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HEALING THE DIVIDE
Fifth Annual Repatriation Conference
PROGRAM

We-Ko-Pa Resort & Conference Center
Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation
Fountain Hills, Arizona
November 12-14, 2019
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The 2019 Association on American Indian Affairs’ Fifth Annual Repatriation Conference – Healing the Divide – will seek to foster a space for healing, sharing and learning open to all. For centuries, Indigenous Peoples have endured forced and violent assimilation, theft of religious and cultural practices, mockery and misappropriation of their cultural identities, and the continued display and sale of their most sacred cultural patrimony needed for ongoing health. These policies and attitudes have resulted in the loss of culture, religion, language and other ancestral knowledge bases, culminating in the historic trauma that all of Indian Country experiences today. Together, as a community of Tribal leaders, Tribal cultural resource practitioners, federal and state agents, foreign and domestic museums and institutions, academics, artists, dealers, collectors, and youth, we can heal the divide, illuminate answers and develop respectful consultation practices.

Throughout the three-day event, the Conference will aim to build a community, establish partnerships, and provide educational opportunities for all participants. Tribal officials, Tribal cultural resource practitioners, Native elders and youth will gather in ceremony and dialogue to support, teach and share about challenges on our physical, mental, and spiritual health. Non-Indian practitioners will engage in educational workshops and training to better understand those challenges. Ultimately, we will all come together through dynamic panels, breakout sessions, workshops, and networking opportunities to unite Tribes, federal agencies, foreign and domestic museums, dealers, collectors, auction houses, academics, and others to better our processes and the way in which we work with one another and establish a healthy future for all of us involved in protecting Native American cultural heritage.

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The Tunica-Biloxi Tribe is one of four federally recognized Native American Tribes in the state of Louisiana. There are 1,226 enrolled Tunica-Biloxi Tribal members interspersed throughout Louisiana, Texas, Illinois and other parts of the United States. Approximately 42 percent live either on or in close proximity to the reservation and designated Tribal lands located in central Louisiana. The majority of Tribal families in Louisiana reside in Avoyelles and Rapides Parishes. The second highest concentration of Tribal families resides in Texas with the majority of members in Harris and Brazoria County. Illinois has the third highest with the majority living in Cook County.

The Tunica-Biloxi Tribe is a successor to the historic Tunica, Biloxi, Ofo and Avoyel Tribes. The component Tribes were allied in the 18th century and became amalgamated into one in the 19th century through common interests and outside pressures from non-Indian cultures. The modern Tunica-Biloxi Tribe is composed of Tunica, Biloxi (a Siouan speaking people from the Gulf coast), Ofo (also a Siouan people), Avoyel (a Natchezan people), and Choctaw. Although, technically the ancestry of members is often mixed Tribally through intermarriages, Tribal citizens identify either as Tunica, Biloxi or Biloxi-Choc-taw.

The Tunica and Biloxi people settled on their current lands near the strategic trade route of the Red River after 1779. The reservation is located just south of Marksville in east-central Louisiana. Tribal lands comprise approximately 1,717 acres of trust and fee property in Avoyelles and Rapides Parishes. The Tribe obtained federal recognition in 1981.
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SAVE THE DATE!
ANNOUNCING THE 6TH ANNUAL REPATRIATION CONFERENCE!
Growing Community and Moving Forward After 30 Years of NAGPRA
October 27-28, 2020—Denver
In partnership with the University of Denver, the Association will be commemorating the 30th Anniversary of NAGPRA (and going beyond NAGPRA). The Association will also be planning NATIONAL EVENTS to take place all around Indian Country (including at Arizona State University) to memorialize NAGPRA’s anniversary and advocate for stronger repatriation practices.

Make sure to visit our Vendors and Exhibitors!
Located in the Wassaja Foyer

VENDORS

Badger Trail’s
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EXHIBITORS

Carrying Our Ancestors Home—Practitioners’ Stories of Process and Return
www.coah-repat.com

University of Denver, Museum of Anthropology—Communities of Practice
www.du.edu/ahss/anthropology/museum/mpin.html

Sweetgrass Trading—Authentic Native American Foods and Gifts
https://www.sweetgrasstradingco.com/

Grand Canyon University
Arizona State University Indian Legal Program
Volunteers Meet and Prepare for Conference
Southern Yavapai Conference Room #102

Registration & Social Mixer
Wassaja Foyer
Registration opens! Meet your fellow Conference participants at our pre-event social with snacks.

