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Agenda

Sunday, September 24, 2017

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Grand Foyer

Registration

Monday, September 25, 2017

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Grand Foyer

Registration

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM
Grand Ballroom A

Breakfast Buffet

9:00 AM
Grand Ballroom A

Prayer and Welcoming

Hon. J. Robert Benavides, Governor, Pueblo of Isleta

9:15 AM

Opening Remarks

Faith Roessel, Esq., President, AAIA Board of Directors, Navajo

9:30 AM

Pueblo of Acoma, International Repatriation Efforts

Hon. Kurt Riley, Governor, Pueblo of Acoma

10:15 AM – 10:30 AM

Coffee Break



10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Rio-Bosque-Manzano

Community + Museum: Guidelines for Collaboration:
In response to growing interest in collaborative work among museums and communities, an online resource has been developed over a three-year period of critical discourse among Native and non-Native museum professionals, cultural leaders, artists, and scholars. Sponsored by the Indian Arts Research Center at the School for Advanced Research in Santa Fe and with additional support from the National Museum of the American Indian, the guidelines present principles and practical considerations for meaningful engagement between museums and Native American communities.

Brian Vallo, Director, Indian Arts Research Center, School for Advanced Research, Acoma Pueblo
Jim Enote, Director, A;shiwí Awan Museum and Heritage Center, Zuni Pueblo
Landis Smith, Collaborative Conservation Programs Consultant, School for Advanced Research

12:00 PM
Grand Ballroom A

Luncheon

1:30 PM – 3:15 PM
Rio-Bosque

**Gaining Insight –
The Dynamics of the Tribe Museum Relationship**
What really happens when tribes and museums proactively engage with each other on an international level? This session will cover practical elements of relationships between tribes and museums. From initiation to ongoing dialogue, conversations are marked by a series of documents and exchange on information. These interactions create space for further exchange, heritage rediscovery, long-term collaboration, and the myriad of challenges that come with it. The panelists will speak from tribal and museum perspectives, bringing a wide variety of experiences with institutions in the U.K., Germany, France, and the U.S.

Deanna Byrd, NAGPRA Liaison, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
Jennifer Byram, Research Assistant, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
Kirk Perry, Executive Officer, Division of Historic Preservation, Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma
Neil Curtis, Ph.D., Head of Museums, University of Aberdeen, King's Museum
Helen Robbins, Ph.D., Repatriation Director, The Field Museum

1:30 PM – 3:15 PM
Manzano

Careers in Cultural Revitalization—Youth Track
Youth participants will learn about cultural revitalization from various native professionals: National Park Service Ranger, a Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, a law student or lawyer, and a museum curator/director.

3:15 PM – 3:30 PM

Coffee Break

Monday, September 25, 2017

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM
Rio-Bosque

Dialogue: Empowering Tribes and Indigenous Communities in International Repatriation

Reflections on first day of speakers who have outlined the tools and guidelines needed toward greater collaboration and communication between museums – domestic and international, tribes and indigenous communities. How can you apply them to your tribe?

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM
Manzano

Dialogue: Empowering Youth in International Repatriation—Youth Track

Youth participants will share what they have learned from the conference and youth discussion. What do youth hold as important in their culture, lives, and within their communities?

4:30 PM – 5:00 PM
Grand Ballroom A

Reflections: Our Children are Our Greatest Cultural Resource

Engaging dialogue between youth and conferees in an intergenerational conversation about the reflections each have shared in their dialogues.

Reception

Reception open to all conference attendees.

