THPOs become better and more capable THPO professionals. Your input is not only welcome it is an important part of the process toward helping Tribal Historic Preservation Offices better serve their communities.

12noon to 1:30pm

Lunch (on your own)

1:30pm to 3:00pm

**Marvin Keller**, Acting Federal Preservation Officer, *Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior*, will discuss how the Bureau of Indian Affairs is working with THPO programs in Indian country. This will be the first of what we hope to be a series of discussions with the BIA on how the agency can better work with Indian tribes in preserving tribal historic properties.

3:00pm to 3:15pm

Break

3:15pm to 5:00pm

**Dennis Lewarch**, THPO, *Suquamish Tribe of Washington*, "Living Culture - Protecting Traditional Values at Contemporary Cultural Events"

Tribes are revitalizing traditional culture across Indian Country as active participants in modern American society. Tribes may be faced with issues associated with protecting traditional cultural values as they educate and



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## Thursday, August 13th continued

welcome the Non-Indian public to Tribal events and community houses, or as they deal with federal, state, and local agencies. The session provides three recent examples experienced by the Suquamish Tribe to serve as a basis for discussion and information exchange on educating and welcoming Non-Indian agencies and the public: (1) Managing an active cultural center such as the Suquamish Tribe's new House of Awakened Culture while respecting traditional cultural values; (2) Encouraging Native American heritage tourism in culturally sensitive ways, and (3) Dealing with federal and state agencies to facilitate Tribal cultural events.

6:30pm to 8:30pm

Picnic at Lake Texhoma, including Choctaw Singers. Free shuttle service will be provided to/from the picnic site which is located about 10 miles away from the conference center leaving from the hotel registration area (entrance nearest the Choctaw Wellness Center).

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2009

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9:00am to 9:45am

**Valerie Hauser** and **William Dancing Feather** discuss ACHP and Section 106 Instruction and how to create an instruction toolkit for cultural resource directors/THPOs. The toolkit will enhance the CR/THPO efforts in training their staff/Council members/traditional practitioners on Section 106 of the NHPA (via speakerphone)

9:45am to 10:30am

"THPO Discussion on Programmatic Agreements and Memorandum of Understanding"

- \* **Nick Angeloff**, *Bear River THPO*
- \* **Suntayea Steinruck**, *Smith River Rancheria THPO*
- \* **Teresa Stone**, *Bishop Paiute THPO*
- \* **Joe Ontiveros**, *Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians*

12:00noon

Meeting concludes.

Safe Travels Home!



# Conference Biographies

**James Bird, Chief, *Tribal Preservation Program, National Park Service***

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James Bird is the National Park Service Chief of the Tribal Preservation Program. His primary responsibility is the administration of the National Historic Preservation Act's (NHPA) provisions for Tribal preservation. In Fiscal Year 2008, the NPS tribal program provided nearly \$6.5 Million in Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) grants to the Nation's Indian Tribes. He provides technical assistance to tribes in establishing their THPO programs, manages the NPS Tribal Grant program and consults with various tribes and federal agencies on historic preservation issues. Mr. Bird came to the NPS in 2004 after serving as the THPO for five years with his tribe, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. James holds a Master's Degree in Anthropology from the University of Oklahoma. For information related to NPS' Tribal Historic Preservation Program, contact James Bird.

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Robert Cast is currently the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Caddo Nation. He has worked for the Caddo Nation for over ten years on a variety of projects related to cultural and historical preservation. He was the first 101(d)2 THPO recognized by the National Park Service in the state of Oklahoma. He has also been instrumental in working with museums, federal agencies, and repositories across the United States on the repatriation of culturally affiliated human remains and funerary objects, unassociated funerary objects, sacred objects and objects of cultural patrimony to the Caddo people stored in facilities under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act. Robert has been involved in numerous archeological projects over a 25-year period and has been involved in historic preservation for over 25 years.

