

**21st National Tribal Preservation Conference  
NATHPO 2021 is Virtual!  
Resilience in a Changing Environment  
January 27 & 28, 2021**

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This two-day, virtual conference will reinvigorate our NATHPO membership and allies. NATHPO has quietly been undergoing a metamorphosis under new leadership and the dedicated NATHPO Board of Directors. After two long years without a conference due to unforeseeable events, we come together, safely, once again. Prepare to be inspired as we celebrate the NEW NATHPO and its redefined dedication to you – grounded in improved engagement, member services, and partnerships. Thank you for joining us to collaborate on impactful solutions-focused programming for 2021. Stay tuned for virtual workshops and continuing improvements throughout 2021 to support your efforts in

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### NATHPO National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers

Through unity, we find strength. The NATHPO conference is the only national gathering of tribal, federal, state, and industry representatives committed to protecting tribally important places. The conference is a keystone of NATHPO's work to empower tribal preservation leaders to protect culturally important places that perpetuate Native identity, resilience, and cultural endurance. Connections to cultural heritage sustain the health and vitality of Native peoples.

The theme "Resilience in a Changing Environment" has two-fold significance, reflecting the growing challenges faced by tribal historic preservation leaders in adapting to and mitigating impacts to significant places from both a changing global climate and an altered political landscape. If our greatest opportunities come from our greatest challenges, how can we use this time to improve outcomes for tribal historic preservation?

*The Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana  
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Coushatta Tribal Council in front of tribal administration, 2020

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### About NATHPO National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers

Founded in 1998, NATHPO is a non-profit membership organization that supports and encourages tribal historic preservation programs. We provide guidance to preservation officials, elected representatives, and the public about national historic preservation legislation, policies, and regulations. We promote tribal sovereignty, develop partnerships, and advocate for Tribes in governmental activities on preservation issues.

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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DAY 1 — January 27, 2021

**11:00 – 12:00 Eastern (8:00 – 9:00 Pacific)**

### Welcome Home!

*Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana, Valerie Grussing, NATHPO Board*

- Welcome from our Host and opening prayer/invocation (Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana)
- Moment of silence to honor those lost
- Coffee with the family, fill your NATHPO mug with something energizing!
- Conference overview
- Board Member Introductions with lightning round 3-4 minute success story each.

**12:00 – 1:00 Eastern (9:00 – 10:00 Pacific)**

### United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)

*Walter Echo-Hawk (Pawnee)*

Presentation followed by Q&A

**1:00 – 2:00 Eastern (10:00 – 11:00 Pacific)**

### The NEW NATHPO & Federal Updates

*Shasta Gaughen – Pala Band of Mission Indians, NATHPO Board Chair*

*Karen Wilde – National Park Service*

*Valerie Grussing, Julie Nelson, Melissa Madrigal – NATHPO Staff Team*

*Wesley Furlong – Native American Rights Fund*

*Katie Klass (Wyandotte Nation) – Hobbs, Strauss, Dean & Walker*

- What NATHPO has been doing for you since we last met.
- Changes at NPS – THPO Program, Grants.
- Updates on recent and proposed policy changes: FCC, NEPA, EO 13990 (Bears Ears, KXL, ANWR), Oak Flat, STOP Act, Greater Chaco Region, National Register Rule, FY21 Appropriations.
- Where we are headed – NATHPO's new philosophy: member benefits and serving THPOs nationwide.

**2:00 – 2:30 Eastern (11:00 – 11:30 Pacific)**

### 30 Minute Break with cultural activity/presentation

*Leah Brady (Western Shoshone), Great Basin Native Basket Weavers Association*



Sketch of Coughatta chief at Treaty of New York, c. 1790.



Watercolor plate of two Coughatta men hunting, c. 1820.

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DAY 1 continued — January 27, 2021

**2:30 – 3:30 Eastern (11:30 – 12:30 Pacific)**

**2021 Workshops: Resources & Training for THPOs & Tribal Historic Preservation Staff**

*Valerie Grussing – NATHPO*

*John Welch – Archaeology Southwest & Simon Fraser University*

*Stacy Ryan – ARPA Initiative Manager, Archaeology Southwest*

*Nazune Menka (Athabascan & Lumbee) – UC Berkeley School of Law and Rosette, LLP*

- NPS Application, THPO Toolkit, ARPA Initiative, Tribal Cultural Resources Law Handbook/Workshop.
- Overview of current status and available materials, participant poll on topics and needs.
- Open forum – what do you need the most help with right now?
- In support of dedicated, stand-alone virtual workshops in 2021.

