



Association on American Indian Affairs (AAIA)

INDIGENOUS INTERNATIONAL REPATRIATION CONFERENCE “Shifting the Burden”

September 26-27, 2016
Isleta Resort & Casino | Albuquerque, NM

FINAL AGENDA

Saturday, September 24, 2016

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. **Welcoming Reception**
*Indian Pueblo Cultural Center
2401 12th St., NW
Albuquerque, NM 87104*

Sunday, September 25, 2016

5:00 – 8:00 p.m. **Registration**
*Outside
Grand Ballroom*

Monday, September 26, 2016

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Registration**
*Outside
Grand Ballroom*

9:00 a.m. **Prayer and Welcoming**
Eddie Paul Torres, Sr., Governor, Pueblo of Isleta

9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. **Opening Remarks**
Kimberly Dutcher, Esq., AAIA Executive Director (Navajo)

Introduction of Secretary Sally Jewell, U.S. Department of the Interior
Faith Roessel, Esq., AAIA Board President (Navajo)

9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. **Department of the Interior Statement**
Video Statement by the Secretary Sally Jewell, U.S. Department of the Interior

9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **Shifting the Burden in International Repatriation:** Introductory remarks that will situate attendees in the past and present of international repatriation. This discussion will explain how Indigenous Ancestors and cultural items have historically been moved across international borders and currently reside in private and museum collections worldwide, and the burdens Indigenous Peoples face in trying to bring them home. It will also provide updates on current cases and proposed legislation addressing international repatriation.

Honor Keeler, Director, AAIA International Repatriation Project (Cherokee)

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **Coffee Break**

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Session 1**

Bosque Room

Private Auction Houses & Repatriation: Panelists will discuss Indigenous efforts to repatriate Ancestors and cultural items from private auction houses, including the highly publicized auctions that have occurred in France over the past three years. Monitoring methods, media relations, and the development of tribal Resolutions and initiatives will also be shared.

Jonathan Sims, Tribal Secretary, Pueblo of Acoma;

Aaron Sims, Esq., Chestnut Law Offices, PA (Acoma);

Leigh J. Kuwanwisiwma, Director, Hopi Cultural Preservation Office, The Hopi Tribe;

Timothy Begay, Navajo Cultural Specialist, Historic Preservation Department, Navajo Nation;
and

Otto Tso, Council Delegate, Navajo Nation

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Session 2**

Manzano Room

Bears Ears National Monument Designation: Panelists will discuss the development of the Bears Ears Inter-tribal Coalition among the Hopi Tribe, Navajo Nation, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Pueblo of Zuni, and Ute Indian Tribe, and ongoing efforts to protect 1.9 million acres of ancestral lands through National Monument designation and collaborative management among these tribes. The presentation will include a documentary short film, “Shash Jaá: Bears Ears,” by filmmaker Angelo Baca. The work of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition to protect sacred lands is intimately connected with tribal efforts across the country to prevent looting of their ancestral places.

Jonah Yellowman, Founding Board Member and Spiritual Advisor Diné Bikéyah, (Navajo);

Dorothy Redhorse, Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency (Navajo); and

Angelo Baca, filmmaker (Navajo)

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Luncheon Keynote Address**

Grand Ballroom C

**“Shifting the Burden for International Repatriation of Indigenous Cultural Heritage:
Building Human Rights Accountability for ‘Moral Wrongs’”**

Rebecca Tsosie, Esq., Professor of Law and Special Advisor to the Provost for Diversity and Inclusion, University of Arizona, James E. Rogers School of Law (Yaqui)

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Session 3**
Bosque Room

Museums: Meaningful Consultations, Ethics & Policies in International Repatriation: Panelists will discuss the development of international repatriation policies in the United States, Scotland, and New Zealand. Marcella LeBeau and Patricia Allan will present on the international repatriation of a Ghost Dance Shirt from the Kelvingrove Museum (Glasgow Museums) in Scotland, and discuss the development of international repatriation policies and influences on development of Scottish cultural resources and museum law. Colleen Medicine will cover the current international repatriation efforts of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe from the Karl May Museum (Germany). Te Herekiele Herewini, the Repatriation Manager at the Te Papa Tongarewa Museum in New Zealand will discuss the museum's International Repatriation Programme and approaches taken in international repatriation by Māori communities. Jackie Swift will discuss the development of international repatriation policies at the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian and experiences of the museum in international repatriation to Indigenous Peoples.

