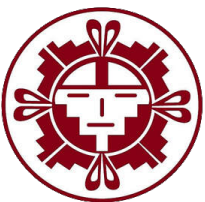
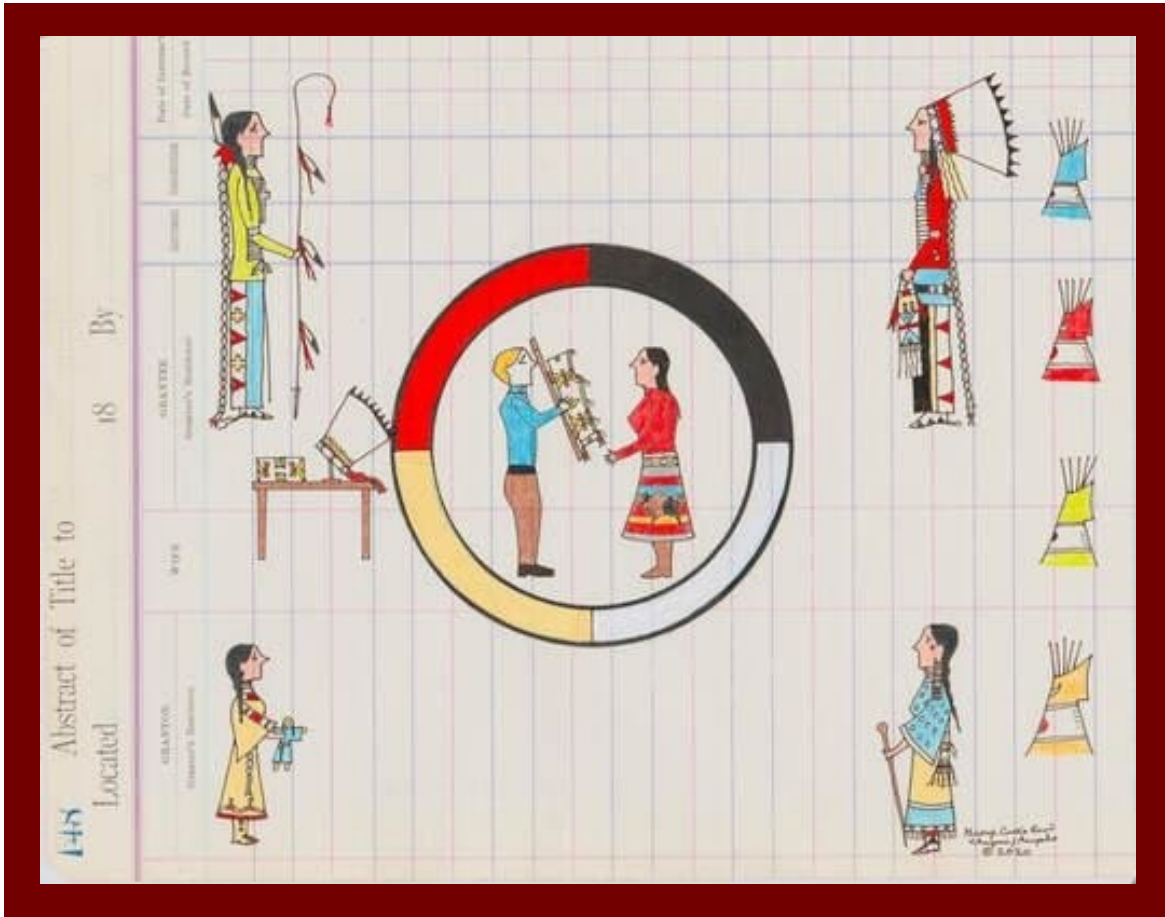


6th Annual Repatriation Conference

Growing community & moving forward after 30 years of NAGPRA

October 26 – 28, 2020



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WELCOME!

Welcome to the 6th Annual Repatriation Conference! We are so glad you're joining us. We look forward to building new relationships and strategies together during the Conference and into the future. We hope our virtual platform, networking opportunities and constructive sessions helps us build stronger relationships and move forward together after 30 years of NAGPRA.

Our nation is in the midst of a human rights reckoning. Congress explicitly designed NAGPRA to be human rights legislation. We will dive into that core intent for our 30th anniversary commemoration and examination of NAGPRA.

We want this Conference to deepen your knowledge of how to implement NAGPRA; add to your repatriation toolkit; broaden the network of repatriation practitioners; and deepen our connections to one another and the Ancestors.

