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David W. Leach  
10/17/07*

25 September 2007

David W. Pershing  
Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs  
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Campus

Dear Vice President Pershing:

At its meeting of 25 September 2006, the Graduate Council unanimously approved a proposal to transfer the American West Center from the College of Social and Behavioral Science to the College of Humanities. The Council requested the College of Humanities to add a section that describes the current and planned activities for the Center. That revision has now been received and is included as attachment D to the proposal titled "2007 – 2008 American West Center Initiatives."

Housing the American West Center within the College of Humanities will align the Center with an academic area that best reflects its mission.

A copy of the proposal is attached for your approval. I would be pleased if you would transmit the proposal to the Academic Senate for its approval, then to the Board of Trustees, and finally, as an item for the Information Calendar of the Board of Regents, following R401 regulations, subheading 5.3.1, "Transfer/restructuring/consolidation of existing programs or administrative units."

Sincerely,

*David S. Chapman*

David S. Chapman  
Associate VP for Graduate Studies

*Approved  
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to Senate  
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MEMORANDUM

August 15, 2007

To: David Chapman, Dean, The Graduate School  
From: Mark Bergstrom, Associate Dean  
RE: Revised Proposal to Transfer the American West Center  
to the College of Humanities

**Section I: The Request**

The American West Center is a research unit at the University of Utah, currently housed in the College of Social and Behavioral Science. For more than forty years the Center has successfully supported scholarly productivity and promoted a greater understanding of the history, development and environment of the American West. At the recommendation of a recent program review conducted by eleven University of Utah faculty members and with mutual agreement of involved members of the faculty and university administration, we request to transfer the American West Center from the College of Social and Behavioral Science to the College of Humanities as a means to more clearly align the Center with an academic area which best reflects its mission. The intent of this transfer is to enhance the future vitality of the Center. (Please see attached September 5, 2006 report response from Dean Steven Ott to review committee).

The transfer will involve the following:

1. The AWC will be relocated into the College of Humanities as soon as all necessary approvals are obtained.
2. 2006-07 will be a transitional year. Professor Dan McCool and Matthew Basso, Assistant Professor of History and Gender Studies, will serve as co-directors. Professor Basso will be the sole director starting in 2007-08.

3. The colleges of Humanities and Social and Behavioral Science will continue to collaborate closely in supporting the AWC mission and programs.
4. The financial resources of AWC will be moved to the College of Humanities, and new resources have been committed to support programs and for raising external funds.
5. An interdisciplinary steering board will be created to advise and guide the AWC.
6. Two-year targets have been set, for example, in the areas of public and private external fundraising, activities and programs that raise the AWC's profile and connections in the community and on campus, and elevation of its scholarly mission.
7. The AWC will maintain its identity and will not be merged with, for example, the Center for American Indian Languages or the Documentary Studies Program, but it will be expected to collaborate closely with related programs.

### **Three-year Goals of American West Center**

(Please also see Attachment D" 2007-08 AWC Initiatives)

1. Enhance external funding from both public and private sectors through active cultivation of donors and sponsorship of public events which will raise awareness of the Center. In September 2007, the Center will be relocated from the Annex to Fort Douglas. A ceremonial dedication of the new space will include university officials, community officials, alums and friends of the Center.
2. Enhance positive relationships within the university, the local community, the state of Utah and the intermountain west through public outreach.
3. Elevate the scholarly mission of the American West Center at the national level through national conferences and an enhanced graduate program.
4. Continue to actively produce scholars by enhancing the number and quality of graduate students. As part of the new overall vision of the Center as having within its purview outreach to communities of color within the Salt Lake Valley and greater Utah, the Center will co-sponsor a Pre-Doctoral Fellowship with one academic department each year for two years beginning in 2007. These Pre-Doctoral Fellowships will be linked to the specific topic of the Center's conference for the year in which recipients are in residence. Each Fellow's work at the center will involve outreach to communities of color in the area, and the Center will offer the fellows professional training in public history. The Center will also coordinate formal mentorship for each Pre-Doctoral Fellow.