MEETING SPACE AVAILABLE
Board Rooms Southern Yavapai (#102) & Sunset (#103) will be available for Conference participants to reserve to support your repatriation efforts and to meet with museums, agencies and others. Please sign up on the door outside of each room.

THE DON MILLER CASE: SCHEDULE A MEETING WITH THE FBI ART CRIME TEAM
In 2014, the FBI Art Crime Team recovered more than 7,000 items of cultural heritage from the home of Don Miller, a collector in rural Indiana. Official Tribal Representatives are invited to meet with Special Supervisory Agent Timothy Carpenter during the Conference. A database of the items will be available to view and discuss to support repatriation. Meetings are by appointment only. Please see Special Agent Carpenter or contact him at tscarpenter@fbi.gov and schedule a meeting room.

VIDEOGRAPHY: TELL YOUR STORIES OF REPATRIATION
Fowler Museum at University of California Los Angeles, along with the Association on American Indian Affairs, will be video-recording some of the panels. The videographer will also be available to record YOUR STORIES OF REPATRIATION. If you are interested, please let Conference staff know and we will schedule your interview.

LISTENING SESSIONS
There are two listening sessions scheduled: U.S. Department of the Interior, International Affairs with U.S. Department of Justice and Department of State; and the National NAGPRA Program. The Association on American Indian Affairs is hosting the sessions, but is not responsible for their outcome or content.

PARTICIPANTS: BE RESPECTFUL
We are a diverse community coming together. Please note that participants at the Conference will include U.S. Federal Agencies such as the National NAGPRA Program, U.S. Department of State, U.S. Department of the Interior, International Affairs, U.S. Government Accountability Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Bureau of Indian Affairs Law Enforcement, and U.S. Department of Homeland Security. There will also be lawyers, museums, auction houses, dealers, artists, academics, Tribal leaders, spiritual practitioners and others. Be respectful. Be considerate. We will have individuals that can help us be peaceful and make sure we can share a safe space.

Let’s work together to HEAL THE DIVIDE!
TUESDAY–NOVEMBER 12, 2019

Why Healing the Divide is Necessary
All Sessions will be held in the Wassaja Room #109-111

7:30 – 8:30 am  Registration, Breakfast & Networking

8:30 – 8:45 am  OPENING & PRAYER
Fort McDowell Veterans Association will post colors. Raphael Bear, President of the Yavapai Indian Foundation, will give the opening blessing.

8:45 – 9:00 am  WELCOMING BY THE ASSOCIATION
Frank Ettawageshik, President and Shannon Keller O'Loughlin, Executive Director & Attorney, Association on American Indian Affairs.

9:00 – 9:20 am  WHY REPATRIATION IS SO IMPORTANT: THE HISTORY OF FEDERAL INDIAN POLICY
This session will discuss the history of federal Indian policy. Christine McCleave, Executive Director, National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition.

9:20 – 12:00 pm  HEALING THE DIVIDE FROM TRAUMA TO TRANSFORMATION
This session will share information about how historical trauma effects on our minds and bodies, and take participants through community healing practices to promote wholeness and healing. Dr. Noshene Ranjbar, Faculty, Center for Mind Body Medicine; Dennis Yellow Thunder, Teacher, Wounded Knee District School.

12:00 – 1:15 pm  LUNCHEON KEYNOTE: PROFESSOR REBECCA TSOSIE

1:30 – 3:00 pm  THE COST OF THEFT AND LOOTING
This panel will discuss the history of theft and looting, and the burden of this continued practice on Tribes as well as on the agencies that investigate and prosecute these crimes. Timothy Carpenter, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Supervisory Special Agent; Marcus Winchester, Director of Language and Culture, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi; Jamie J. Meuwissen, Senior Analyst, U.S. Government Accountability Office; Franklin Chavez, Special Agent, Bureau of Indian Affairs Cultural Resources Division.