Structure

We designed the Conference to build strategies and competencies as you progress through the sessions. We want you to end the Conference with a "full bucket" and a fierce heart. At the end, we challenge ourselves to go beyond NAGPRA, imagine how repatriation can grow. We will strategize next steps for making that happen.

Let the following guide your choices as you navigate the sessions:

- Plenary sessions pull us together to learn from some of the most impactful repatriation practitioners and thinkers.
- Our concurrent workshops and panels are organized around themes. Choose the concurrent workshop or panel that speaks to you.
- Networking breakout sessions during the lunch hour invite you to meet new people and share common problems and successes!
- We want to hear your voices! Your comments and questions during the panels help us all learn.

Access After the Conference

If you have a difficult time making a decision about what concurrent session to attend, or you have to leave the virtual platform for any reason, don't forget that you have 3 months after the Conference is over to return to the platform and watch the sessions on demand. All the sessions will be recorded so that our registered participants can have the full benefit of the entire Conference and all its content.

Exhibitors & Vendors

Please consider taking a few moments to peruse the Vendor and Exhibitor pages. They are committed to our issues and want to support and inspire you!

Conference Art (on program cover)

George Curtis Levi is a member of the Southern Cheyenne Tribe of Oklahoma. He specializes in Cheyenne-style ledger art, acrylic and watercolor paintings, as well as custom beadwork and parfleche work. The art and history of the Cheyenne people motivate him in his art.

This ledger art piece features at its center a museum curator showing a cradleboard to a Cheyenne woman. The other figures represent the different stages of life.

Read more at Indian-Affairs.org/conferenceartist

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The Association and DUMA wish to thank the **National NAGPRA Program** and the **Institute of Museum and Library Services** for providing funding that allowed so many Tribal representatives and institutions with budget shortfalls to attend this year's Conference. It is so important for all of us to come together to commemorate the 30th anniversary of NAGPRA, and learn new tools and strategies to achieve the human rights goal the Act was meant to accomplish!

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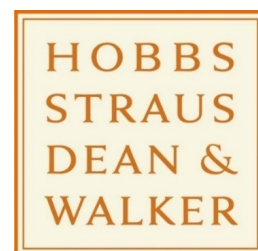
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SCHEDULE SUMMARY

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Monday, October 26

12:30–3:30 ET Workshops

4:00–6:00 Opening keynote & plenary session with Suzan Shown Harjo and Philip Deloria

Tuesday, October 27

10:30–12:15 ET Conference welcome & plenary session: *From Repatriation to Rematriation: Honoring the Ancestors and Their Seeds*

12:15–1:00 Networking lunch breakout rooms

1:15–2:30 Concurrent Sessions A: *Where Are We After 30 Years?*

2:45–4:00 Concurrent Sessions B: *Defining The Issues*

4:15–5:30 Concurrent Sessions C: *Brainstorming Ideas*

Wednesday, October 28

11:00–12:15 ET Concurrent Sessions D: *Moving Beyond NAGPRA*

12:15–1:15 NAGPRA Community of Practice Lunch

1:30–3:30 Plenary Session: *Mythbusting NAGPRA*

3:45–5:00 Plenary Session: *Building Community & Moving Forward*

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

All times listed in Eastern Time (ET)

12:30-3:30 Workshops

Workshop 1: Consultation and Collaboration between Federal Agencies and Indian Tribes for the implementation of NAGPRA: Processes for Inadvertent Discovery, Discovery with a Plan, and Reburial

Federal agencies are mandated under NAGPRA and federal law to consult with Indian Tribes to carry out repatriation and graves protection activities. In addition, federally managed lands are subject to NAGPRA and some federally managed lands are available for reinterment. Yet, differences between departmental and agency authorities lead to misunderstandings and inconsistencies regarding the implementation of NAGPRA. With the 30th anniversary of NAGPRA occurring on November 16, 2020, now is a good time to reflect on where we have been, learn from our successes and challenges, and to strengthen our community of practice.

Workshop panelists will share examples, authorities and policies. Session facilitators will open discussions with Tribal representatives and others to ask questions and voice perspectives and priorities. The discussion will culminate with an outline of best practices for federal agencies to consult with Indian Tribes to implement NAGPRA, and opportunities for agencies and Tribes to proactively move collaborative work forward. Discussion will include how best to consult and work together during the coronavirus pandemic.