### **Courses:**

There are currently no courses offered by the Center. Proposals to develop curriculum will be submitted for approval through normal procedures. Future approved course will be selected from existing courses and will not require additional funding.



## **Section II: Need**

The significant contributions of the American West Center have been clearly established. For forty years, the American West Center has been considered to be a multi-disciplined based operation, which provided research opportunities to both undergraduate and graduate students majoring in history, political science, English, anthropology, languages, geography, and art. (See Attachment B "Publications" and Attachment C "Projects"). Transferring the Center to the College of Humanities will mark a shift to an institution-wide scope with a strong interdisciplinary approach and continued relationships with the College of Social and Behavior Sciences. This change combines the strengths of the American West Center with the current objectives of President Michael K. Young to enhance cross-disciplinary paradigms in delivering institutional programming and in scholarly productivity.

## **Section III: Institutional Impact**

During the initial transition year, the Center will be co-directed by Professor Daniel McCool (currently sole director) and Professor Matthew Basso. This will insure a smooth transition and the responsibility to propose new curricula for both undergraduate and graduate, enhance public outreach by organizing a national conference on the American West to be held in 2008, and identify significant private and public funding sources to support graduate education programs. Within three years, it is expected that enrollments in courses offered by the American West Center will substantially increase and that the Center will enhance its service and presence locally and regionally.

## **Section IV: Finances**

One year of administrative stipend to co-director, Matthew Basso is being paid by the College of Humanities. No additional funding is required. Existing funding for the American West Center currently held by the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences will transfer to the College of Humanities.



## Attachments

- A- September 5, 2008 memo from Steven Ott, Dean, College of Social and Behavior Sciences
- B- Publications (by students and scholars of the American West Center)
- C- Projects (by students and scholars of the American West Center)
- D- 2007-2008 AWC Initiatives

**10.4.1. Signature Page to Accompany Proposals Providing Board Notification.** This signature page, with all appropriate signatures included, must be attached to proposals submitted for Board notification.

Institution Submitting Proposal: University of Utah


College, School or Division affected: College of Social and Behavioral Science and College of Humanities


Department(s) or Areas(s) affected: College of Social and Behavioral Science and College of Humanities

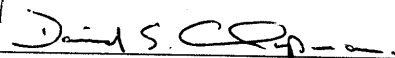
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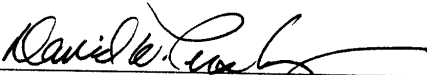
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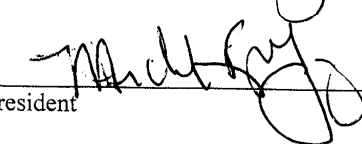
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Date



DATE: September 5, 2006

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Floyd O'Neil, Director Emeritus, American West Center

FROM: Steven Ott, Dean, College of Social and Behavioral Science

SUBJECT: The American West Center

The review report that you prepared and delivered to me in April 2006 is thorough, reflective, and accurate in its analysis and presentation of alternative futures for the AWC. Because it is compelling, it has provided the impetus and the focus for a number of meetings at all levels of the university. I have waited to respond because I wanted to report back with substance rather than simply that the report was under review. I can do so now. After careful consideration, your recommended alternative has been accepted and will be implemented immediately.

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My most sincere thanks to all of you. You have provided the justification and the vision for changes that will greatly strengthen the AWC and its ability to serve its mission. The AWC is an extremely valuable asset and has served the university and its external constituencies well for 40 years. The university is committed to expanding its influence and impacts. I trust that you are pleased with the outcome from your efforts and share my excitement for the future of the American West Center. Thank you once again.

## ATTACHMENT B

### Publications

#### Occasional Papers

Knowlton, Clark S., et al. Summary of Response to the Minority Education Inquiry. Occasional Paper No. 1, 1972.

Sloan, Mary Ellen. Indians in a Urban Setting; Salt Lake County, Utah (1972). Occasional Paper No. 2, 1973.