**3:30 – 4:00 Eastern (12:30 – 1:00 Pacific)**

**30 Minute Break with cultural activity/presentation**

*Videos by Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana*

- Koasati Basket Making
- Recognizing Our Rights
- Immersion

**4:00 – 5:00 Eastern (1:00 – 2:00 Pacific)**

**Listening Session – Serving Your Needs**

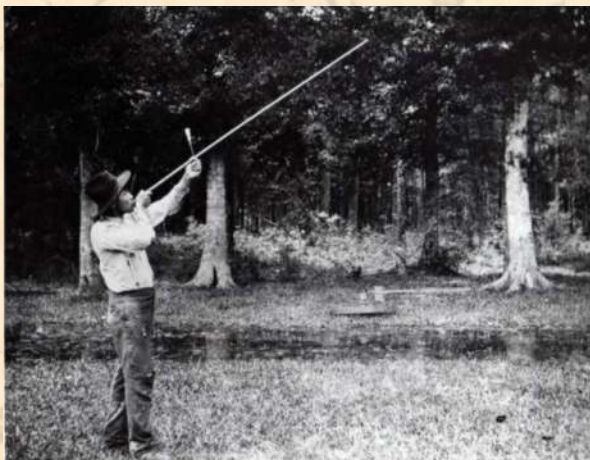
*NATHPO Board, Staff Team & YOU*

Your voice is important and together, our voices will be heard.

We are here for you, let's talk about what you need.

- Topic 1: What have you always relied on NATHPO for? What are our strengths?
- Topic 2: What else do you need? (focus on everyday things needed)
- Topic 3: Wish list – if anything were possible within the scope of NATHPO, what would be on your wish list? (e.g. law & policy changes, and big picture shifts to strengthen & rebuild foundations of culture)

**Have a great evening and we'll see you tomorrow!**



Jacob Robinson demonstrates how to use a blowgun, c. 1910.



Sissy Robinson surrounded by her family and river cane baskets she made, c. 1910.

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DAY 2 — January 28, 2021

**11:00 – 12:00 Eastern (8:00 – 9:00 Pacific)**

### **Best Practices for THPOs – Laws & Landscapes**

*Tim McKeown – NATHPO Repatriation Consigliere, Legal Anthropologist*

*Wesley Furlong – Native American Rights Fund*

*Lance Foster (Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska) – Vice Chair, THPO, NATHPO Board*

Panel discussion on best practices for effective THPOs. High-level overview presentations on the following:

- NAGPRA: overview, recent developments, participant poll on topics and needs.
- Laws affecting tribes: NHPA, Section 106, National Register, APA, legal foundation for TCLs & TCPs.
- Tribal Cultural Landscapes: shifting the paradigm on how cultural resource management is done.
- Questions & discussion.

**12:00 – 1:00 Eastern (9:00 – 10:00 Pacific)**

### **1 Hour Break with cultural activity/presentation**

*Video — We are the Land: Power in the Past and Present.*

**1:00 – 2:00 Eastern (10:00 – 11:00 Pacific)**

### **Tools & Techniques for THPOs – Tribal Historic Preservation Programs & Plans**

*Melinda Young (Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians) — THPO*

*Teara Farrow Ferman (Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation) — THPO*

*Ian Thompson (Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma) — THPO*

Panel discussion on tools and techniques for effective THPOs. High-level overview presentations by a selection of experienced THPOs on topics we all want to know more about, including:

- Tribal Historic Preservation Programs, Plans, Registers.
- Questions & discussion.

**2:00 – 2:30 Eastern (11:00 – 11:30 Pacific)**

### **30 Minute Break with cultural activity/presentation**

*Sunshine Thomas-Bear (Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska THPO) — making beaded jewelry.*



Emily and Bruce Abbey in front of car with baskets to sell, c. 1930.



Chief Jeff Abbey and interpreter Douglas John at meeting with the US Department of Education, c. 1940.

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DAY 2 continued — January 28, 2021

**2:30 – 3:30 Eastern (11:30 – 12:30 Pacific)**

### **Tribal Engagement and Elevating Tribal Voices**

*Valerie Grussing – NATHPO*

*Chris Koeppel – US Forest Service*

*Ira Matt (Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes) – Natural Resources Conservation Service*

*David Goldstein & Colleen Truskey – National Park Service*

- Engaging tribes in Ancestral Lands Consultation, Climate Change Initiative, Emergency Prep/Response.
- Introduction of the collaborative contact database project.
  - ◇ Suggest THPOs have a general THPO email address?
  - ◇ What questions do you have about the database and the project?
  - ◇ What would you add?
  - ◇ How would you suggest you and your tribe be involved in the process?

**3:30 – 4:00 Eastern (12:30 – 1:00 Pacific)**

### **30 Minute Break with cultural activity/presentation**

*Videos — Karuk Tribe: Fire Management, Cultural Resource Surveys, Forest Management, Basket Weaving, Climate Heritage.* Introduction by Alex Watts-Tobin, PhD — Karuk Tribe THPO.