Bridget Ambler, *Supervisory Museum Curator, Canyons of the Ancients Visitor Center and Museum, Bureau of Land Management*

Kathy Boden, *Deputy Preservation Officer, Tribal Consultation and NAGPRA Coordinator, Wyoming Bureau of Land Management*

Kim Charlie, *Pueblo of Acoma, and Tribal Historic Preservation Office Board for the Pueblo of Acoma*

Cynthia Herhahn, *Deputy Preservation Officer, New Mexico Bureau of Land Management*

Kara Hurst, *National Curator and NAGPRA Coordinator, Bureau of Reclamation*

Mowana Lomaomvaya, *Hopi, MA Anthropology Graduate Student, Northern Arizona University*

Dr. Timothy McKeown, *Legal Anthropologist and Repatriation Consigliere*

Emily S. Palus, *Chief, Museum & Cultural Resources Division, Manager, Interior Museum Program, U.S. Department of the Interior*

Theresa Pasqual, *Pueblo of Acoma, former Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Pueblo of Acoma*

Kurt Riley, *Former Governor of the Pueblo of Acoma*

Rosemary Sucec, *Cultural Anthropologist and NAGPRA Coordinator, Regions 6, 7 and 8, National Park Service*

Wendy Sutton, *NAGPRA Coordinator & Region 3 Assistant Regional Archaeologist, Southwest Regional Office, U.S. Forest Service*

Karen Wilde, *Muscogee Creek, Tribal Liaison Specialist/Acting Manager THPP, WASO NPS (Detail), National Park Service*

Workshop 2: NAGPRA is a Law not a Research Project: A Training Workshop for Beginners to Advanced

Since 1990, federal law has required the repatriation and disposition of Native American “cultural items.” In order to encourage a continuing dialogue between museums and Indian Tribes, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiian organizations, and to promote a greater understanding between the groups, Congress established an administrative process to determine which items would be returned and to whom. This process comes with legal obligations that museums and federal agencies must fulfil and further sets forward the rights and responsibilities for Indian Tribes, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiian organizations.

This workshop will explore the administrative process from three different angles: (1) the letter of the law, (2) discretion and decision-making, and (3) the current status of reported human remains. Each part of the workshop will include a short presentation and time for questions and answers.

Sarah Glass, *Notice/Grants, National NAGPRA Program, National Park Service, Department of the Interior*

Laurie Jennings, *Documents/Reports, National NAGPRA Program, National Park Service, Department of the Interior*

Lesa Koscielski, *Review Committee, National NAGPRA Program, National Park Service, Department of the Interior*

Melanie O’Brien, *Manager, National NAGPRA Program, National Park Service, Department of the Interior*

Shannon O’Loughlin, *Executive Director & Attorney, Association on American Indian Affairs*

Mariah Soriano, *Compliance/Website, National NAGPRA Program, National Park Service, Department of the Interior*

David Tarler, *Enforcement/Regulations, National NAGPRA Program, National Park Service, Department of the Interior*

WORKSHOP 3: Creating Reciprocal Avenues to Meaningful Change: Tribal Experts Respond to Burdens and Excuses from Museums, Universities, and Other Institutions

The panel joins wisdom and experience from the frontlines of NAGPRA work. The workshop addresses examples of burdens that institutions have faced as they comply with NAGPRA. But are these real burdens, mere excuses, or a complex combination of both? Tribal voices will respond as participants dig into how best to move forward—collaboratively—to protect Native American rights to repatriation.

On Tuesday, October 27th at 4:00 pm Eastern, there will be a follow up session to this workshop that will allow panelists and audience members to brainstorm strategies that emerge by consensus from the workshop.

Cassandra Atencio, *citizen of, and NAGPRA Coordinator for, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe*

Lyle J. Balenquah, *Hopi Tribe, and Cultural Resources Consultant, Northern Arizona University*

April M. Beisaw, *Associate Professor of Anthropology, Department of Anthropology, Vassar College*

Bruce Bernstein, *Tribal Historic Preservation Office, Pueblo of Pojoaque*

Megan Cook, *Director of Archaeology Collections, Mississippi Archives and History*

Jenny L. Davis, *citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, Director, Native American & Indigenous Languages Lab, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*

Lauren Downs, *Visiting Assistant Professor of Anthropology, University of Alabama-Birmingham*

