NAGPRA and Repatriation –
History, Current Practices, and Anticipated Developments
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This intensive one-day workshop will cover the basics of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) and the repatriation requirements of the National Museum of the American Indian Act. In the afternoon session, current practices and future issues will be discussed.

9:00am Welcome and introductions

Legislative history of US Federal repatriation laws
  1. National Museum of the American Indian Act
  2. Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation

Overview of critical concepts:
  1. Jurisdiction
  2. Actions
  3. Items covered
  4. Basis for disposition
  5. Standard of proof
  6. Deadlines
  7. Appealing a decision
  8. Exemptions
  9. Claimants

12:00 Lunch on your own

1:00 Statutes and regulations
  • 20 USC 80q
  • 25 USC 3001 et seq and 43 CFR 10
  • 18 USC 1170

Excavations and discoveries

Collections

Trafficking

Discussion on the future of repatriation

5:00 End

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