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
Seminar Room

Reception

Honoree: The Honorable Kurt Riley, Governor,
Pueblo of Acoma

Entertainment:

Tesuque Pueblo Youth Dancers
Lightening Boy Foundation Youth Hoop Dancers



Art Contest Winner:

April O'Neal, Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma

8:00 AM – 12:00 AM
Grand Foyer

Registration

7:30 AM -- 9:00 AM
Grand Ballroom A

Breakfast Buffet

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
Rio-Bosque-Manzano

The Smith Family Totem Pole: Stewardship and Collaboration Between the Tlowitsis Nation and the University of New Mexico

Contemporary museum practices necessitate reconciliation with source communities for better stewardship. The 1941 donation of an Alaskan Tlingit totem pole to UNM's Maxwell Museum served as an icon of salvage anthropology. The recent collaboration of the Maxwell Museum, Department of Anthropology, and Ortiz Center with the Tlowitsis Nation exposed documentation of its theft. This hereditary chief's pole, commissioned by Smith Sewid and carved by Charlie Yakuglas James, is from Kalugwis on Turnour Island, B.C. The roundtable addresses its restoration and re-dedication while returning cultural and artistic knowledge to community. Participants will discuss the pole's problematic acquisition, project history, and future Indigenous needs.

Blaire Topash-Caldwell, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Anthropology and Graduate Research Assistant, Maxwell Museum of Anthropology, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians

Beverly Singer, Professor Emerita, Department of Anthropology, University of New Mexico, Santa Clara Pueblo

Lea McChesney, Curator of Ethnology and Director of Alfonso Ortiz Center for Intercultural Studies, Maxwell Museum of Anthropology

Les Field, Professor and Chair, Department of Anthropology, University of New Mexico

Danial Smith, Chief, Tlowitsis Nation, Kwakwaka'wakw

Thomas Hunt, Artist and lead carver, totem pole restoration, Kwakwaka'wakw

Brian Vallo, Director, American Indian Arts Research Center, School for Advanced Research, Acoma Pueblo

10:30 AM – 10:45 AM

Coffee Break



Tuesday, September 26, 2017

10:45 AM – 12:30 PM
Rio-Bosque-Manzano

Righting Historic Wrongs: Changing the Paradigm in: Southern California Repatriations – A Case Study of Three Reburials

In the summer of 2016, three long-standing NAGPRA cases were resolved and over 2600 Ancestors were reburied from three different institutions in Southern California. This panel will focus on the unique strategies and collaborations of the repatriation of culturally affiliated Ancestors and their associated funerary objects. Presenters will focus on the history of the three cases, community collaboration, display burials and conservation, negotiating for reburial space, and the changing paradigms in repatriation.

Heidi Lucero, NAGPRA Assistant, Achachemen/Mutsun Ohlone
Ashley Glenesk, NAGPRA Assistant, CSULB Graduate Student, Métis
Angelique Magdaleno, NAGPRA Assistant, CSULB Graduate Student
Wendy Teeter, Ph.D., Curator of Archaeology, Fowler Museum, UCLA
Desiree Martinez, Tribal Archaeologist, Gabrielino, Tongva
Karimah Richardson, Staff Archaeologist, Autry Museum of the American West
Lylliam Posadas, MSc, NAGPRA Coordinator, Autry Museum of the American West

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM
Grand Ballroom A

Luncheon

1:30 PM – 2:45 PM
Rio-Bosque-Manzano

NAGPRA and International Repatriation: Connection or Disconnection – Where are we 27 years after NAGPRA was enacted?

An examination of the circumstances that gave rise to NAGPRA and how those same or similar issues may apply to international repatriation as communities and tribes seek solutions for return of ancestors and cultural items.

Brett Shelton, Attorney, Native American Rights Fund, Oglala Lakota
Jack Trope, Esq. Casey Family Programs, former AAIA Executive Director

2:45 PM – 3:00 PM

Coffee Break

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Rio-Bosque-Manzano

Legislative, Law and Policy Update on Cultural Resources

Legal overview of changes in policies as it relates to cultural resources and repatriation.

Gregory A. Smith, Partner, Hobbs, Straus Dean & Walker, LLP

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Table Top Conversations

Conference participants will engage in dialogue to discuss specific questions and topics of importance as it pertains to their field.

5:00 PM

Closing Prayer



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