Mayer, Vincent, et al. Toward a History of the Spanish-Speaking People of Utah. A Report of Research of the Mexican-American Documentation Project. Occasional Paper No. 3, 1973.

Knowlton, Clark, ed. Social Accommodation in Utah. Occasional Paper No. 4, 1975.

Hunt, Stephen Michael Christopher. Native American Adjustment to the City" The Salt Lake County Case. Occasional Paper No. 5, 1976.

Tyler, S. Lyman. An Essay on the Historiography of the Indians of the Americas. Occasional Paper No. 6, 1977.

Tyler, S. Lyman. Source Materials for Comparative Studies of the Indians of the Americas. Occasional Paper No. 7, 1977.

Sturgis, Cynthia, ed. Historical Preservation: A Utah Case Study. Occasional Paper No. 8, 1978.

Sylvester, John L., and Gregory C. Thompson, eds. Ethnic Oral History. Occasional Paper No. 9. Revised, 1978.

O'Neil, Floyd A., and Kathryn L. MacKay. A History of the Uintah-Ouray Ute Lands. Occasional Paper No. 10, 1978.

A Canadian-United States Conference on American Indian Curriculum Development. Occasional Paper No. 11, 1978.

A History of the Indians of the United States: A Syllabus. Occasional Paper No. 12, 1978.

A History of the Indians of the Americas: A Syllabus. Occasional Paper No. 13, 1980.

Tyler, S. Lyman. Human Rights and the Native People of the Americas. Occasional Paper No. 14, 1979.

Tyler, S. Lyman, ed. Concerning the Indians Lately Discovered. The Indian Cause Before the Law of Nations: Colonial Period. Occasional Paper No. 15, 1980.

Tyler, S. Lyman. The Indian Cause in the Spanish Laws of the Indies. With an introduction and the first English translation of Book VI, "Concerning of the Indians" from the Recopilación de Leyes de los Reinos de las Indias (Madrid, 1681). Occasional Paper No. 16, 1980.

Tyler, S. Lyman. Spanish Laws Concerning Discoveries, Pacifications and Settlements Among the Indians. With an introduction and the first English translation of the New Ordinances of Philip II, July 1573, and of Book IV from the Recopilación de Leyes de las Indias relating to these subjects. Occasional Paper No. 17, 1980.

Tyler, S. Lyman. Greater Utah, the Mormons, et al.: The Region and the Record. Occasional Paper No. 18, 1981.

Tyler, S. Lyman. Comparative History of Tribal Peoples: The Indians of Brazil. Occasional Paper No. 19, 1981.

Tyler, S. Lyman. The Indian Cause in Contemporary Brazilian Law. Occasional Paper No. 20, 1981.

Tyler, S. Lyman, editor. Comparative History of Native Peoples: Native Hawaiians and Maoris, Polynesian Peoples. Occasional Paper No. 21, 1981.

Tyler, S. Lyman, editor. The Indian Cause in the Laws of Colombia. Occasional Paper No. 22, 1982.

#### Other American West Publications

"They Talked Navajo, diné bi-zaad choz-iid: the United States Marine Corps Navajo Code Talkers of World War II, A Record of Their Reunion, July 9-10, 1971, Window Rock, Arizona. 1971.

"Toward a History of the Spanish-Speaking People of Utah." American West Center Mexican-American Documentation Project, 1973.

Mayer, Vincent, editor. Utah: A Hispanic History. Teacher's Supplement. 1974.

Mayer, Vincent, editor. Utah: A Hispanic History. 1975.

Explorations in Hispanic History. Workbook. 1975.

Papanikolas, Helen Z. The Peoples of Utah. Salt Lake City: Utah State Historical Society, 1976. (This book is not an American West Center book. However, these members of the center at the time wrote chapters which are included within it: Fred Conetah, Clyde J. Benally, Floyd A. O'Neil, Philip F. Notarianni, Alice

Kasai, Joseph Stipanovich, and Vincente V. Mayer.)