3:00 – 3:15 pm  Break

3:15 – 5:00 pm  HEALING AUCTION PRACTICES
Professionals working in the auction industry and Tribal Nations will discuss methods to increase the due diligence for dealers and collectors that handle Native American Cultural Heritage. Sean Blanchet, Owner, Revere Auctions; Lia Von Huben, Lead Cataloger, Revere Auctions; Stewart Koylyumptewa, Program Manager, Hopi Cultural Preservation Office; LeeWayne Lomayestewa, Research Assistant & NAGPRA Coordinator, Hopi Tribe Cultural Preservation Office.

5:15 – 6:30 pm  U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR LISTENING SESSION: INTERNATIONAL REPATRIATION LEGISLATIVE OPTIONS
(Open to the public.) Including the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Justice.
**WEDNESDAY—NOVEMBER 13, 2019**

**NAGPRA and BEYOND**

All sessions will be held in the Wassaja Room #109-111

### 7:30 – 8:30 am  Breakfast & Networking

### 8:30 – 9:30 am  Repatriation as Spiritual Ceremony in Alaska

This panel presentation focuses on implementing NAGPRA as ceremony and healing. **Gail Dabaluz**, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Alaska; **Judy Ramos**, Assistant Professor, University of Alaska, Fairbanks.

### 9:30 – 10:15 am  Building a NAGPRA Community of Practice

This panel will discuss Denver University’s initiative to create a NAGPRA Community of Practice, identifying issues affecting NAGPRA implementation in museums as well as opportunities for increasing compliance. **Anne Amati**, NAGPRA Coordinator, University of Denver Museum of Anthropology; **Lydia Dean-Sutton**, M.A. Candidate, University of Denver; **Angela Garcia-Lewis**, Cultural Preservation Compliance Supervisor, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Tribal Historic Preservation Office; **Ellen Lofaro**, NAGPRA Coordinator and Curator of Archaeology, Anthropology Department, University of Tennessee.

### 10:15 – 10:30 am  Break

### 10:30 – 12:00 pm  Determining Cultural Affiliation Under NAGPRA: Best Practices and Consultation Faux Pas

This session will provide training on Tribal consultation and making determinations of cultural affiliation under NAGPRA. **Melanie O'Brien**, Manager, National NAGPRA Program; **Wendy Teeter**, NAGPRA Coordinator, UCLA; **Shannon Martin**, NAGPRA Designee and Director, Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways; **Jamie Arsenault**, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Repatriation Representative, Archives Manager, White Earth Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe; **Timothy Begay**, Cultural Specialist, Navajo Nation Historic Preservation Department.

### 12:00 – 1:15 pm  Lunch

**NATIVE WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP: CARRYING ON CULTURE**

**Carletta Tilousi**, Councilor, Havasupai Tribe

**Gwendena Lee-Gatewood**, Chairwoman, White Mountain Apache Tribe

**Bernadine Burnette**, President, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation

### 1:30 – 3:00 pm  Euro-American Law & Tribal Cultural Values

This roundtable legal discussion will explore current law and notions about property, and whether current law can address the needs of indigenous peoples. **Katie Klass**, Partner, Hobbs, Strauss Dean, & Walker, LLP; **Hillary Hoffman**, Professor of Law, Vermont Law School; **Robert Hershey**, Professor Emeritus, University of Arizona College of Law.

### 3:00 – 3:15 pm  Break

Wednesday, November 13, continued on next page
3:15 – 5:00 pm  **BEYOND BORDERS: INTERNATIONAL REPATRIATION**
This panel will discuss repatriation processes and resources to support international repatriation.  
Kristen Carpenter, Professor, University of Colorado Law; Allison Davis, Cultural Property Research Analyst, Cultural Heritage Center, U.S. Department of State; Andrea Carmen, Executive Director, International Indian Treaty Council; Peter Yucupicio, Pascua Yaqui Vice Chairman; June Lorenzo, Legal Counsel, International Indian Treaty Council.

PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR 97th ANNUAL MEETING & CULTURAL EVENT!
Wassaja Room  •  6:00 - 9:00 pm

CELEBRATE!
The Association is the oldest non-profit serving Indian Country, protecting sovereignty, preserving culture, educating youth and building capacity. Join us as we celebrate 97 years of advocacy!