Patricia Allan, Curator of World Cultures, Glasgow Museums;
Marcella LeBeau, Wounded Knee Survivors Association (Cheyenne River Sioux);
Colleen Medicine, Cultural Repatriation Specialist, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe;
Te Herekiele Herewini, Repatriation Manager, Te Papa Tongarewa Museum (Māori); and
Jackie Swift, Repatriation Manager, National Museum of the American Indian (Comanche/Ft. Sill Apache)

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Session 4**
Manzano Room

Carlisle Indian Boarding School Repatriations: Panelists will discuss efforts by the Rosebud Sioux Tribe and the Northern Arapaho Tribe to repatriate children from the Carlisle Indian Boarding School. The Tokala Youth Mentors/Sicangu Youth Council of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe will describe their trip to Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and their efforts to help repatriate their relatives.

Russell Eagle Bear, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Rosebud Sioux Tribe;
Yufna Soldier Wolf, Director and NAGPRA Coordinator, Tribal Historic Preservation Office,
Northern Arapaho Tribe; and
Ben Rhodd, Archaeologist, Tribal Historic Preservation Office, Rosebud Sioux Tribe

3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Coffee Break**

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. **Session 5**
Bosque Room

Traditional Leaders in International Repatriation: Traditional and spiritual leaders from across tribal nations will discuss the importance of international repatriation to their tribal communities.

Donna Augustine, Thunderbird Turtle Woman, Ceremonial Keeper and NAGPRA representative (Mi'kmaq/First Nations);
Leigh J. Kuwanwisiwma, Director, Hopi Cultural Preservation Office, The Hopi Tribe; and
Vincent Randall, (Former Tribal Chairman), Manager, Apache Cultural Resource Center (Yavapai-Apache Nation)

[No cameras or recordings permitted.]

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. **Session 6**
Manzano Room

Looking to the Future: Legislation for International Repatriation: Panelists will provide information on proposed legislation in Congress to address international repatriation and prevent the removal of cultural items from U.S. borders.

Jonathan Sims, Tribal Secretary, Pueblo of Acoma;
Greg Smith, Partner, Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker; and
Shannon Keller-O'Loughlin, Esq., Attorney (Choctaw)

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Session 7**
Bosque Room

Federal Tools in International Repatriation: Federal agencies will discuss ways in which the federal government may be utilized by Native Nations in international repatriation negotiations. These federal tools may also help to educate foreign museums and governments to recognize the sovereignty of tribes and shift the burden from Indigenous Peoples when substantiating repatriation claims. Agencies will also provide information pertaining to foreign embassies, internal policies, and potential future support to Native Nations.

David R. Downes, Assistant Director for Policy, Office of International Affairs, Department of the Interior;
Dr. Allison Davis, Cultural Property Analyst, Culture Heritage Center, U.S. Department of State;
Gina Allery, Esq., Deputy Director, U.S. Department of Justice (Anishinabe); and
Melanie O'Brien, Program Manager, National NAGPRA Program, U.S. National Park Service

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Session 8**
Sunrise Room

Creating an Archive & Indigenous Governance in International Repatriation: This session is designed to provide tribes with the basics of creating an international repatriation archive and establishing Indigenous governance in international repatriation. It will provide important research tools to locate Ancestors and cultural items in international repositories. This panel will also cover the importance of strengthening tribal codes and asserting tribal sovereignty in the international arena.

Dr. Daryle Rigney, Professor and Dean of Indigenous Strategy and Engagement, Flinders University (Ngarrindjeri); and
Honor Keeler, Director, AAIA International Repatriation Project (Cherokee)

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. **Coffee Break**

10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. **Session 9**
Bosque Room

Import/Export Procedures in International Repatriation: U.S. Fish & Wildlife will provide vital information on federal laws that must be complied with when repatriating cultural items and human remains returning to the United States. Legal Scholar Jeanette Wolfley, Esq., will offer legal analyses of federal laws pertaining to repatriation and discuss the importance of integrating Indigenous law into repatriation and cultural resources legislation.