Tyler, S. Lyman. *An Approach to the Historiography of the American West*. 1978.

Tyler, S. Lyman. *The Historiography of Utah, the Mormons, and the West: A Personal Approach*. 1978.

Albers, Patricia and Nancy Breen. *Gender Parity and American Indian Reservations*. 1996.

#### American West Lectures

Brodie, Fawn M. "Can We Manipulate the Past?" October 3, 1970.

O'Dea, Thomas F. "Youth in Protest: Revolution or Revelation." November 24, 1970.

Arrington, Leonard J. "Kate Field and J. H. Beadle: Manipulators of the Mormon Past." March 31, 1971.

Dwyer, Robert J. "Three Phases of Catholic Missionary Activity in the American West." October 1, 1971.

Indian Tribe Curricular Materials "Ute People: An Historical Study." Compiled by June Lyman and Norma Denver. Edited by John D. Sylvester and Floyd A. O'Neil. Uintah School District and Western History Center, University of Utah, 1969.

"The Zunis: Experiences and Descriptions." *The Pueblo of Zuni*, 1973.

"Nooh-whLummi: A Brief History of the Lummi." *The Lummi Tribe*, 1974.

"Noo-Chee-Yoo (The Ute People): A Coloring Book." *Uintah-Ouray Ute Tribe*, 1977.

"The Ute People." 1977.

"Ute Ways." 1977.

"The Way It Was Told." *Uintah-Ouray Ute Tribe*, 1977.

"The Ute System of Government." *Uintah-Ouray Ute Tribe*, 1977.

"Ute Projects and Patterns." *Uintah-Ouray Ute Tribe*, 1977.

"Weeminuche Coloring Book." *Ute Mountain Ute Tribe*, 1977.

"Tohono O'odham: Lives of the Desert People." 1984.

"Tohono O'odham: History of the Desert People." 1985.

"Early Days of the Ute Mountain Utes." 1985.

"Ute Mountain Utes: A History Text." 1985.

"Ute Mountain Ute Stories, Games, and Noise Makers." 1986.

"Ute Mountain Ute Government." 1986.

#### Indian Tribal Histories

Jefferson, James, Robert W. Delaney, and Gregory C. Thompson. *The Southern Utes: A Tribal History*. Ignacio, CO: Southern Ute Tribe, 1972.

*The Zuni People. The Zunis: Self Portrayals*. Translated by Alvina Quam. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 1972.

Weenoocheeyoo Peesaduehnee Yak'anup: *Stories of Our Ancestors*. Ft. Duchesne, UT: Uintah-Ouray Ute Tribe, 1974.

*Life Stories of Our Native People: Shoshone-Paiute-Washo*. Illustrations by Dorothy Nez. Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, 1974.

*Personal Reflections of the Shoshone-Paiute-Washo*. Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, 1974.

Johnson, Edward C. *Walker River Paiutes: A Tribal History*. Schurz, NV: Walker River Paiute Tribe, 1975.

*Newe: A Western Shoshone History*. Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, 1976.

*Numa: A Northern Paiute History*. Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, 1976.

*Nuwuvi: A Southern Paiute History*. Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, 1976.

*Wa She Shu: A Washo Tribal History*. Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, 1976.

Minge, Ward Alan. *Acoma: Pueblo in the Sky*. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 1976.

"A Workbook for Walker River Paiutes: A Tribal History." Schurz, NV: Walker River Paiute Tribe, 1977.

Alley, John. *The Las Vegas Paiutes: A Short History*. Las Vegas, NV: Las Vegas Tribe of Paiute Indians, 1977.

Benally, Clyde, with Andrew O. Wiget, John R. Alley, and Garry Blake. "Dinéjí Nákéé' Nááhane': A Utah Navajo History". Monticello, UT: San Juan School District, 1982.

Conetah, Fred A. *A History of the Northern Ute People*. Edited by Kathryn L. MacKay and Floyd A. O'Neil. Fort Duchesne, UT: Uintah-Ouray Ute Tribe, 1982.