Kathleen Fine-Dare, *NAGPRA Liaison and Professor Emeritus of Anthropology, Fort Lewis College*

Rae Gould, *citizen of the Nipmuc Nation, and Associate Director, Native American and Indigenous Studies, Brown University*

William Johnson, *citizen of, and Curator for, the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan*

Kristin Kayaani, *Navajo Nation, and Fort Lewis College NAGPRA Grant Collections Specialist*

Blythe Morrison, *descendant of the Pikuni Blackfeet Nation, and Fort Lewis College NAGPRA Grant Collections Specialist*

Megon Noble, *NAGPRA Project Manager, University of California, Davis*

Sarah R. O'Donnell, *NAGPRA Coordinator, Osage Nation Historic Preservation Office*

Marti Only A Chief, *citizen of, and NAGPRA Project Coordinator for, the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma*

Paul F. Reed, *Preservation Archaeologist, Archaeology Southwest*

Patricia Reid, *NAGPRA Collections Project Volunteer Manager, Bixby Memorial Free Library*

J. Amadeaus Scott, *NAGPRA Collections Manager, University of Michigan Museum of Anthropological Archaeology*

Ben Secunda, *NAGPRA Project Manager, University of Michigan*

Dyan Youpee, *Lakota and citizen of and Cultural Resource Director, Cultural Resources Department, for the Fort Peck Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes*

4:00-6:00 Opening Keynote & Plenary

The Need for Religious Freedom and Human Rights: The Reckoning of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act

The history of the development of NAGPRA is complex. As the first true human rights law for Indian Country, it was intended by Congress to address the horrific inequities that were caused by historic federal policy meant to destroy and assimilate Indigenous Peoples. Suzan Shown Harjo was at the center of the struggle to educate Congress and lead the change for a reversal of how Indigenous Ancestors, funerary objects, and sacred and cultural patrimony will be forever treated.

Featuring **Suzan Shown Harjo**, *Cheyenne and Hodulgee Muscogee, President of the Morning Star Institute, an advocate for American Indian rights, a poet, writer, lecturer, curator, and policy advocate*

Conversation facilitated by **Philip Deloria**, *Dakota, Professor of Native American and Indigenous Studies, Department of History Chair, Committee on Degrees in History and Literature, Harvard University*

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

All times listed in Eastern Time (ET)

10:30-11:00 Conference Welcome & Opening Prayer

11:00-12:15 Plenary Session

From Repatriation to Rematriation: Honoring the Ancestors and Their Seeds

Building on the efforts of those who fought to establish NAGPRA and who have worked to bring Ancestors and cultural belongings home over the past 30 years, in this plenary we turn our focus to the future. Panelists will discuss essential areas where focus is needed, and strategies for how to engage with reluctant institutions. Particularly, they will discuss strategies for moving institutions toward an understanding that relationships with Tribes, built and strengthened through NAGPRA work, are generative and can lead to new and innovative Tribally designed and led partnerships. Out of those partnerships cutting edge research is allowing for the repatriation and rematriation of heirloom seeds.

Sonya Atalay, *Anishinaabe-Ojibwe, Wabizheshi/Pine Martin Clan, and Associate Professor, Anthropology Department, University of Massachusetts Amherst*

Shannon Martin, *Lynx Clan and an enrolled citizen of the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomini Indians and a descendant of the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, and Director of Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways*

David Michener, *University of Michigan, Curator, University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens & Nichols Arboretum*

12:15-1:00 Networking Lunch Breakout Rooms

Bring your lunch and connect with fellow Conference attendees in small group networking sessions. Facilitators will answer any questions about the virtual platform and help your small group get to know each other. Everyone will join the lunch together and then will be split up randomly into smaller groups so that we can meet each other in a smaller group setting.

1:15-2:30 Concurrent Sessions A: Where Are We After 30 Years?

Participants can choose one of these four concurrent sessions that discuss the current status quo of NAGPRA practice.

1. Building on 30 Years of Repatriation in Southeast Alaska: A Case Study regarding Summary Objects

From a strictly Tlingit perspective, we will share how repatriation is interwoven with our Indigenous spiritual life, how we practice spirituality supported through ceremony, expressed in timeless clan songs and dances. These efforts have led to a high number of successful repatriations claims throughout the United States on behalf of Tlingit tribal citizens. Alaska federally recognized Tribes are submitting successful repatriation claims, and go beyond the federal NAGPRA legislation by repatriation and returned our Ancestor's possessions that are clan specific.

