AILDI news & updates
February 2020 Issue

News, events, updates, opportunities... everything and anything related to AILDI and native languages.

*ATTENTION: AILDI Alumni! Don’t forget to fill out your AILDI Reflections Survey... your feedback about our summer programs is important to us! For another survey, please contact us at coe-aildi@email.arizona.edu

Featured News

Friday, February 21st 2020

International Mother Language Day (IMLD)
with a read-aloud in the Tohono O’Odham language

University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
Friday, February 21st 2020

U of A Mall
@ 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

WOW Library, College of Edu., Rm. 454
@ 3:00 - 4:30 pm

AILDI will be celebrating International Mother Language Day (IMLD) all day on Friday, February 21st 2020. We will be tabling at the UA mall from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm as well as coordinating a community reception and a student read-aloud in the Tohono O’Odham language at the WOW Library from 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm. Dr. Ofelia Zepeda and her students will be reading! Come celebrate this special day with us.

Click here to view the event and learn more about IMLD
Check out and submit to

AILDI's Indigenous Language Program Directory
with an interactive map & language program highlights

We are looking to grow our directory and publish an interactive map of language programs across North America to highlight and share all of the language work you do.

Submit information about your language program to our directory to get the word out and be featured on our map and newsletter.

Indigenous Language Program Directory Map

In 2020, AILDI will be highlighting Indigenous language programs, projects, schools, teachers, student, and advocates across North America from our online directory through featured stories on our website, newsletter, and interactive map.

The directory is designed to provide a brief overview of some of the goals and accomplishments of Indigenous language programs and projects. All are welcome to contribute to the directory, regardless of whether you have attended an AILDI session or not.

We are also looking for language stories to share with our friends, family, and colleagues on a blog linked to the directory. If you have a language story you would be willing to share, please reach out and let us know!

For more information and to submit to our directory, please click here.

Applications open soon!

AILDI 2020 -- Telling Our Language Journey Stories: Documenting the Language Work We
Discover how language documentation can affirm the life-giving qualities our Native languages provide at the 2020 AILDI summer session. Through our courses and guest lectures, you will learn how to record the vitality of your language (audio, video), write about your own experiences with language revitalization, learn basic linguistics related to your language, create teaching materials and engage in different methods of language learning using the Master/Apprentice model and your own cultural practices.

For more information about the 2020 summer session, click here.

AILDI 2020 Courses

LING 427/527: LINGUISTICS FOR NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITIES (3 units)
Introduction to Linguistics for Native American Communities
Instructor: Joe Dupris

ENG 477/577: WRITING ABOUT OUR LANGUAGE WORK (3 units)
Studies of and in Native American Literature
Instructor: Ofelia Zepeda

TLS 495A/595: EMBODYING OUR INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES THROUGH HULA (DANCE), MELE (SONG), AND OLI (CHANT) (3 units)
Topics and Issues in Language, Reading, and Culture
Instructor: Candace Kaleimamoowahinekapu Galla

LING 421/521: MASTER APPRENTICE IMMERSION METHODS (3 UNITS)
Language Maintenance, Preservation, and Revitalization
Instructor: Stanley Rodriguez

LING 497B/597B: DE-MYSTIFYING DOCUMENTATION (3 UNITS)
Workshop in Language Documentation
Instructor: Adrienne Tsikewa

Ongoing Projects

We have a first-round winner!
AILDI Alumni Reflections Survey & Giveaway
Second round to begin soon...

For giving us feedback about our summer programs, one lucky winner was randomly selected to receive an AILDI drawstring bag and a book of Tohono O’Odham and Pima poetry edited and signed by Ofelia Zepeda! The title of the
Thank you to all of those who submitted feedback via our survey. Your opinions matter and help us to assess and plan our future programs.

While the first wave has passed, it is not too late to submit. We will be holding a second giveaway of the same items. Participants make themselves eligible by submitting feedback via our survey, and winners will be chosen at random after the deadline.

The next deadline for submission is April 9th, 2020.

It’s not too late!

We're grateful to those who gave in commemoration of AILDI’s 40th Year Anniversary

Thank you for supporting the next generation of Indigenous language activists, teachers, and scholars.

Although our 40th anniversary has passed, your gifts still go a long way in making AILDI possible for future generations of students, teachers, community members, and activists.

All donations go towards AILDI scholarships and any amount — however big or small — is welcome.

If you have ever attended AILDI, you know its value. Honor your experience by giving back today!

Click here to donate

Pictured right: AILDI Founders

Upcoming Events & Conferences

Spring & Summer 2020
Workshops, SAIL, CoLang, and More

Workshop with Daryn McKenny

Tohono O’Odham Community College,
Sells, AZ
April 15th & 16th 2020

Daryn McKenny from Miromaa Aboriginal Language & Technology Centre will be here to give a workshop in April of 2020.

Details to follow!
Symposium for American Indian Languages

University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
April 17th & 18th, 2020

The Symposium for American Indian Languages (SAIL) will take place on Friday, April 17th and Saturday, April 18th of 2020! SAIL is dedicated to discussion of the documentation & description, language conservation and revitalization of the native languages of the Americas. You won’t want to miss it!

Click here to learn more about SAIL and the upcoming symposium

Institute on Collaborative Language Research

University of Montana & Chief Dull Knife College
Missoula, Montana
Workshops: June 15—26, 2020
Practica: June 29—July 17, 2020

*Registration is now open!

Register here
Learn more about COLANG 2020 here