

Labriola Center Collection Development Policy

Purpose

The Labriola National American Indian Data Center's primary purpose is to support undergraduate and graduate level scholarship and instruction on Indigenous knowledge across all disciplines at Arizona State University. The Labriola Center collection supports the ASU American Indian Studies Department and the Center for Indian Education, as well as faculty and students on campus teaching and learning from an Indigenous perspective across all disciplines. The Labriola Center frequently partners with various programs across campus such as the American Indian Student Support Services and the Office of the President on American Indian Initiatives. The Labriola Center also reaches out to the ASU and greater Phoenix Native American community to provide research support and host special events and exhibits.

Collecting Scope

The Labriola Center is responsible for a multidisciplinary collection of resources, strongest in the disciplines of American Indian Studies and issues of importance to contemporary Nations. The Center also has considerable strength in Indigenous literature and linguistics and encompasses a broad spectrum of subjects by Indigenous scholars in nearly every academic discipline.

The Labriola National American Indian Data Center collects published and unpublished information in all formats in English and various Indigenous languages.

Contemporary scholarship is purchased from academic presses. Major academic presses which often publish works on Indigenous knowledge include University of Oklahoma Press, University of Nebraska Press, University Press of Kansas, University Press of Colorado, University of New Mexico Press, University of California Press, Oxford University Press, University of Illinois Press, University of Texas Press, Austin, University of Arizona Press, First Peoples: New Directions in Indigenous Studies U of A Press, Minnesota Historical Society Press, University of North Carolina Press, Harvard University Press, SUNY Press, Albany, University of Washington Press, University of Manitoba Press, Michigan State University Press, Cornell University Press, Syracuse University Press, Peter Lang Publishing, SAR Press, Living Justice Press, Duke University Press, Texas Tech University Press, University of Alberta Press, University of British Columbia Press, University of Regina Press, and University of Toronto.

Collecting Guidelines

The Labriola Center aims to be a comprehensive collection of material by contemporary and historic Indigenous scholars in North America, collecting scholarship in many formats as well as contemporary and historical primary sources material such as manuscript collection, photographs, and oral histories.

Published Materials:

- **Geographic Scope:** Indigenous People in North America, including all tribes in the United States and Canada and border tribes in Sonora, Mexico. Given the geographic location of the Labriola

Center, the collections have an emphasis on the Southwest.

- Chronological Scope: The majority of the collection focuses on the early 1800's to the present.
- Topical Scope: Using a transdisciplinary approach, the Labriola Center collects secondary material related to the language, culture, social, political and economic issues of Indigenous people in North America. Primary emphasis is given to material written by Indigenous scholars and/or material from an Indigenous perspective.
- Core Collections: Core Collections include contemporary policy issues, such as sovereignty, gaming, land and water rights, justice and criminal jurisdiction, health, art and cultural preservation, and inter-governmental relations; languages and information about Indigenous languages and language retention; literature and the performing arts; and Southwest American history .
- Peripheral Collections: Peripheral Collections include Indigenous history outside the Southwest; Education, including curriculum. Certain topics are excluded because they are covered by other collections, such as Government Documents and the Ross-Blakley Law Library.

Unpublished or Archival Materials

- Geographic Scope: Archival materials on Indigenous people in the Southwest region with primary emphasis on Central Arizona.
- Chronological Scope: The majority of the archival collections are from the 1960's to the present with some primary source material on microfilm such as National Archives Record Group 75, John Collier Papers, and Papers of the Society of American Indians from the 1800s and 1900s.
- Topical Scope: Primary source material which reflects the varied lives of Indigenous people at Arizona State University, Arizona, and the Southwest.
- Core Collections: Core collections include personal papers of prominent individuals; material collected or created by ASU faculty and students (including oral histories, language material, personal papers and research material); and language materials.
- Peripheral Collections: Peripheral collections include personal papers of prominent individuals outside the Southwest. Certain topics are excluded because they would be more appropriately held by their own Native Nation, such as internal government records.

Of particular interest are those works written by Indigenous scholars or in which Indigenous persons played a significant role in the creation of the work. The Center discourages offers of duplicate, damaged, infested or moldy materials. The Center strongly prefers donations of manuscript material and primary source material over published works since the Center purchases a great deal of contemporary scholarship and cannot accept duplicate copies of books. The Center also cannot accept gifts of ASU thesis and dissertations as they appear elsewhere in the ASU Library print and electronic collections.

Preservation commitment

The level of preservation commitment varies; the level depends on the license, agreement, or vendor terms. However items such as weekly newspapers to which the ASU Library has electronic access are frequently recycled after three months and not preserved in paper. Unique primary source material is

typically given the gold standard for preservation.

In order to efficiently apply our preservation resources, we may require submission of sustainable formats for digital materials, and we discourage offers of duplicate, damaged, infested or moldy materials that could adversely impact the health of our staff.

Brief History of the Collection

The Labriola National American Indian Data Center was officially dedicated on April 1, 1993. The Center was made possible by the vision of Frank and Mary Labriola, whose generous endowment gift supports its work. It is their wish that "the Labriola Center be a source of education and pride for all Native Americans." Additional funds have been provided by the Alcoa Foundation and the National Education Association. A core collection of books and film was donated by the Phoenix Indian School and the Center for Indian Education at Arizona State University.

Challenges with this Collecting Area

It is important to keep the emphasis on purchasing OwnVoice material and to purchase from small Indigenous presses and film distributors, and attend special events such as the annual Indigenous Comic Con to learn about new authors and filmmakers.

Review Cycle

The Labriola Center Collection Development Policy should be reviewed again in 2021 and every five years after that. The policy should also be reviewed by each new Labriola Center curator or as necessary given the development of new programs or reorganization of existing programs at ASU.

Date of Policy and Author Name

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