Nelson, Byron, Jr. *Our Home Forever: The Hupa Indians of Northern California*.

Edited by Laura Bayer. Salt Lake City: Howe Brothers, 1988.

Bayer, Laura, with Floyd Montoya. Santa Ana: The People, the Pueblo, and the History of Tamaya. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 1994.

Erickson, Winston P. Sharing the Desert: The Tohono O'odham in History. Tucson: The University of Arizona Press, 1994.

Videotape Lecture Series, 1978 (Sold to fifty-three institutions)

1. Tyler, S. Lyman. "The Spanish Influence on the Indians of the Americas."
2. Jacobs, Wilbur R. "French, english and Dutch Influence on the Indians of North America to 1650."
3. Jacobs, Wilbur R. "The American Indian and the European Colonies to 1776."
4. Gibson, Arrell Morgan. "The Southeast Tribes in the Early Republic."
5. Prucha, Francis Paul, S.J. "Establishing an American Indian Policy: From the Revolution to the Civil War."
6. Gibson, Arrell Morgan. "American Indian Displacement and Resettlement."
7. Prucha, Francis Paul, S.J. "The American Indian and the United States Government."
8. Clark, Carter Blue. "The Plains Indians in the United States Experience."
9. Tiller, Veronica E. "The American Indian Experience in the Far Southwest."
10. Clark, Carter Blue. "The Far West Tribes."
11. O'Neil, Floyd A. "The American Indian Experience, 1900-1924."
12. Tiller, Veronica E. "The American Indian Experience in the Far Southwest: Recent Times."
13. O'Neil, Floyd A. "The American Indian in the Twentieth Century: Citizen to 1945."
14. Tyler, S. Lyman. "Twentieth Century Policy: Termination to Self Determination."
15. Panel Discussion. "The Meaning of American Indian History."

Filmstrips, Maps, and Other Media

"The Northern Paiutes: A Filmstrip Narrative." 1976.

"The Southern Paiutes: A Filmstrip Narrative." 1976.

"The Western Shoshone: A Filmstrip Narrative." 1976.

"Washo: A Filmstrip Narrative." 1976.

"Zuni History." Filmstrip.

"Zuni Today." Filmstrip.

Uintah-Ouray Ute Indian Tribe maps. Nine large wall maps for use in schools produced and copies made for various schoolroom use. Ca. 1988.

Maps. The center's staff has provided maps not only for its own publications and projects but for many other books. Some examples are:

Madsen, Brigham D. *The Shoshoni Frontier and the Bear River Massacre*. Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 1985.

-----, *Chief Pocatello: The White Plume*. Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 1986.

May, Dean L. *Utah: A People's History*. Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 1987.

Tyler, S. Lyman. *Two Worlds: The Indian Encounter with the European, 1492-1509*. Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 1988.

Mather, R. E., and F. E. Boswell. *Gold Camp Desperadoes: A Study of Violence, Crime, and Punishment on the Mining Frontier*. San Jose, CA: History West Publishing, 1990.

Lyman, Stanley David. *Wounded Knee 1973: A Personal Account*. Lincoln, NE: University of Nebraska Press, 1991.

Lewis, David Rich. *Neither Wolf Nor Dog: American Indians, Environment, and Agrarian Change*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1994.

#### Tribal Archive Projects

The American West Center has aided numerous tribes in the establishment of tribal archives. This activity usually involved going to the various repositories of the the National Archives to extract and copy documents relative to the history of the respective tribes. Usually researchers from the tribe as well as from the center would go in order to educate the tribal representative as to the collection process. Staff members of the center would then help to catalogue the collection and create card files to identify the documents and to reference them according to subject. The following are the tribes or tribal groups for which archives have been established: Acoma; All-Indian Pueblo Council; Hupa; Lummi; Nevada Inter-Tribal Council; Santa Ana; Shoshone-Bannock; Southern Ute; Tesuque; Tohono O'odham; Uintah-Ouray; Utah Navajo Development Council; Ute Mountain Ute; White Mesa Ute; Zuni.