HONOR!
Join the Association and Indian Country as we honor the fortitude and healing that has been brought by two important Elders: Leigh Kuwanwisiwma from Hopi Pueblo, and Barnaby Lewis from the Gila River Indian Community. Let us pay respect for their contributions to the advancement of repatriation work, preserving cultural heritage, and protecting the sacred.

SHARE!
Pasqua Yaqui Tribe, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, and Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation will be sharing music, song and dancing with all of us to participate in and enjoy.

6:00 pm  ASSOCIATION ON AMERICAN INDIAN AFFAIRS
97th ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

6:45 pm  PASCOLA AND DEER DANCE,
PASCUA YAQUI TRIBE KOLENCIA

7:05 pm  HONORING LEIGH KUWANWISIWMA, HOPI PUEBLO

7:35 pm  SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA TRADITIONAL DANCERS

8:00 pm  HONORING BARNABY V. LEWIS, GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

8:30 pm  THE MASWADAE GROUP, FORT MCDOWELL YAVAPAI NATION
THURSDAY–NOVEMBER 14, 2019

Healing the Divide & Developing Partnerships
All sessions will be held in the Wassaja Room #109-111

7:30 – 8:30 am  Breakfast & Networking

8:30 – 10:30 am  WORKING WITH INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS
Talk with international institutions about processes for repatriation. See separate hand-out for information about the international panelists that will be joining in-person and via video conferencing.
Facilitators: Martin Schultz, Curator of North American and Arctic Collections, National Museums of World Cultures, Stockholm and Gothenburg, Sweden; and Colleen Medicine, Director of Language & Culture, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

10:30 – 10:45 am  Break

10:45 – 11:00 am  THE TUNICA TREASURE: A GIFT FROM THE ANCESTORS
John D. Barbry, Director of Development & Programing, Education Program, Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana.

11:00 – 12:00 pm  REPATRIATING CULTURE: BEYOND THE TANGIBLE
Tribes are taking important steps to increase legal protections for intangible culture heritage. Learn about protecting intangible cultural heritage.
Melody McCoy, Staff Attorney, Native American Rights Fund; Trevor Reed, Associate Professor, Arizona State University of Law.

12:00 – 1:15 pm  LUNCH: NATIONAL NAGPRA PROGRAM LISTENING SESSION
Potential revisions to the NAGPRA regulations.

1:30 – 2:30 pm  REPATRIATING ARCHIVAL AND DIGITAL RECORDS
Learn about collaborative initiatives in the repatriation of cultural heritage beyond NAGPRA "cultural items."
Guha Shankar, Folklife Specialist, American Folklife Center Library of Congress; Donald Soctomah, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Passamaquoddy Nation; Cordelia Hooee, Tribal Archivist, Zuni Tribal Archives; Arden Kucate, Councilman, Pueblo of Zuni.

2:30 – 3:30 pm  INTER-TRIBAL EFFORTS: TRIBAL NATIONS DEVELOPING UNITY OF STRENGTH AND POSITION
This panel will discuss Inter-Tribal collaboration to support repatriation.
Shannon Martin, NAGPRA Designee, Director of Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways; Colleen Medicine, Director of Language & Culture, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; Reylynne Williams, Cultural Resource Specialist, THPO, Gila River Indian Community; Shane Anton, THPO, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community; Timothy McKeown, Senior Adjunct Research Fellow, National Centre for Indigenous Studies, Australian National University.

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THURSDAY–NOVEMBER 14, 2019
Healing the Divide & Developing Partnerships
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3:30 – 3:45 pm  Break

3:45 – 5:00 pm  HEALING THE DIVIDE and MOVING FORWARD
Leading up to the 30th Anniversary of NAGPRA on November 16, 2020, what do we need to do over the next year to continue to HEAL THE DIVIDE?
Shannon Keller O’Loughlin, Executive Director and Attorney, Association on American Indian Affairs; William Johnson, Curator, Ziibiwing Center of Anishinaabe Culture & Lifeways; Martina Dawley, Senior Archaeologist, Department of Cultural Resources, Hualapai Tribe; Jaclyn Roessel, President, Grownup Navajo.