Gail Dabaluz, *Tlingit/Haida/Tsimshian Yéil (Raven) Moiety, L'uknax.ádi (Silver Salmon) clan, MA Ph. D Candidate, University of Alaska Fairbanks*

Harold Jacobs, *Tlingit Ch'áak' (Eagle) Moiety, Yanyeidí (Wolf) clan, Cultural Resource Specialist, Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska*

Judy Ramos, *Tlingit Yéil (Raven) Moiety, Kwaashki Kwaan (Humpback Salmon) clan, MA Ph. D Candidate University of Alaska Fairbanks*

2. Looking at the Data after 30 Years: Mapping the Journey of the Ancestors

Since 1990, the Department of the Interior has received a wealth of information on every individual set of Ancestral remains reported under NAGPRA. Nearly all (96%) of the Ancestral remains reported were removed from known locations and most (75%) went

to museums or repositories in the same state. At an aggregate, national level, this information provides significant insight into where, when, and possibly why these Ancestral remains were removed from their resting places. After a brief introduction on the available data, this session will be interactive, so bring your questions about NAGPRA and put the data to the test.

Anne Amati, *NAGPRA Coordinator, University of Denver*

Ellyn DeMuynck, *graduate, University of Denver*

Melanie O'Brien, *Manager, National NAGPRA Program, National Park Service, Department of the Interior*

3. How the Columbia Plateau Found Success

This session provides a regional perspective on NAGPRA spotlighting centers of convergence and partnership among Tribal representatives and museum practitioners on the Columbia Plateau.

Jacqueline M. Cook, *Colville Descendent and Repatriation Specialist & Collections Manager, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation*

Lourdes Henebry-DeLeon, *NAGPRA Project Director, Central Washington University*

Angela Neller, *Kānaka 'Ōiwi and Curator at Wanapum Heritage Center, Columbia Plateau Inter-Tribal Repatriation Group*

Kate Valdez, *Yakama and the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation*

4. Enforcement and Compliance: What the Law Does and Does Not Do

A microcosm of NAGPRA's thirty-year history can be explored by reviewing the crime now known as *U.S. v. Thomas A. Munson* (2016). In July of 1990, to circumvent the pending provisions of NAGPRA, the manager of Effigy Mounds National Monument in Iowa stole the remains of 41 Indigenous people from the Monument's museum collection and imprisoned them in his garage for over two decades. They were rescued by National Park Service officers in a transparent partnership with twenty Tribal governments. All Ancestors are just now being prepared for repatriation to return to their journey. The lessons of this saga offer broad implications of NAGPRA's past and future and reveal the benefits of building robust government-to-government relationships.

David Barland-Liles, *Law Enforcement Program Manager of Effigy Mounds National Monument, and National NAGPRA Office Investigator*

Franky Jackson, *Compliance Officer, The Prairie Island Indian Community in the State of Minnesota*

Samantha Odegard, *citizen of, and Tribal Historic Preservation Officer and NAGPRA representative for the Upper Sioux Community, Pezihutazizi K'api*

Sunshine Thomas-Bear, *a citizen of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska and Tribal Historic Preservation Officer and Cultural Preservation Director, Angel De Cora Museum, for the Winnebago Tribe*

2:45-4:00 Concurrent Sessions B: Defining the Issues

Participants can choose one of these four concurrent sessions that detail and discuss some of the issues and burdens of NAGPRA practice.

1. What is Cultural Affiliation: The Abbott Farm Case

Museum affiliation decisions are often opaque, confusing, and contradictory. When museums make different decisions about split and shared collections there is an opportunity to better understand how decisions are made and to inform ongoing and future consultations and affiliation determinations. In this session, experienced Tribal NAGPRA representatives discuss the Abbott Farm case, with a focus on solutions to the challenges posed by split and shared collections, and divergent affiliation decisions.

Deanna L. Byrd, *citizen of and NAGPRA Liaison, Historic Preservation Department, for the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma*

Brice Obermeyer, *Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Delaware Tribe Historic Preservation Office, Delaware Tribe of Indians*

Sarah O'Donnell, *NAGPRA Coordinator, Osage Nation Historic Preservation Office*

Ryan Wheeler, Ph.D, *Director, Robert S. Peabody Institute of Archaeology*

2. Compliance & Enforcement: Tricky Issues

Significant issues with NAGPRA remain that are sometimes difficult to uncover without a comprehensive understanding of the law and its regulations and how they work to achieve compliance. This panel offers participants the opportunity to understand how the law can be used to support NAGPRA compliance. In the absence of effective compliance and enforcement measures, are there other opportunities to obtain museum and federal agency repatriation? This will be an active discussion, so bring your compliance questions.

