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**Crow Canyon Archaeological Center to Host Professional Development Institute for Educators  
*Summer Institute is Funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities***

CORTEZ, Colo. — January 7, 2011 — This summer, the Crow Canyon Archaeological Center in Cortez, Colorado, will host “Bridging Cultures: Diversity and Unity in the Pueblo World,” a professional-development institute for K–12 educators and college graduate students. The three-week institute, funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), will take place from July 17 to August 6, 2011. NEH provides stipends to cover all expenses, including travel and living costs.

Institute scholars will lead 25 educators in an examination of human culture and society in the context of what is one of the oldest persistent cultural groups on the continent—the Pueblo Indians of the American Southwest. For more than 27 years, the Crow Canyon Archaeological Center’s research has focused on the social, economic, and political dynamics of the ancient Pueblo communities in the Mesa Verde region, up to and including their final migration from the area during the thirteenth century A.D.

The NEH institute’s faculty will include Crow Canyon archaeologists and educators, as well as American Indian scholars. Dr. Elaine Franklin, director of the Center for Mathematics and Science Education at Western Carolina University, will serve as director of the institute, and Marjorie Connolly, Crow Canyon director of American Indian initiatives, will be the codirector.

The institute will be based at the Crow Canyon campus in southwestern Colorado, and teachers will also travel to a number of other locations in the Southwest.

Applications must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2011. For more information on the institute and workshops, visit [www.crowcanyon.org/NEHsummer2011](http://www.crowcanyon.org/NEHsummer2011), or call 800.422.8975. Prospective applicants can access information about all 2011 NEH Summer Institutes, as well as the online Participant Application Cover Sheet on the NEH Web site, [www.neh.gov](http://www.neh.gov).

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