



The Association on American Indian Affairs

# THE 7th ANNUAL REPATRIATION CONFERENCE

ACCOUNTABLE TO OUR PAST, COMMITTED TO OUR FUTURE

A Virtual Conference November 3, 10 & 17, 2021

## Call for Session Proposals

Submission deadline June 7, 2021

**Accountable to Our Past, Committed to Our Future.** Repatriation is not just the act of returning Ancestors, their burial belongings, and sacred and cultural patrimony. Repatriation requires all parties involved – institutions, collectors, dealers, federal agencies, Tribal governments, attorneys, academics – to be truth tellers and healers. The 7th Annual Repatriation Conference will require us to acknowledge our accountability for the past and move together collectively, committed to a future where diverse Native American cultures and values are lived, protected and respected.

The Conference theme – **Accountable to Our Past, Committed to Our Future** – will be realized through interactive, virtual panels led by experts from diverse backgrounds within Tribal governments including Tribal repatriation practitioners and spiritual leaders, museums, academia, dealers and auctions, federal agencies, foreign museums, and legal counsel. These experts and partners will share examples and case studies where there has been a reckoning of history, and teach us about the process – using NAGPRA or other laws, or through consensual actions and best practices.

The Conference will provide connection, ceremony, and healing for participants, while also providing education and training for everyone committed to healing the past. Participants will come together for a variety of relevant panel discussions, breakout sessions, workshops, and networking opportunities to unite all participants in one mind in order to envision a world where diverse Native American cultures and values are lived, protected, and respected.

**Submitting your session proposal.** Please use the provided online google form to submit your session proposal [here](#).

The following information will be required when submitting:

- The title of the session;
- The type of proposed session (Lecture, Panel, Roundtable);
- The name, affiliation or title, email addresses, and a short bio for each session participant;
- A brief abstract of the session for the program (not to exceed 50 words);
- A detailed description of the session (not to exceed 500 words);
- Learning outcomes (2-3 statements, 100 words max)
- How much time is needed for the panel or workshop;
- Whether you have capability of presenting your panel virtually, and have access to video and audio through a computer or tablet;
- Proposal history (if presentation was used in the past);
- Please determine whether you would consider presenting this session as a webinar separate from the Conference.

Panel presentations must meet the following criteria:

1. Relevant to the Conference theme: Accountable to the Past, Committed to the Future.
2. Add value to repatriation practice by providing new and interesting information about repatriation efforts – whether those efforts are pursuant to NAGPRA, Tribal law, other laws, or efforts taking place to protect Native American cultural heritage domestically or abroad.
3. Interacts and involves the audience to develop skills, strategies, networks and collaborative efforts.
4. Provides respectful dialogue, even where there may be disagreement.
5. Includes anti-racism, decolonization, or truth-telling.
6. Involves collaborative efforts among diverse parties.
7. Provides take-away tools to achieve successful repatriation.

A typical session will be 1 hour and 30 minutes long, which should include a 20-minute question and answer period or open discussion. However, shorter or longer sessions may also be proposed.

Sample sessions may include:

Repatriation Success Stories that Inspire and Guide Future Efforts  
Decolonizing NAGPRA  
Anti-racism and truth-telling as a way to generate healing  
Identifying and Moving Beyond Barriers to Repatriation

## Consultation and Negotiation Strategies

Inter-tribal coalition building

International Repatriation-case studies and processes in particular countries

Repatriation of Intangible Cultural Heritage

Repatriation Beyond NAGPRA

What to do when a museum or federal agency will not comply with NAGPRA

How to build strategies for repatriation when NAGPRA does not apply

Please use the provided online google form to submit your session proposal [here](#). Proposals are due by 5:00 pm Eastern Time on Monday, June 7, 2021. Proposals will be reviewed by the Conference Planning Committee. Sessions will be selected based on their relevancy to the theme of the Conference and meet the criteria above.

After your proposal is submitted, you may be contacted for further information or revisions. The Planning Committee may ask that your session be amended to support the Conference agenda.

All presenters must register for the Conference by Friday, October 1, 2021. Presenters not registered by October 1 will be removed from the program. Registration for presenters is discounted to \$100. Registration includes free, online access to all conference events live, and on-demand for up to 3 months after the conclusion of the conference, as well as access to other repatriation events and discounted membership with the Association.

Scholarships may be available to assist with registration expenses. Applications for scholarships will be posted separately and at a later date.

Please note this is a public conference and all sessions will be recorded for educational purposes.

Contact the Association at [general@indian-affairs.org](mailto:general@indian-affairs.org) or (240) 314-7155 if you have questions.



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