Shannon O'Loughlin, *citizen of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Executive Director & Attorney for the Association on American Indian Affairs*

3. Preserving Confidentiality While Protecting Cultural Heritage

In the pursuit of protecting cultural heritage, Tribes are frequently compelled to exchange sensitive and confidential information. NAGPRA and various other cultural heritage protection related laws do not explicitly provide protections to Tribes regarding this information. But Tribes are not without recourse. This workshop will explore strategies and best practices for ensuring information remains confidential through consultation and other cultural heritage protection-related processes. This workshop will be anchored by a White Paper drafted by the UCLA School of Law's Tribal Legal Development Clinic.

Cindi Alvitre, *Tongva and Professor, California State University Long Beach, Director, Ti'at Society, Traditional Council of Pimu*

Sam Cohen, *Government Affairs and Legal Officer, Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians*

Shannon Martin, *Lynx Clan and an enrolled citizen of the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians and a descendant of the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, and Director of Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways*

Desiree Martinez, *Tongva and President, Cogstone Resource Management*

Lauren van Schilfgaarde, *San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Tribal Legal Development Clinic Director, UCLA School of Law*

Wendy Teeter, *Curator of Archaeology, Fowler Museum at UCLA; UCLA Repatriation Coordinator; Lecturer, American Indian Studies, Member, UC President's Native American Advisory Council*

4. Graves Protection: Protecting What is in the Earth

Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and Southern Ute Indian Tribe, in collaboration with the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs and History Colorado, led an effort to address the disturbance of graves inadvertently discovered on state and private lands. Consultation with 45 additional Tribes with Ancestral ties to Colorado resulted in a protocol for the care of culturally unidentifiable individuals, which was approved by the NAGPRA Review Committee. Presenters from the two Colorado Nations, CCIA and History Colorado will provide a brief history of the protocol's development, its main points, and its results.

Bridget Ambler, *former Curator at History Colorado, Supervisory Museum Curator, Canyons of the Ancients Visitor Center and Museum, Bureau of Land Management*

Cassandra Atencio, *citizen of, and NAGPRA Coordinator for, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe*

Garrett Briggs, *citizen of, and NAGPRA Coordinator for, Southern Ute Indian Tribe*

Sheila Goff, *Retired NAGPRA Liaison, Curator of Archaeology, History Colorado*

Ernest House Jr., *Ute Mountain Ute, former Executive Director of Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs, and currently Senior Policy Director at Keystone Policy Center*

4:15-5:30 Concurrent Sessions C: Brainstorming Strategies

Participants can choose one of these three concurrent sessions that will be focused on building strategies to meet the issues and burdens of NAGPRA practice.

1. Tribal Law as the First Strategy

Tribal Nations are sovereign governments – each with their own diverse body of laws, customs and traditions. In order to develop a strong strategy that supports the repatriation of cultural items under NAGPRA, as well as affirm jurisdiction over all cultural heritage, development of proactive Tribal laws should be primary and, with traditional leaders, set the policy that institutions and federal agencies must deal with. This will be an active discussion, so bring your questions and examples of your Tribal laws that support the protection of cultural heritage.

Robert A. Hershey, *Attorney and Professor Emeritus at the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law and American Indian Studies*

2. Creating Reciprocal Avenues to Meaningful Change: Tribal Experts Respond to Institutional Burdens and Excuses After 30 Years of NAGPRA and Nearly 530 Years of Dispossession

In this follow up session, panelists from the previous workshop on Monday, October 26—"Creating Reciprocal Avenues to Meaningful Change"—reconvene with audience members to consider recommendations that emerged through consensus from the Monday workshop, which examined some of the roadblocks, frustrations, and qualified successes diverse institutions have experienced in seeking effective institutional responses to NAGPRA. Reflecting upon requirements of the law as well as relationship building, participants will discuss and evaluate changes that need to occur within institutions if they are to achieve respectful, meaningful, ongoing, and collaborative NAGPRA compliance.

