



## **A Conversation About Community with Members of the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation**

“Owyhee: Reclaiming Land, Language, and Community” Online Event on October 26, 2022

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**October 18, 2022—RENO, Nev—**Nevada Humanities announces an online conversation about community, self-determination, and sovereignty with members of the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation on **October 26 at 6:30 pm PDT/7:30 pm MDT**. [\*\*Owyhee: Reclaiming Land, Language, and Community\*\*](#) will be moderated by Antoinette Cavanaugh, who is chair of the Nevada Humanities Board of Trustees and an enrolled member of the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation. The conversation will feature Reginald Premo, Tribal Extension Outreach Specialist at University of Nevada, Reno, and Laurie Caskey and Yolanda Manning, who each teach Shoshone and Paiute languages, respectively, in Duck Valley schools, as well as native youth. The discussion will focus on the different conceptions of sovereignty and self-determination—sovereignty of food systems on the land; sovereignty of language and reviving, perpetuating, and celebrating Shoshone and Paiute languages; and strengthening the resilience of this community in one of the most remote parts of Nevada. The Duck Valley Reservation is located in northern Nevada and spans an area of over 450 square miles, straddling both Idaho and Nevada. The event will start with a traditional song followed by a discussion and an open Q+A conversation. This event requires advance registration: [register at nevadahumanities.org](https://nevadahumanities.org).

Antoinette Cavanaugh, chair of the Nevada Humanities Board of Trustees and an enrolled member of the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation notes, “Nevada Humanities produces and supports innovative projects designed to enhance understanding of Nevada issues, culture, and heritage. This conversation will provide a unique insight into the foundational work centered on cultural and language preservation, and the important role food sovereignty and self-sufficiency play in overall community resilience within the Shoshone and Paiute tribal community located in one of Nevada's most rural areas. Nevada Humanities presents this event as an opportunity to delve into a conversation steeped in humanities-based

themes of community history, local culture, language preservation work, resilience, and an investigation into ideas that matter among members of this rural Nevada community.”

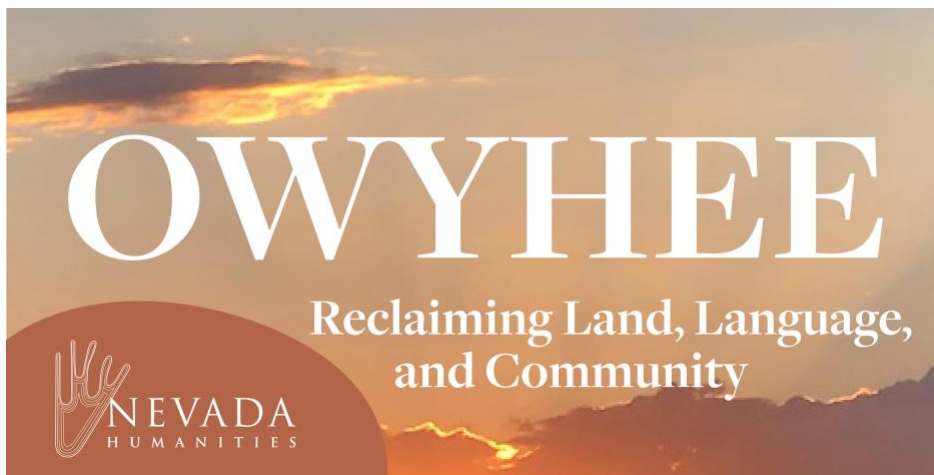
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