## Water Projects

Pueblo Water Rights Inventory. The American West Center worked with the All-Indian Pueblo Council to expand the archive to include extensive water rights documents and information. A general inventory of documents available at the archive and elsewhere was created and separate inventories for each Pueblo were also produced. 1993-1995.

Shoshone-Bannock Tribes Water Rights. The American West Center is working with the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes to develop documentation of their water rights as well as other rights which they received through treaties but are now in dispute. This project is current.

Big Cottonwood Canyon Water District. The center is continuing a project which will provide a history of this water district. This project is current.

## Miscellaneous Projects

Ute Mountain Ute Land Use Project. The center's staff established historical land use patterns for the tribe through oral interviews and provided the tribe with maps showing the information gathered. 1990.

Doris Duke Indian Oral History Project. The center was one of the major collectors of the oral interviews of oral histories for this extensive project. Interviewers collected 1500 interviews from forty-two different tribes or groups to make the Marriott Library the largest repository of such interviews. 1968-1972.

The American West Center coal mining card collection. The staff at the center created a card file with synopses of newspaper articles dealing with Utah coal mining issues. The file is available at the Marriott Library.

The American West Center hard rock mining card collection. The center's staff created a card file with synopses of newspaper articles dealing with Utah mining issues.

Oral History transcription. The American West Center continues to work with the Marriott Library as the contract transcriber for the oral histories of the state and the university.

Because of the experience in working with oral histories, the American West Center staff was involved in the editing of Calvin Rampton's memoir *As I Recall* (University of Utah Press, 1989) and Stan Lyman's recollection *Wounded Knee 1973* (University of Nebraska Press, 1991.) The *Wounded Knee* book has created about \$2,000 of royalty payments to the center.

Tesuque Place Names and Land Use Project. This project was to establish the land use patterns by learning the place names and the historical uses of the land through interviews with the elders of the Pueblo. The center then created large maps derived from the information gained through the interviews to show Tesuque Pueblo's historic land use. 1993-1994.

Japanese Project. The American West Center gathered a small number of oral histories from Japanese immigrants then contracted with UCLA to gain access to more from a similar project there. Currently there is a translator working on those interviews since most are in Japanese.

Ethnic Oral History Collection. The center has gathered oral histories from members of various ethnic groups within Utah. Hispanic, Italian, Yugoslavian, Greek, and Black citizens of the state are included within this collection. On going. Golden Spike Oral History Project. Gregory C. Thompson and Philip F. Notorianni collected oral histories regarding the completion of the railroad and the influence of the railroad on Utah. 1970s.

Allen Canyon Oral History Project. Elders of the White Mesa Utes were interviewed about the Allen Canyon allotments and the living conditions within the canyon before the establishment of the White Mesa Reservation for that band of Utes. 1970s.

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## ATTACHMENT C

## Projects

The American West Center consults, researches, publishes and provides educational and curricular support to Indian tribes, school districts, other interested organizations and the general public. Some of the most notable Center projects are listed below.

## Oral Histories

The American West Center has been involved in oral history since its inception. The collections we have produced are:

- Doris Duke Oral History Collection
- American Indian Collection
- The Tesuque Place Names and Land Use Project
- Ute Mountain Ute Land Use Project
- The Tohono O'odham History Project
- The Shoshone-Bannock Historical Resource Project
- Saving the Legacy

The Center provided nearly 1500 interviews of Native Americans to the **Doris Duke Indian Oral History Collection**. That collection is now held at the Special Collections Department of the [J. Willard Marriott Library](#) at the University of Utah.

**Saving the Legacy: An Oral History of Utah's Veterans** is the Center's largest ongoing oral history project. As of June 2006, more than 500 veterans, mostly from World War II, have been interviewed and their stories preserved for future generations. To find out more about this project, visit our [Legacy homepage](#)

## Tribal Histories

The American West Center is recognized for its cooperative work in researching over a dozen tribal histories which are used in the school curricula on reservation and neighboring communities.

