The SIXTH ANNUAL REPATRIATION CONFERENCE

GROWING COMMUNITY AND MOVING FORWARD

AFTER 30 YEARS OF NAGPRA

To commemorate the 30th Anniversary of NAGPRA
October 27-28, 2020
(with workshops available on October 26, and
NAGPRA Review Committee Meetings being held on October 29-30)
At the Marriott Denver West
1717 Denver W Blvd, Golden, CO 80401

Call for Session Proposals
Submissions due April 13, 2020

Instructions for Submitting Proposals
Proposals for sessions should include at least the following information:
1. The title of the session;
2. The type of proposed session (Lecture, Panel, Roundtable, Poster)
3. The name, affiliation, bio with picture, mailing and email addresses of the facilitator and each session participant;
4. A brief description of the session for the program (not to exceed 50 words);
5. A detailed description of the session (not to exceed 500 words);
6. Learning outcomes (2-3 statements, 100 words max)
7. How much time is needed for the panel or workshop; and
8. A list of A/V equipment needed (e.g. projector, microphones, etc.).

Session proposals must be submitted by April 13, 2020, by 5:00 pm E.S.T. by email only to general.aaia@indian-affairs.org, with the subject line reading “Session Proposal.” Proposals will be reviewed by the Conference Planning Committee. After your proposal is submitted, you may be contacted for further information or revisions. Sessions will be selected based on their connection to the goals and theme of the conference.

The Planning Committee retains the right to amend proposed sessions. All panel presenters will be required to pay a Conference registration fee of $100. Scholarships may be available to assist with travel and registration expenses. Applications for scholarships will be posted separately and at a later date.
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Criteria for Selection

The Association on American Indian Affairs and the University of Denver Museum of Anthropology invites proposals for sessions that emphasize the 2020 Conference theme “growing community and moving forward after 30 years of NAGPRA.”

November 16, 2020 will mark the 30th anniversary of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act. NAGPRA is the first and only Native American human rights legislation that requires the repatriation of cultural heritage that has been held by institutions and government agencies. The Conference will look backwards to recognize and commemorate the importance of this landmark legislation and provide forward-looking strategies to grow and strengthen the repatriation community. In essence, this 30th anniversary of NAGPRA will allow us to look backward “to find tools that allow us to walk into the future.”

The Conference Planning Committee will review the session proposals based on:

- Does the Session commemorate NAGPRA's 30th Anniversary?
- Does the Session add value to the dialogue by providing new and interesting information about NAGPRA repatriation efforts, or efforts where NAGPRA does not apply?
- Does the Session interact with the audience to develop skills and strategies for further repatriation efforts?
- Is the Session and its contents respectful and supportive of community building and protecting Native American cultural heritage?

The Conference will provide plenary and concurrent sessions that deliver expertise on important and progressive topics about the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, how institution and Tribal efforts at repatriation have changed over the last 30 years, and how repatriation practices must develop in the future including NAGPRA, changes to NAGPRA and cultural heritage laws, and international repatriation.

Sample sessions may include:
- Repatriation Success Stories that Inspire and Guide Future Efforts
- Identifying and Moving Beyond Barriers to Repatriation
- Consultation and Negotiation Strategies
- Coalitions as a Mechanism to Further Repatriations
- International Repatriation
- Repatriation of Intangible Cultural Heritage
- Repatriation Beyond NAGPRA
- Tools and strategies to advance NAGPRA implementation and repatriation activities, and build collaborative relationships

A typical session will be 1 hour and 15 minutes long, which includes a 15 or 20-minute question and answer period or open discussion. However, shorter or longer sessions may also be proposed.