

Now What?

Responsibilities, Best Practices, and Stewardship

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Start With The Tribes

Invitation letter that describes the collections, what has been done, and what still needs to be done. Invitation to campus for a visit.

- Be honest, transparent, forthcoming, and respectful,
- Don't be afraid, Tribes have seen it all



Identifying Collections

Survey On and Off Campus

- Look High and Low.
- Physical Verification- someone with Native American cultural knowledge.
- Not just prehistoric artifacts, but historic items, archival, documents, photos, ethnographic collections, etc.
- Can it be secured in its current location?





Identifying Collections

Don't move collections without consulting with Tribes.

- Unless cannot be secured or in danger.
- Cultural protocols in handling.
- Invite and compensate Tribal representatives to “witness” the move.

Collections Management and Stewardship

- Who is working with collections and what is their training level?
- Up-to-date catalog?
- 36 CFR 79 Curation of Federally Owned or Administered Archeological Collections
- Space for Tribal consultation.
- Are Ancestors and NAGPRA items separated?
- Policy of leaving offerings?
- ADA access?
- Additional needs: furniture, shelves, lighting, etc.





Native American Outreach

Stop. Collaborate and Listen.

Native American Outreach

COLLABORTE! It's not a "one and done" or check box. Be prepared to pivot or shift your plans

Re-think relationships with Tribes beyond NAGPRA. Its an opportunity to build relationships.

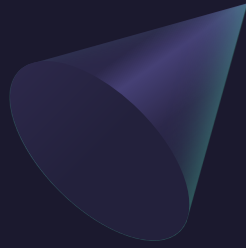
They are the Experts. They should be compensated as such.

Respectful Communications. What is the Tribe's preference?

Track communications. Need a paper trail.

Native American Communication Patterns. What are the cultural protocols?





Achema!

Thank You!

