



## EXCITING EXPERIENCES ABOUND!

Summer is just around the corner and the Crow Canyon campus is alive with activity! Our education team has been busy hosting more than 15 schools and 350 students between 4th and 12th grade. And thanks to endowments supported by you, our donors, we have been able to waive tuition costs for the Pueblos of Santa Ana and Isleta, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, as well as local schools! We also just welcomed seven new interns, 10 College Field School students, and two Native American Scholars in Residence in late May. In addition, many of our current and former associates have been hard at work finalizing a new publication in honor of Crow Canyon's 40th anniversary.

During Spring, the Cultural Explorations team organized two travel seminars led by Indigenous Scholars and Crow Canyon scientists. The first was a memorable 7-day landscape immersion at Bears Ears in early April. Then in May, travelers spent a week in Chaco Canyon and Mesa Verde exploring the area's cultural significance and archaeological importance.

Out in the field, the archaeology team has been preparing the Haynie site, the central focus of the Northern Chaco Outliers Project, for the upcoming season. Ten undergraduate students will work alongside Crow Canyon experts to further research at the site this summer.

Not to mention the many inspiring webinars hosted so far this year, featuring many wonderful voices and topics, from deep dives into Crow Canyon research projects, to Indigenous perspectives on women's roles, water rights, textile arts, and more.



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

**AUGUST 6–12**

### Cultural Explorations Pueblo Weaving Workshop: Field Trip to Bears Ears & More

Opportunity to learn traditional Pueblo weaving techniques while exploring Pueblo histories and cultures on guided visits to Bears Ears National Monument and other sites.

**SEPTEMBER 4–8 ONE SEAT LEFT!**

### Archaeology Research Program Session 1

Opportunity to work alongside archaeologists and cultural experts conducting site surveys and artifact analysis at Hawkins Preserve near Cortez, CO.

**SEPTEMBER 10–15 SOLD OUT!\***

### Uintah Fremont Pathways

Weeklong experience exploring the fascinating cultural history of the Uintah Fremont who once lived in remote canyons and bluffs in and around the Green River of northern Utah.

**SEPTEMBER 18–22 SOLD OUT!\***

### Archaeology Research Program Session 2

Opportunity to work alongside archaeologists and cultural experts conducting site surveys and artifact analysis at Hawkins Preserve near Cortez, CO.

**EVERY THURSDAY, 4 P.M.**

### Discover Archaeology Webinars - Free

Led by renowned researchers, cultural specialists, tribal members, academics, and experts.

Register for these events and more at [CrowCanyon.org/programs-landing](https://CrowCanyon.org/programs-landing)

*\*Wait list available*

## LET'S CELEBRATE!

### JOIN CROW CANYON FOR OUR 40TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE AND CELEBRATION OCTOBER 11-15, 2023

On the beautiful, 170-acre Crow Canyon campus in Cortez, Colorado, join staff, trustees, scholars, and friends for a 3-day celebration of 40 years of archaeological research, experiential education, and American Indian partnerships.

During the day on Friday and Saturday, two parallel tracks feature presentations, panel discussions, and demonstrations on a range of topics relevant to Crow Canyon's past, present, and future. Speakers include a number of Native voices, Crow Canyon researchers and educators, and Indigenous scholars. Demonstrations range from Indigenous artistry skills to cuisine tasting to hands-on education modules.

The evenings welcome honored guests and speakers, entertainment activities, and dining on southwestern and Indigenous foods from the local area.

### HOW TO REGISTER

The Conference fee includes lunches, presentations, and activities on Friday and Saturday, plus evening meals and entertainment from Thursday evening through Saturday evening. Fee does not include lodging.

Learn more, get the full schedule, sign up for field trips, and register at:

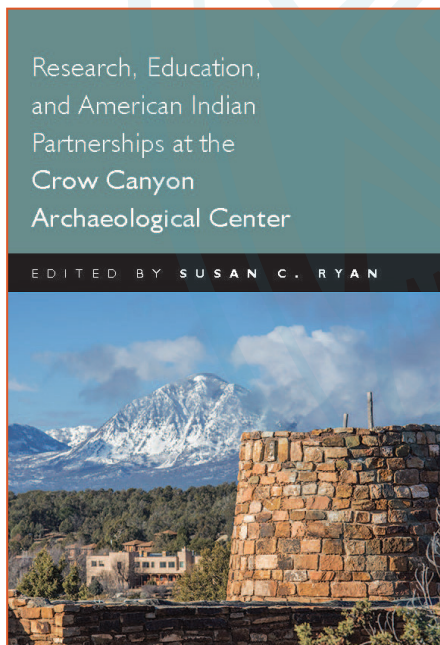
[CrowCanyon.org/crow-canyon-archaeological-center-40th-anniversary/](https://CrowCanyon.org/crow-canyon-archaeological-center-40th-anniversary/)



On Friday, join Ray Naranjo (Santa Clara Pueblo) and Katrina Blair for cuisine demonstrations and a walkabout on campus to identify valuable plants used for food, medicine, and materials.