5:00 pm  CLOSING & FAREWELL
Fort McDowell Veterans Association will post colors. Raphael Bear, President of the Yavapai Indian Foundation will give the closing blessing.

Please join us to view BLOOD MEMORY, featuring Sandy White Hawk
Wassaja Room #109-111
6:00—9:00 pm

BLOOD MEMORY is a video documentary about the effects of historic trauma that has arisen out of failed federal policies aimed at assimilating American Indian and Alaska Native peoples and removing Indian children from their families and cultures.

Battles over blood quantum and ‘best interests’ re-surface the untold history of America’s Indian Adoption Era - a time when nearly one-third of children were removed from tribal communities nationwide. As political scrutiny over Indian child welfare intensifies, an adoption survivor helps others find their way home through song and ceremony.

The evening will be hosted by the Association, and feature Sandy White Hawk, Board member of the Association. At 18 months old, Sandy was removed from her Sicangu Lakota relatives and taken to live with a Christian missionary couple 400 miles away, where her skin color and cultural heritage were rejected. She grew up void of kinship and familial support, feeling ugly, alone and unworthy of love.

We hope you enjoy this powerful movie.
Meet our Speakers!

Shane Anton is the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. He has extensive experience working within the SRP-MIC, other Tribal governments and Tribal cultural resource consultations. Within the Tribal Historic Preservation Office, Shane oversees NHPA, NAGPRA consultation and research, and SRP-MIC Traditional Agriculture and Cultural Sensitivity Training sections.

Anne Amati is the NAGPRA Coordinator for the University of Denver Museum of Anthropology and is responsible for NAGPRA compliance as well as ensuring that the University is cultivating and maintaining good relationships with Tribes. Anne is part of an initiative to develop a network for individuals engaged in implementing NAGPRA funded by an Institute of Museum and Library Services’ National Leadership Grant for Museums.

Jaime Arsenault is the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Repatriation Representative, and Archives Manager for the White Earth Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. She is a former National Advisory Board Member of the Association of Tribal Archives, and Repatriation Committee Member for the University of Massachusetts. Jaime is a member of the Repatriation Review Committee of the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History and Repatriation Working Group for the Association on American Indian Affairs, an Advisory Board Member for the Penobscot Nation, and sits on the Advisory Committee and the Collections Committee of the Peabody Institute of Archaeology. Jaime also serves as a Partner on decolonization practice for the Abbe Museum.

John D. Barbry has served as Director of Development and Programing for the Tunica-Biloxi Language & Culture Revitalization Program since 2014. John was the first Native American appointed archivist at the Smithsonian Institution’s National Museum of the American Indian in 1993. Since 2016, John has also served as project director for a U.S. Department of Education demonstration grant that provides Tunica-Biloxi youth with the resources needed to stay in school, be college and career-ready, and graduate. John holds a B.A. in Music Education from McNeese State University and a M.A. in History from the University of New Orleans.

Timothy Begay is Navajo and the Cultural Specialist for the Navajo Nation Heritage and Historic Preservation Department. His duties include identifying and documenting Navajo items in museum collections, consulting with museum personnel to establish NAGPRA status for Navajo objects, and facilitating repatriations to the Navajo Nation. He is an ordained Hataalii (medicine man). Begay’s work has resulted in 83 repatriations to the Navajo Nation, and has also served as an expert witness on NAGPRA cases.

Sean Blanchet is Business Director and Co-owner of Revere Auctions in St. Paul, MN. Sean has over 15 years of experience working in the art market and is spearheading the client-facing side of Revere Auctions’ initiative for the creation of an ethical auction marketplace of Native American objects.

Bernadine Burnette is President of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation. President Burnette has served for more than two decades as a Tribal Council Member and during that time has held the positions of Secretary, Vice President, and President. President Burnette’s record of public service is extensive; beyond her leadership at the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, she has also served on many boards of organizations, including stints as Vice President of the Arizona Indian Gaming Association and as Secretary of the National Indian Gaming Association.