**Terry D. Cole, *Director, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Historic Preservation Department Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma***

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Terry Cole received his education at Southeastern Oklahoma State University, studying American Indian Culture, American History, and the Choctaw Language. Terry has served as the Director of the Choctaw Nation Historic Preservation Department for the past ten years. His administrative duties include overseeing the day-to-day operations of a ten-member staff involved in field surveys and investigations, protection of Traditional Cultural Properties, Historic Tribal cemetery preservation, consultations with Federal Agencies covering six states, on-site review of NAGPRA collections, and mitigation of cultural resources. During his tenure, Mr. Cole has initiated and participated in numerous consultations with many Federal and Tribal agencies regarding NAGPRA and Section 106 issues and concerns, has hosted numerous historic preservation workshops, presentations, and conferences, including the TBAG conference this past April and this year's NATHPO conference. He has served as a signatory participant for various Memorandums of Agreements with state and Federal agencies. Mr. Cole is the Choctaw Nation's first Official Tribal Historic Preservation Officer.

Additionally, he recently served as Chair of the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes Heritage Committee, consisting of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, and the Chickasaw Nation, representing a combined total of over 500,000 Tribal members.



# Conference Biographies

**Jerry J. Cordova, *Washington Office Tribal Liaison***

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Education: Taos Pueblo Day School, St. Catherine Indian School, University of New Mexico. Veteran, U.S. Army Vietnam Era. Employment: State of New Mexico-Commission on Indian Affairs-Office of the Governor; Bureau of Indian Affairs, Albuquerque Area Office, Tribal Government Officer, Assistant Area Director, Superintendent, Zuni Agency. Member: Pueblo of Taos, Tribal Council, Spiritual Leader Pueblo of Taos. Married: Lorraine P. Edmo, Children: David, Brandy, Lauren, Grandchildren: Shaynelle, Allysa, Michelle, Joey.

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Laura has only been with the Rural Utilities Service as its Federal Preservation Officer for a little more than a year, but she has over thirty years experience in historic preservation and archeology. Prior to coming to the agency she spent fourteen years in project review with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation working primarily with assistance agencies. In addition Laura worked with the Washington, D.C. State Historic Preservation Office. Laura, a second generation Washingtonian, received her doctorate in archeology from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

**Meeks Etchieson, *Heritage Program Manager***

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Meeks Etchieson grew up in southwest Arkansas. He received a BA in Anthropology from Memphis State University (now the University of Memphis) in 1973 and an MA in Anthropology from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona in 1980. He worked as a Project Archeologist in the contract Archeology program at West Texas State University from October 1976-August 1979. He then became a Staff Archeologist within the Regional Office of the Southwest Region of the Bureau of Reclamation in Amarillo, Texas. There he was responsible for projects along the Rio Grande in New Mexico, in south, east and northwest Texas and southwest Oklahoma. He moved back to Arkansas in July 1987 as Forest Archeologist for the Ouachita National Forest. He currently serves as the Heritage Program Manager for the Ouachita.

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Bobby Gonzalez is currently the NAGPRA Coordinator for the Caddo Nation. He has worked for the Caddo Nation for over ten years and is considered a "traditional cultural authority" on Caddo cultural traditions which were taught to him by the traditional elders of the Caddo Nation. Bobby has worked on archeological projects, NAGPRA documentation projects, and is an ex-officio member of the Caddo Nation Tribal Council. He is a religious practitioner of the Caddo Nation's burial ceremonies and is a member of the Native American Church.