Ann Marie Holmes, Law Enforcement, U.S. Fish & Wildlife;

*Joe Early, Native American Liaison, U.S. Fish and Wildlife (invited); and
Jeanette Wolfley, Esq., Assistant Professor of Law, University of New Mexico School of Law
(Shoshone-Bannock Tribes)*

10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. **Session 10**

Sunrise Room

Tribal Youth Cultural Resources Protection Council Meeting: Tribal youth will gather to discuss international repatriation and cultural resources protection issues. They will create a Statement on International Repatriation and Cultural Resources Protection.

All Youth under 21 are welcome

11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. **Luncheon Keynote & Film**

Grand Ballroom C

İitl' Kuniisii İitl' yahgudanggang: We Respect Our Ancestors: The Haida Repatriation Committee will discuss the international repatriations of over 500 ancestral remains from Canada, the United States, and Europe. The Haida presenters will talk about the repatriation process, their involvement in the revival of the arts, the return of songs and the strengthening of Haida culture through repatriation. The documentary film, *Stolen Spirits*, which tells the story of the Haida repatriation journey to the Chicago Field Museum and the repatriation of over 150 ancestral remains, will be featured.

Vince Collison, Chairperson, Haida Repatriation Society (Haida);

Lucy Bell, Repatriation Community Coordinator, Haida Repatriation Committee (Haida);

Vern Williams, SGalanglaay, Repatriation Community Coordinator (Haida); and

*Jaskwaan Amanda Bedard-Edenshaw, Haida language activist, learner, teacher, and singer
(Haida)*

1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **Session 11**

Bosque Room

Intertribal Investigative Units & Law Enforcement in International Repatriation: San Carlos tribal panelists will discuss the development of intertribal investigative units and law enforcement efforts among Southwestern Tribes to prevent the looting of Native American burial and sacred places and the resulting illegal market of these items.

*Vernelda Grant, Director, Tribal Historic Preservation Office, San Carlos Apache Tribe
(Apache);*

Tim Stevens, Director, Recreation & Wildlife Department, San Carlos Apache Tribe (Apache);

Barbara Creel, Esq., Professor, University of New Mexico School of Law (invited); and

Dusty Whiting, Archaeological Site Steward/Ranger, White Mountain Apache Tribe

1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **Session 12**

Sunrise Room

Thinking Through the PROTECT Patrimony Legislation: A Discussion Among Tribes and Collectors: This session will bring forward some of the pressing issues in international repatriation and the proposed PROTECT Patrimony legislation. It will be moderated by the University of Arizona's Indian Law Program clinical Professor Robert Hershey-Lear.

Robert Alan Hershey, Clinical Professor of Law & Director of Clinical Education, Indigenous Peoples Law & Policy Program, University of Arizona, Rogers College of Law;

Dr. Richard Luarkie (Pueblo of Laguna);

Casey Douma (Pueblo of Laguna);

*Kate Fitz Gibbon, Attorney, Fitz Gibbon Law, LLC; and
Robert Gallegos, Board Member, Antique Tribal Art Dealers Association (ATADA)*

2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. **Coffee Break**

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Session 13**
Sunrise Room

Indigenous Meeting: Establishing Resolutions, Delegations, and Plans: Native Nations, Indigenous Peoples, and the Working Group on International Repatriation, will gather to decide steps moving forward, including the development of international delegations, passing tribal Resolutions, research initiatives, and creating an Outcome Document on International Repatriation. This will be a closed meeting for non-federal government employees, Native Nations, and Indigenous Peoples.

Moderators: Honor Keeler, Director, AAIA International Repatriation Project (Cherokee), and Donna Augustine, Thunderbird Turtle Woman, Ceremonial Keeper and NAGPRA representative (Mi'kmaq/First Nations)

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. **Federal Listening Session**
Manzano Room

Federal Listening Session on International Repatriation: The U.S. Department of Interior, U.S. Department of Justice, and U.S. Department of State will host a listening session on international repatriation with Native Nations and Indigenous Peoples. This is a closed session for American Indian tribes and Indigenous Peoples.

David R. Downes, Assistant Director for Policy, Office of International Affairs, Department of the Interior;

Dr. Allison Davis, Cultural Property Analyst, Culture Heritage Center, U.S. Department of State; Judy Harvey, Esq., Attorney, Environmental and Natural Resources Division, Law and Policy Section, U.S. Department of Justice; and

Gina Allery, Esq., Deputy Director, U.S. Department of Justice (Anishinabe)

6:00 p.m. **Closing Prayer**
Manzano Room
Lee Wayne Lomayestewa (Hopi Tribe)