Andrea Carmen is a citizen of the Yaqui Nation and has served as Executive Director of the International Indian Treaty Council since 1992. Andrea has presented at countless UN bodies, summits and seminars addressing human rights, UNDRIP, climate change, treaties, food sovereignty, sustainable development, international repatriation, and other issues affecting Indigenous people. She previously served on the Global Steering Committee for the International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change. Andrea was selected to serve as a representative on the Facilitative Working Group for the UNFCCC Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Traditional Knowledge Exchange Platform.

Kristen Carpenter is the Council Tree Professor of Law and the Director of the American Indian Law Program at the University of Colorado Law School, where her teaching, research, and community work focuses on the legal claims of indigenous peoples. Kristen also serves as the Chair Rapporteur of the United Nations Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. She is a graduate of Dartmouth College and Harvard Law School.
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**Timothy Carpenter** is a Supervisory Special Agent with the FBI where he started in 2004 after serving 11 years in the Air Force, and 6 years as a Police Officer. Timothy has worked a multitude of programs including international terrorism, domestic terrorism, explosives/weapon of mass destruction, violent crime, major theft, art crime, and worked as a bomb technician. In 2016, Timothy was selected to manage the FBI’s Art Theft Program and leads the Bureau’s efforts against cultural property crime. Tim is a graduate of the University of Tennessee.

**Franklin Chavez** is a member of the Kewa Pueblo. Franklin is a Special Agent and ARPA/NAGPRA Investigator with the BIA Cultural Resources Division, BIA Office of Justice Services, Albuquerque, NM. He has been employed in law enforcement for approximately 23 years, with 19½ years of federal service through BIA/OJS. He worked as a patrol officer, corrections officer, criminal investigator, internal affairs agent, and professional standards inspector, and served as a traditional leader for his Pueblo in 2013.

**Gail Dabaluz** is pursuing a Ph.D. in Indigenous Studies with a concentration in the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act. Her research examines repatriation cases in Southeast Alaska from a Tribal and clan perspective. As ancient, secular, clan cultural objects return home, they are welcomed in time-honored ways while new ceremonies develop. Gail wants to ensure important Indigenous knowledge is imparted when these returns occur. Through this process, it is her goal to inspire younger Tribal citizens to combine their cultural epistemology with higher education.

**Allison Davis** is a Cultural Property Research Analyst for the U.S. Department of State and works to reduce looting and trafficking of cultural property from Latin America. She also coordinates with Tribal Nations seeking access to, or repatriation of, human remains and sacred items located outside the U.S. Before joining the Department, Allison carried out archaeological research in Peru for 15 years. She also has excavated in Italy and the United States. Allison taught archaeology and anthropology at Oberlin College and Brown University. She is an alumna of the Fulbright U.S. Student Program in Peru. She holds an A.B. cum laude in anthropology from Dartmouth College and an M.A. and Ph.D. in anthropology from the University of Michigan.

**Martina Dawley** is Hualapai/Navajo and the Senior Archaeologist for the Hualapai Department of Cultural Resources in Peach Springs, Arizona. Her responsibilities are preserving and managing the cultural resources of the Hualapai people while adhering to standards established by the Tribal Historic Preservation Office, the Hualapai Cultural Resources Ordinance, and the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards. She holds a Ph.D. in American Indian Studies with a focus on caring for ancestral remains and their belongings as it relates to repatriation.

**Lydia Dean-Sutton** is pursuing a Masters in Anthropology with a concentration in Museum and Heritage Studies at the University of Denver. Her research focuses on how museums in the United States repatriate ancestors and belongings through alternative processes to NAGPRA and how Native American knowledges and practices are incorporated into repatriation procedures and collections management programs.

**Roberta Colombo Dougoud** is a cultural anthropologist and studied sociology at the University of Urbino (1990), and completed her Ph.D. in Anthropology at the University of Fribourg (2000). She has carried out fieldwork in Papua New Guinea, Morocco, Italy and Australia, has taught at the University of Fribourg, and been curator of the Oceania collection at the Ethnographic Museum of Geneva since 1999. Her research focus is on changes in art, history of collections, contemporary Oceanic art, art and identity, tourism, intercultural communication and collaborative anthropology with Indigenous communities.