Lyle Balenquah, *Hopi Tribe and Cultural Resources Consultant, Northern Arizona University*

April Beisaw, *Vassar College, Associate Professor of Anthropology*

Bruce Bernstein, *Tribal Historic Preservation Department, Pueblo of Pojoaque*

Megan Cook, *Director of Archaeology Collections, Mississippi Archives and History*

Kathleen Fine-Dare, *NAGPRA Liaison and Professor Emeritus of Anthropology, Fort Lewis College*

Rae Gould, *citizen of the Nipmuc Nation, and Associate Director, Native American and Indigenous Studies, Brown University*

Blythe Morrison, *citizen of the Pikuni Blackfeet Nation, and Fort Lewis College NAGPRA Grant Collections Specialist*

3. Tribal Coalitions and Consultation in Repatriation Work

Intertribal consortiums can work powerfully with institutions, and one another, on behalf of the Ancestors. Insights and strategies are offered by members of the Michigan Anishinaabek Cultural Preservation and Repatriation Alliance (MACPRA) & the Southeastern Tribal Alliance for Repatriation and Reburial (STARR) Alliance.

Deanna Byrd, *citizen of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and NAGPRA Liaison for the Choctaw Nation Historic Preservation Department and STARR Alliance*

William Johnson, *citizen of, and Curator for, the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan*

Melanie O'Brien, *Manager, National NAGPRA Program, National Park Service, Department of the Interior*

Angela Neller, *Kānaka 'Ōiwi and Curator at Wanapum Heritage Center, Columbia Plateau Inter-Tribal Repatriation Group*

J. Amadeaus Scott, *NAGPRA Collections Manager, University of Michigan Museum of Anthropological Archaeology*

Ben Secunda, *Ph.D., NAGPRA Project Manager, University of Michigan*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

All times listed in Eastern Time (ET)

11:00-12:15 Concurrent Sessions D: Moving Beyond NAGPRA

Participants can choose one of these four concurrent sessions that discuss repatriation of cultural heritage where NAGPRA does not apply.

1. Pursuing International Repatriation: We All Have Respect for One Another, Kina gwa mnaadendimowin gadaa'aah naa

Participants will learn about steering through international repatriation processes and will share the institutional and Tribal perspectives on working through these important issues.

Dr. Laura Van Broekhoven, *Director of the Pitt Rivers Museum, University of Oxford, United Kingdom*

Chip Colwell, Ph.D., *Editor-in-Chief, Sapiens Anthropology Magazine*

Allison R. Davis, Ph.D., *Cultural Property Research Analyst, Cultural Heritage Center, U.S. Department of State*

Ernest House Jr., *Ute Mountain Ute, former Executive Director of Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs, and currently Senior Policy Director at Keystone Policy Center*

Henrietta Lidchi, *Chief Curator, National Museum of World Cultures, (Nationaal Museum van Wereldculturen), the Netherlands*

Colleen Medicine, *citizen of, and Director of Language & Culture/NAGPRA Designee, for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians*

David Mees, *Cultural Affairs Officer, U.S. Embassy, Berlin, Germany*

Cecil E. Pavlat Sr., *Elder Advisor on NAGPRA/Repatriation, Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians*

2. Lost and Found: Bringing the Intangible Home, Energizing Indigenous Communities

What does bringing intangible cultural heritage home look like? Building relationships with institutions empowers Tribes with stories, memories, and histories. This session moves beyond NAGPRA to look at how communities become energized through partnerships with museums. In turn you will see how museum spaces and processes can be indigenized through the presence of community voices, ceremonies, and interactions with treasured objects.

RaeLynn A. Butler, *citizen of, and Manager of the Historic and Cultural Preservation Department for, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation*

Robin Gray, *Ts'msyen and Mikisew Cree, Assistant Professor, University of Toronto*

Eric Hollinger, *Repatriation Tribal Liaison, Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History*

Harold Jacobs, *Tlingit and Cultural Specialist for the Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska*

Tarisi Vunidilo, *Fijian and Assistant Professor, University of Hawaii at Hilo*

3. Practical Perspectives on Halting Illegal Trafficking: Steps Involved and Where to Strengthen Existing Laws

Lawyers and federal agencies will provide the practical steps they take to monitor and stop instances of illegal trafficking, and provide a wish list of ways that laws could be made stronger to better protect against illegal trafficking of sensitive cultural items. Panelists will discuss each step of the process, including monitoring and identifying items, conducting the necessary investigation, and bringing charges when necessary. The panel aims to concretely provide Tribal representatives and others with information they can use to stop trafficking. The panel also aims to provide legal advocates with information they can use to push for stronger laws.