Thursday evening, enjoy a poetry reading, book signing, and reception with Poet Laureate Joy Harjo (Muscogee).



On Friday, hear summaries of select chapters from the soon-to-be-released book, "Research, Education, and American Indian Partnerships at the Crow Canyon Archaeological Center."



Friday evening, hear from Lyla June Johnston (Diné and Cheyenne) whose message focuses on Indigenous rights, supporting youth, traditional land stewardship practices, and healing intergenerational and intercultural trauma.





**On Saturday**, catch a film screening of “Our Story | The Indigenous Led Fight to Protect Greater Chaco” followed by a Q&A with filmmaker Mario Atencio (Diné) and others from the Greater Chaco Coalition.



**On Saturday**, see “up-close” how digital 3-D modeling is done as part of Crow Canyon’s research. Discuss with research associate Grant Coffey how non-invasive technology is used by archaeologists.

## SHARE YOUR CROW CANYON EXPERIENCE

We invite you to share memories of your Crow Canyon experience and the impact it had on your personal and professional lives. Share your memory at: [Surveys.crowcanyon.org/s3/Memories-of-Crow-Canyon-Survey](https://surveys.crowcanyon.org/s3/Memories-of-Crow-Canyon-Survey)

“We sometimes forget the complexity of the Native American culture centuries before European exploration. My experience at Crow Canyon provided a much broader view of the world and appreciation for our past.”

—David B., Summit, North Carolina



## 40TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

**Morning and afternoon field trips to area sites** (by advance reservation only), including Mesa Verde National Park curation room, Hawkins Preserve, Ute Mountain Ute Farm & Ranch, and Yellow Jacket Pueblo.

**Poet Laureate Joy Harjo** (Muscogee) opens the conference with a poetry reading and book signing.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

**Presentations, panel discussions, and demonstrations on a range of topics.**

**Dinner with featured speaker, Lyla June Johnston** (Diné and Cheyenne), whose messages focus on Indigenous rights, supporting youth, traditional land stewardship practices, and healing intergenerational and intercultural trauma.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

**Presentations, panel discussions, and demonstrations on a range of topics.**

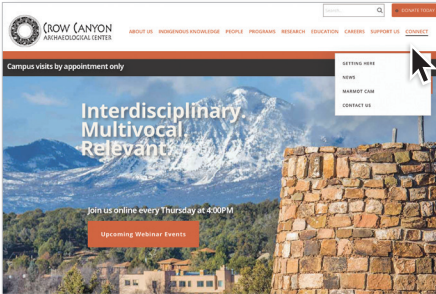
**Casual and fun evening celebration on campus**, featuring Indigenous foods, music, campfire, and other festivities.

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## TRUSTEE AND TRAVELER LESLIE COHEN LEAVES A LEGACY AT CROW CANYON

A Massachusetts native, Leslie Cohen first came to Crow Canyon on a 1996 Backcountry Exploration trip led by Bill Lipe. Over the next 16 years, she participated in more than 25 research and exploration programs at Crow Canyon.

With years of deep connection as a program participant, volunteer, trustee, and donor, after her passing on December 5, 2022, Leslie secured her legacy at Crow Canyon by leaving a significant bequest.

Leslie always exhibited a thirst for knowledge. With an M. Ed. in special education and experience with special needs students in New England, Leslie chose a new path by completing a second master’s degree in 2002, this time in anthropology and archaeology. She was also elected to the Crow Canyon Board of Trustees. She moved to Santa Fe and worked in archaeology as a professional and a volunteer.



**Leslie Cohen**

She authored a series of publications independently and in collaboration with friends from Crow Canyon. Leslie had a focus on ceramic analysis but her subjects weren’t

always technical: two of her published pieces highlighted the accomplishments of Bertha Dutton, one of the first female archaeologists to work with the National Park Service.

Following a medical setback in 2014, Leslie moved into an assisted living facility, where she was cared for until her passing. Leslie’s foresight in making a planned gift has made possible the purchase of three new-to-Crow Canyon vehicles. It is a fitting use of Leslie’s generosity, after her decades of tooling around the Four Corners backcountry in Crow Canyon vans of varying condition. Thank you, Leslie Cohen!

For information about making a planned gift to support Crow Canyon’s future, contact Sarah Grace Pretzer at [spretzer@crowcanyon.org](mailto:spretzer@crowcanyon.org) or 970-560-7545.