**Carine Durand** is a social anthropologist and completed her MPhil in Ethnology at the University of Aix-en-Provence (France 1999), M.A. in International Negotiation (2000), and doctorate at the University of Cambridge (2010). Her 15 year experience includes curatorial and research capacities at the Musée des Confluences, the University of Cambridge Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, and the Nordiska Museet. She has curated several public exhibitions about contemporary indigenous art and political movement for the Musée des Confluences, the Cambridge Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology and the Nordiska Museet, and conducted a research project into collaborative exhibitions between Indigenous Peoples and European museums.

**Angela Garcia-Lewis** is the Cultural Preservation Compliance Supervisor for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community THPO. Angela’s primary responsibility is consultation under the various cultural resource statutes that apply to the federal, state, Tribal, and private land jurisdictions within the ancestral lands of the O’Odham and Piipaash cultures in central Arizona. Angela provides in...
Speakers Continued

(Angela Garcia-Lewis continued) put on projects ranging from international repatriation, museum exhibits that include information about the O’Odham and Piipaash, and educational outreach to various groups interested in the culture and history of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

**Robert Hershey** is Professor of Law Emeritus, and the founding Director of Clinical Education at the University of Arizona College of Law, where he also received his law degree. Previously he has worked as an Attorney for the Fort Defiance Agency on the Navajo Reservation, Litigation Counsel and Law Enforcement Legal Advisor to the White Mountain Apache Tribe, and Counsel to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe. He has taught at the University of Puerto Rico Escuela de Derechos, the University of Deusto in Spain, and the University of Victoria in Canada. Professor Hershey also serves, now in his thirtieth year, as Judge Pro Tempore for the Tohono O’odham Judiciary.

**Hillary Hoffmann** is a Professor of Law at Vermont Law School. She teaches Native Americans and the Law and various related courses. She has published numerous articles on Tribal cultural protection and co-authored a forthcoming book with Monte Mills, entitled *A Third Way: Decolonizing the Laws of Indigenous Cultural Protection*. She was recently appointed by Governor Philip Scott to the Vermont Commission on Native American Affairs, which advises the governor and the legislature on Tribal cultural protection policies and programs.

**Cordelia Hooee** is a Tribal Archivist with Zuni Tribal Archives. She has over 25 years experience working in libraries, mainly with the Zuni Public Library. She obtained her Master of Library Sciences degree at the University of Arizona and completed a graduate certificate program in Archival Studies. In 2017, she was named the first official archivist for the Zuni Tribal Council Library and Archives responsible for the preservation and enhancement of the administrative offices of the Tribal Governor and Council. For over a decade and a half she worked with the Library of Congress to digitally repatriate historic recordings of Zuni spoken word collections.

**William Johnson** is a Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan descendant. He has worked for 21 years and is currently the Curator of the Zibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways. He is Team Leader of the Cultural Resource Management Department and NAGPRA Designee. William is the Chairman of the Michigan Anishinaabek Cultural Preservation & Repatriation Alliance and is serving his third 4-year term. He has served since 2011 on the University of Michigan’s Advisory Committee on Culturally Unidentifiable Human Remains under NAGPRA.

**Katie Klass** is a member of the Wyandotte Nation and Partner at Hobbs, Strauss, Dean & Walker, LLC. She received her J.D. from the University of Arizona where she worked with Professors S. James Anaya in his capacity as U.N. Special Rapporteur and Robert Hershey in his role as Judge Pro Tempore for the Tohono O’odham Tribal Court. Katie began her legal career in the DOI Office of the Solicitor’s Honors Program before joining the Division of Indian Affairs. She worked on the *Michigan v. Bay Mills Indian Community Supreme Court litigation related to gaming eligibility, Tribal sovereign immunity, and federal acknowledgment. She and her firm are involved in the STOP Act legislation.*

**Stewart Koyiyumptewa** is a member of the Hopi Tribe and the Badger Clan from the village of Hotevilla. He is the Program Manager of the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office and previously served as the Hopi archivist and ethnohistorian for two decades. Stewart has participated in numerous museum exhibit planning and repatriation efforts, has led Traditional Cultural Properties and cultural affiliation studies, and is knowledgeable about traditional structures of Hopi culture. Stewart holds a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology/History from the University of Arizona.

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