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Danna Jackson is a resident consultant to Akin Gump. Ms. Jackson advises tribal clients on issues regarding Indian gaming, taxation, economic development on Indian lands, housing, water settlements, education, tribal trust, transportation and appropriations. Prior to joining Akin Gump, Ms. Jackson gained significant legislative experience in her role as an advisor to Sen. Tim Johnson, D-S.D., focusing on Indian affairs and appropriations matters during the 107th, 108th and 109th Congresses. Prior to working on the Hill, Ms. Jackson was a staff attorney for the National Indian Gaming Commission and practiced law in Great Falls, Montana. Ms. Jackson received her B.A. in 1993 and her J.D. in 1996 from the University of Montana. She is a member of the District of Columbia and Montana bars. Ms. Jackson is the author of “Eighty Years of Indian Voting: A Call to Protect Indian Voting Rights,” *Montana Law Review*, Summer 2004, and several entries in the *Congressional Quarterly Encyclopedia of Indian Law and Policy* (2007). Ms. Jackson is a visiting instructor at the University of Montana Law School teaching Indian Gaming, Contemporary Issues in Indian Policy (Summer 2008) and Indian Education Law (Summer 2009). She has been listed in 2010 and 2009’s list of Best Lawyers in America in the area of Native American Law.

Ms. Jackson grew up on the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes Flathead Indian Reservation in western Montana.

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Destry Jarvis has spent the past 34 years in the parks, recreation, public lands, historic preservation, and open space protection field, working in senior positions for both non-profit associations, the federal government, and as a for-profit consultant. Mr. Jarvis has developed extensive expertise in policy and management of units of the national park system, in natural and cultural resources management, in tourism marketing and policy, in historic preservation, and in recreation programs, carrying capacity determination, eco-tourism, appropriate development in public spaces, and volunteerism. RAPS (Mr. Jarvis’ consulting company) clients include Carter & Burgess, a national architectural and engineering consulting firm, for whom he works on federal and state contracts, and various non-profit and tribal clients, including the Yurok Tribe of California, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Japanese-American National Museum, the Mountain Alliance of Conservation Corps, the National Parks Conservation Association, The Wilderness Society, and the Alliance to Protect Nantucket Sound. Prior positions have included Executive Director, National Recreation & Park Association, Assistant Director, National Park Service; Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior, Executive Vice President, Student Conservation Association, and Vice President for Policy, National Parks Conservation Association. He currently serves on the respective Boards of Director of the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics, the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, and the City Park Alliance. He is a member of the Advisory Committee of Wilderness Inquiry.



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Archaeological Congress and is a past member of the Board of Directors for the Society for American Archaeology. Her research interests include the development of Indigenous archaeology, repatriation, ethics and the archaeology and bioarchaeology of the Southeastern United States. She views archaeology not just as a scientific pursuit, but as a tool for social justice and is committed to bringing Native people into the discipline as a way of moving the profession forward.

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## **Kirk Perry, *Chickasaw Nation Oklahoma***

Kirk Perry has worked for the Chickasaw Nation from 1996 to the present. He has been the administrator for policies and standards since this division was created in January, 2007. During the 1970s while the deputy director of the Chickasaw Housing Authority during its infancy; he helped establish new Indian housing programs. From 1971 to 1979 Mr. Perry directed housing program development and became deputy director leading all programs, maintenance, finance and administration, equal opportunity officer, and assistant to housing board of commissioners for the Chickasaw housing authority before returning to private business. He directed development of all policies and developed management systems to comply with a large number of federal and state laws and regulations and program needs. While serving as an officer of state and national housing organizations he worked with many tribes across the country including Alaska providing training for boards and directors in housing management. He attended secretary level meetings at HUD and once served as a member of a presidential transition team (President Jimmy Carter) as an Indian housing proponent. Mr. Perry's father, a full blood enrolled Chickasaw and his Chickasaw mother raised the family to be proud in having knowledge of the old ways. He learned that by carrying on with this knowledge it gives strength and understanding in all peoples' lifeways. His family remains active in promoting Chickasaw ways. He was taught strengths of traditional ways, pride in Chickasaw heritage, Christian teachings and how to adapt for success in life.

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Shirley J. Schermer, University of Iowa, has been the Director of the Burials Program for the Office of the State Archaeologist of Iowa since 1987. Schermer has 29 years of experience in archaeology and human osteology in the Midwest and Plains. She has authored or co-authored numerous technical reports, articles, and conference papers and has served as principal or co-principal investigator of archaeological and osteological projects. Her extensive experience in NAGPRA compliance and tribal consultations includes helping develop, in consultation with 21 tribes and the State Historical Society of Iowa, a NAGPRA-approved process to expedite the reburial of culturally unidentifiable human remains. She has been involved with public outreach through the OSA, the Iowa Archeological Society, the Society for American Archaeology Public Education Committee, and as a member of the Advisory Board for DIG magazine.