- Sharing the Desert: The Tohono O'odham in History
- A History of the Northern Ute People

- Numa: A Northern Paiute History
- The Southern Utes: A Tribal History

## Tribal Archives

The American West Center also works with tribes to develop historical and ethnographical documentation to support legal claims. It has assisted fifteen tribes with developing tribal archives relevant to their land, water and culture.

- Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Archive
- "The Rivers and Fisheries of the Shoshone-Bannock Peoples"
- The Tohono O'odham Tribal Archive

## Interviews

- Ethnic Minorities Interviews
- Coal and Uranium Miner Interviews
- Utah Ski Industry Interviews
- U of U Marriott Library Special Collections Oral
- History Project

## Environmental History and Policy

The American West Center is also involved in a variety of environmental history and policy projects. These projects include the History of Big Cottonwood Canyon; environmental protection on Indian reservations; and "An Inventory of Documents Relating to Pueblo Water Rights."

## Additional Projects

The Center is currently operating [Saving the Legacy: An Oral History of Utah's Veterans](#), a special educational program entitled [The Red Rock Institute](#), digitizing thousands of interviews from the Doris Duke Indian Oral History Collection and much more. To find out more and make a donation to ensure this important work continues, please contact the Center.

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**American West Center**  
**2007-2008 Calendar**

August 29, 2007 – Advanced Screening of *3:10 to Yuma* with discussion about Westerns and the western environment to follow (co-sponsored by Salt Lake Film Center)

September 26, 2007 – Dedication and Ute Blessing of the Center's new home

September 27-28, 2007 – "Frontiers of New Media" Symposium (co-sponsor with History and Communications)

October 16, 23, 30, November 6, 13, and 20, 2007 – AWC's First Annual Film Festival: "Westerns of the World," featuring *C'era Una Volta il West* [Once Upon a Time in the West] (Italy), *Cananea* (Mexico), *To homa vaftike kokkino* [Blood on the Land] (Greece), *Utu* (New Zealand), *Tampopo* (Japan), *Sholay* (India). All films screened at 7p.m. Broadway Theater (Salt Lake Film Society and Utah Humanities Council)

November 16 – Matthew Palmer lecture and workshop on Pacific Law (co-sponsored by the Law School)

February 5 – Hannah Nyala West lecture on tracking in the U.S. Southwest, Australia, and Africa (proposed co-sponsor UMNH)

February 8-9, 2008 – "Pacific Worlds and the American West" Conference (funding from Dee Council, proposed co-sponsors: UU's Pacific Island Student Association and SLCC's Pacific Unity Association)

February 27, 2008 – Miller Lecture on Great Basin American Indian history by Ned Blackhawk (co-sponsor with History)

March tba, 2008 – Damian Skinner lecture on Pacific Modernism

March tba, 2008 – Bryan Wallis symposium on Mormon Environmentalism

April tba, 2008 – Floyd O'Neil Graduate Student Award recipient lecture

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**Other 2007-2008 Initiatives:**

- Tertulia Graduate Student Workshops (partner with Environmental Humanities)
- Western Mountaineering Oral History Project (part of Special Collections Outdoor Recreation Archive)
- Saving the Legacy Veterans Oral History Project, and *The War* PBS Documentary (KUED grant partner)
- Duke Native American Oral History Preservation and Access Project (funded by NEH; next phase "Access" grant)
- Utah Business History Project (partnered with Business School)
- Digital Pacific Archive (YourStory and P.I.S.A.)
- Public History Graduate Certificate Program (partnered with History)

**Some other Projects in the Works:**

- Western Documentary Film Festival and panels in conjunction with the Western History Association Conference, October 22-25, 2008
- Utah American Indian Digital Archive (partnered with Utah Division of Indian Affairs and Special Collections, possible fall 2007 start)
- TATAU Exhibit (in partnership with Salt Lake Art Center or West Valley City Cultural Celebration Center, fall 2008 – possibly won't happen)