



ASSOCIATION ON AMERICAN INDIAN AFFAIRS

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FIFTH ANNUAL REPATRIATION CONFERENCE

HEALING THE DIVIDE

November 12-14, 2019

Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation

We-Ko-Pa Resort & Conference Center, Fountain Hills, AZ

CALL FOR SESSION PROPOSALS

Submissions due July 1, 2019

The Association on American Indian Affairs invites proposals for sessions that emphasize the 2019 Conference theme **HEALING THE DIVIDE**. Anyone that works with Native American Cultural Heritage must undertake efforts to learn and heal – together with Tribal Nations. The Conference seeks to build community, heal the divide between disparate interests, illuminate answers, develop respectful consultation practices and ensure a healthy future for all.

The panel proposals should provide hands-on tools and effective mechanisms that support repatriation efforts between Tribes, auction houses, federal agencies, museums, private collectors, universities and others. The centuries of policies to assimilate Native Americans, outlaw ceremonies and languages, and misappropriate religious and cultural objects as well as the taking of ancestors from their final resting places, can only be resolved if we all come together to learn and heal.

Throughout the three-day event, the Conference will include plenary sessions that provide expertise in important topics to all. Concurrent panel workshops will provide an opportunity to delve into more specific topics and issues.

Sample sessions may be:

- Repairing Native Cultures: Historic Trauma & its Effects in Indian Country
- Repatriation as Healing
- Free, Prior and Informed Consent: Needed Consultation with Private Collectors and Institutions

- Negotiation Strategies
- New Processes for Working with Foreign Institutions
- Utilizing International Mechanisms for Repatriation and Protection of Cultural Heritage
- Working with the Federal Government for International Repatriation
- Current Legislative Topics
- Laws that Apply to Cultural Heritage Protection and Repatriation
- Intangible Cultural Heritage
- Land Spaces Protection: NAGPRA, ARPA and the Antiquities Act

All sessions should strive to interact with the audience and help the audience develop skills, strategies and toolkits towards repatriation. Lecture-type sessions will be limited to luncheon keynote speakers. All sessions should be active and engaging.

A typical session will be 1.5 hours, which includes a 15 or 20-minute question and answer period or open discussion. However, shorter or longer sessions may also be proposed.

Submission of Proposals

Proposals for sessions should include at least the following information:

- The title of the session;
- The name, affiliation, bio with picture, mailing address, and email address(es) of the facilitator and each session participant;
- A description of the session (not to exceed 500 words);
- How the session will provide skills, strategies and toolkits for the audience;
- How much time is needed for the panel or workshop; and
- A list of A/V equipment needed (e.g. projector, microphones, etc.).

Session proposals must be submitted by July 1, 2019, by 5:00 pm Eastern Standard Time by email to general.aaia@indian-affairs.org, with the subject line reading "Session Proposal." After your proposal is submitting, you may be contacted for further information or revisions. If you are chosen for a session, final presentations, PowerPoints and other handouts must be submitted by October 4, 2019.

The Association retains the right to amend proposed sessions. All panel presenters will be required to pay registration of \$150. Some scholarships may be available to elders and students. Requests for funding are due on July 1, when session proposals are submitted.