Timothy Carpenter, *Supervisory Special Agent, Art Theft Program Manager, Federal Bureau of Investigation*

Franklin D. Chavez, *Special Agent, Bureau of Indian Affairs ARPA/NAGPRA Investigations*

Katie Klass, *citizen of the Wyandotte Nation and Partner at Hobbs, Strauss, Dean & Walker, LLC*

Kyle T. Nayback, *Supervisory Assistant U.S. Attorney, Criminal Division, New Mexico District, United States Department of Justice*

Brian D. Vallo, *Governor of the Pueblo of Acoma*

4. Decolonize Your Institution

Like our nation, museums are undergoing a profound reckoning. This panel examines the ways two leading institutions—the Museum of Us and Maine’s Abbe Museum—are decolonizing their practices, from NAGPRA compliance to curation. Their practices seek not to erase the violence of Tribal dispossession, but to be collaborative with Tribal communities, to privilege Native perspectives, and include the full measure of history.

Brandie Macdonald, *Chickasaw & Choctaw Nations, Director of Decolonizing Initiatives, Museum of Us*

Chris Newell, *Executive Director, Abbe Museum*

Kara Vetter, *Director of Cultural Resources, Museum of Us*

12:15-1:15 NAGPRA Community of Practice Lunch

The NAGPRA Community of Practice is for people engaged in or interested in NAGPRA implementation. We want to increase awareness and understanding of NAGPRA requirements and procedures and assist each other improve implementation. Bring your lunch and learn about what we have accomplished so far, what our goals are for the future, and how you can get involved.

Facilitated by **Anne Amati**, *NAGPRA Coordinator from the University of Denver*

1:30-3:30 Plenary Session: Mythbusting NAGPRA

Oftentimes, lively and free form discussion can help us better understand issues that may be controversial, or where there has been misunderstanding. This panel looks to bring individuals together from diverse backgrounds who have strong, hands-on practical experience with – and strong opinions about – the practice of NAGPRA. The plenary session will pose “myths” or questions that are often misunderstood, and the panel members will discuss, disagree, agree, and debunk to allow the Conference participants to consider all sides to inform their practice. The Conference participants will also be polled and can give feedback and pose questions to the panelists.

Facilitated by **Melanie O’Brien**, *Manager, National NAGPRA Program, National Park Service, Department of the Interior*

Anne Amati, *NAGPRA Coordinator, University of Denver*

Alex W. Barker, *Director, Museum of Art and Archaeology & Museum of Anthropology, University of Missouri*

Patricia Capone, *Museum Curator, Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University*

Clayton Dumont, Ph.D., *citizen of Klamath Tribes, elected member of the Klamath Tribes Tribal Council, and Emeritus Professor of Sociology at San Francisco State University*

Matthew Gage RPA, *Director, Office of Archaeological Research, University of Alabama Museums*

Dr. Timothy McKeown, *Legal Anthropologist and Repatriation Consigliere*

Megon Noble, *NAGPRA Project Manager, University of California, Davis*

Shannon O’Loughlin, *citizen of the Choctaw Nation, and Executive Director and Attorney for the Association on American Indian Affairs*

Kirk Perry, *citizen of the Chickasaw Nation*

Helen Robbins, Ph.D., *Repatriation Director, Adjunct Curator, The Field Museum*

Wendy Teeter, *Curator of Archaeology, Fowler Museum at UCLA; UCLA Repatriation Coordinator; Lecturer, American Indian Studies, Member, UC President’s Native American Advisory Council*

Ryan J. Wheeler, Ph.D., *Director, Robert S. Peabody Institute of Archaeology*

3:45-5:00 Plenary Session: Building Community & Moving Forward

NAGPRA was a reckoning that began 30 years ago. After 30 years it is now time for accountability and justice. This session will wrap up the Conference and layout resources so that Native Nations, institutions and others can continue to build community and move forward to increase accountability and mark a new era in repatriation efforts.

This session will be an active discussion session and will rely on YOU to share information that you learned and what are continuing questions about NAGPRA and other repatriation issues. What would you like to see in future webinars and at the 7th Annual Repatriation Conference?

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Panelists: YOU!



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