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Pattie Tuck started as Archaeologist for the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians in August of 2006. As the Tribe's Archaeologist, she has many responsibilities in the Tribal Historic Preservation Office including documentation and management of cultural resources on the Agua Caliente Indian Reservation and the Traditional Use Area (TUA). Cultural resources managed for the Tribe include archaeological sites, burials, trails, buildings or other structures, resource gathering areas (plants, minerals), and sacred places. Pattie also provides Native American Consultation, and reviews development projects with local agencies such as the County of Riverside, the local city governments, Army Corps of Engineers, and the Bureau of Land Management. In addition, she coordinates Tribal Cultural Monitoring to reduce potential impacts to Cultural Resources within the TUA. She is currently compiling a Database of Cultural Resources within the Agua Caliente Indian Reservation and the TUA utilizing Geographic Information Systems (GIS). Pattie holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology and is currently working towards earning her Master of Arts in Anthropology with an emphasis in GIS and the Archaeology. Her thesis work focuses on Deep Canyon, a transitional area linking the Santa Rosa Mountains and the Colorado Desert. Deep Canyon research goals include GIS spatial analysis to thoroughly examine the relationship between site location, ecological zone, drainage catchments and geomorphology.



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# In Memorium

## Monza Honga (*Hualapai*)

Monza Honga served as Director of Department of Cultural Resources from 1995 to 2002. He served as the first “Tribal Historic Preservation Officer” for the Hualapai Tribe during his tenure. He worked with Loretta Jackson (Kelly) at the time to establish a formalized process dealing with traditional and cultural resources management through a tribal ordinance titled “Hualapai Cultural Heritage Ordinance” in 1997.



## Awok Glenn Moore (*Yurok*)

Mr. Moore was one of the leading figures in the creation of the National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers. His vision of the need and role for such a national organization was instrumental in its early years and he vigorously supported the Association. For over 18 years, he worked closely with Thomas Gates, who served as the Yurok THPO. He was Tom’s mentor and friend, as well as a guide and mentor to many other THPOs. Mr. Moore participated in almost all of the annual NATHPO meetings.

Mr. Moore was a ceremonial leader, traditional singer, woodcarver and fluent speaker of the Yurok language. He attended Sherman Indian Boarding School (Riverside, Calif.) and served in the Army AirCorps during World War II and was part of the D-Day invasion. He worked as a horse rancher, logger, and heavy equipment operator, and resided on the Hoopa Reservation with his wife of over 55 years, Dorothy Moore. He had recently completed the carving of Yurok ceremonial canoes in conjunction with a Yurok carving training project. The canoes are used in the Yurok White Deerskin ceremony, for which he was the leading tribal elder and advisor. He served as an advisor to the Yurok Tribe Culture Department and the Tribal Historic Preservation Office, as well as on the Yurok Tribal committees: Constitution; Culture; Repatriation; and Language.



## ABOUT DURANT, OKLAHOMA

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Pierre Durant, pronounced DuRant in French, and his four sons made the trudge down the Mississippi on the way to the southeastern part of the Choctaw Nation in 1832. The brothers, grown, with families of their own, established homesteads from the Arkansas line to Durant.

One son, Fisher, married to a full blood Choctaw, found a beautiful location for a home between Durant's present Eight and Ninth Avenues. His son, Dixon Durant is recognized as the founder of Durant and is honored with his namesake. As an early day minister, businessman and civic leader, Dixon Durant is credited with pastorates in local Presbyterian, Congregationalist and Methodist churches; establishment of the first store selling general merchandise; and possibly influencing the 1872 erection of a Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad (Katy Railroad) siding at Durant, thus producing the initial impetus for establishing the community.





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