**4:00 – 5:00 Eastern (1:00 – 2:00 Pacific)**

### **Awards and Networking**

- Presentation of NEW Annual NATHPO Partner in Preservation Award.
- Plans for mid-year Tribal Historic Preservation Award and Congressional Symposium and Honoree.
- Solutions-focused networking & knowledge exchange: facilitated open discussion among participants.

**5:15 – 6:15 Eastern (2:15 – 3:15 Pacific)**

### **Until-Next-Time Social Hour**

- Join us for the final event in the NATHPO Virtual Conference. Thank you for being here!
- Grab a snack and something refreshing in your NATHPO mug.
- Settle in for time visiting with old friends and new connections.  
Make your plans to get together soon to keep the discussions going.



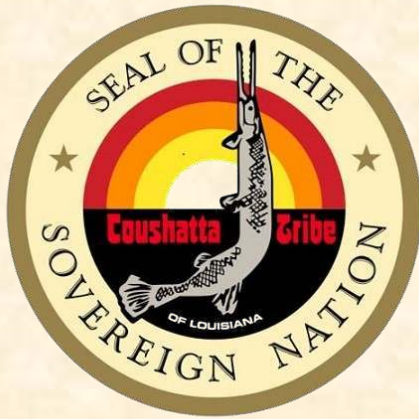
Heather Williams helps a younger Coughatta Tribal member learn how to sew a pine needle basket, c. 2000.



Stephen Robinson demonstrates how to refine corn using the tradition and baskets passed down through generations, c. 2000.

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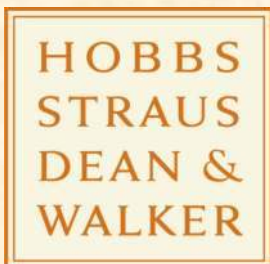
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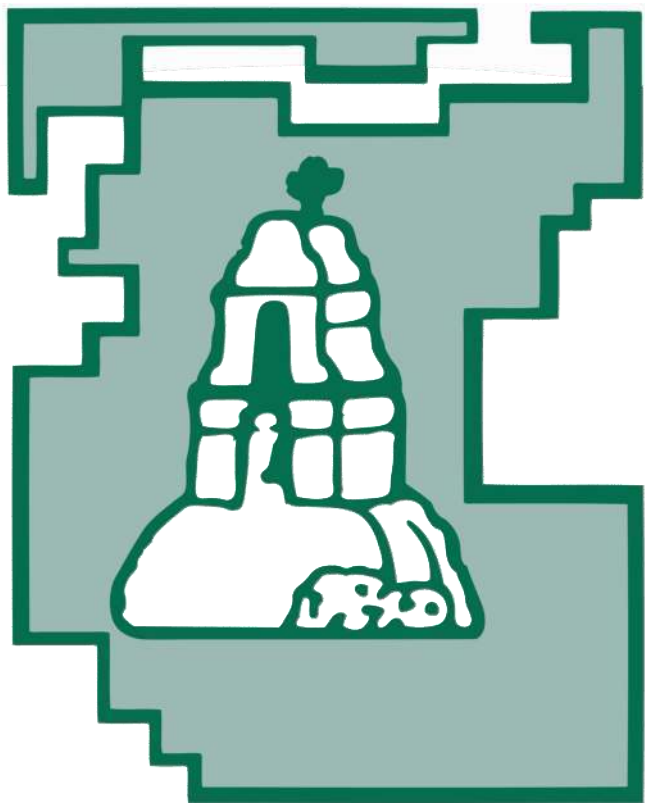
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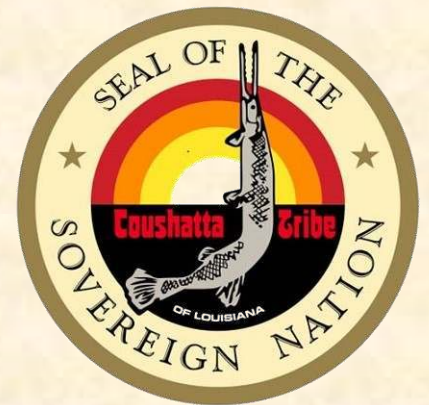
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*And to all our members, partners, sponsors, supporters, and volunteers.*



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Thank you for coming and farewell! We hope you stay safe and well as until we can come together safely again. We are delighted you could join us to help shape the new NATHPO, as we rededicate our efforts to serving THPOs and Tribal Historic Preservation leaders. Stay tuned to [nathpo.org](http://nathpo.org) and follow us [on Facebook](#) for information on virtual workshops and continuing improvements throughout 2021 to support your efforts in



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