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NATIVE AMERICAN GRAVES PROTECTION AND REPATRIATION ACT (NAGPRA) CRASH COURSE THE LAW IN CONTEXT

Ash Boydston-Schmidt 7:30 PM, Tuesday July 16, 2024 Albuquerque Museum of Art and History 2000 Mountain Road NW

(Also available online)

Since 1990, the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) has provided for the protection and return of Native American human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony. At the onset of 2024, new federal regulations for NAGPRA went into effect that have had recent, widespread impact on museums, researchers, and Native communities. Now, questions abound regarding these recent updates.

Join us for a "crash course" on the history and context of NAGPRA by Ash Boydston-Schmidt, the NAGPRA Coordinator at the Maxwell Museum. She will include a brief overview of the new federal regulations and participants will have an opportunity to ask questions.

In September 2023, Ash Boydston-Schmidt (She/Her) joined the Maxwell as the NAGPRA Coordinator. Ash is Apsáalooke, a descendant of the Crow Tribe of Montana. She recently graduated with her double master's in museum studies and law studies from The University of New Mexico. While working on her master's Ash worked with the Maxwell under the Hibben Fellowship, as well as with Chaco Culture National Historic Park (CCNHP).

For her thesis project, Ash worked with CCNHP on the history of NAGPRA at Chaco. Ash worked to create a useable resource for any tribes, institutions, museums, and other organizations that have federal requirements under NAGPRA and have Chaco materials and ancestors. This resource will be available in the Zimmerman Library at UNM in 2024.

This program will be presented at the regular members meeting in the Albuquerque Museum Auditorium as well as available on Zoom. Prior to the meeting, an email message with the Zoom link will be sent to members.

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 18, 2024 MEETING OF THE ALBUQUERQUE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

President Evan Kay called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. He welcomed new members and guests, and thanked Ann Braswell for tonight's refreshments.

MINUTES: Minutes for the May 2024 meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sole income for the past month was \$120, from field trips and \$35 for a new family membership. Operating expenses were \$16.77 for the Zoom monthly license fee, \$52.50 for March-April-May newsletter copying, \$60 for table rental at the ASNM annual meeting, and \$100 mileage allowance for the May speaker. There were no program expenses for the month. The checking account balance is \$5,993.07.

VICE PRESIDENTS' REPORT

Nothing to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership – **Mary Raje:** Two new couples have joined and one person has renewed. President Kay is working on the membership directory, which is to be out in July.

Newsletter – Helen Crotty: Sherry Kircher is newsletter editor.

Maxwell Collections (Lab) – Karen Armstrong: The Crew will be "on leave" for the summer.

Rock Art – Carol Chamberland: The team is on hiatus.

Seminars – **Carol Chamberland:** Hayward Franklin gave an excellent seminar on Rio Grande glazeware. In August Tom Windes will talk with us about tree ring dating, including some of his findings at Bears Ears. An email will come out in July announcing the seminar for signup.

Pottery Southwest – Hayward Franklin: The next edition is coming out soon. Also to note: An article on a survey and ceramic analysis of the Chaco Great North Road, written by Hayward, has been published in the journal *Kiva* and is available online for free.

Field Trips – Pat Harris:

- July 13: Jemez mountains obsidian area visit.
- July 14: Albuquerque Museum tour of the exhibit "Making American Artists: Stories from the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, 1776-1976," with docent Carol Chamberland.
- October 19: Ponderosa area site in the Jemez.
- September or October: Archaeological Conservancy site in the Chama Valley.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice-President Gretchen Obenauf announced that member Rieka Eastin Long had been awarded her MA degree. Her thesis title is "A Community Built by Digging in the Dirt: Inquiry into a Successful New Mexico Field School at Ghost Ranch." Rieka was present and thanked the AAS members who she interviewed for her thesis.

ADJOURNMENT

The business meeting was adjourned by President Kay at 7:52 p.m.

Susan King, Secretary

SPEAKER

Vice-President Robert Hitchcock introduced the night's speaker, Susan Ruth, PhD, who gave a lecture on "Staying Alive in the Age of Ice: Animal-Skin Clothing and the People Who Made It."

FIELD TRIP NEWS ~ PAT HARRIS, FIELD TRIP COORDINATOR

Attempts to reach the Mt. Taylor Forest Service have gone unanswered but will be pursued for a possible hike at this beautiful mountain to the west of Albuquerque.

IN MEMORIAM

RICHARD CHAPMAN

Richard C. Chapman was the former Director of the Office of Contract Archaeology and a Research Associate at the University of New Mexico. He passed away on Tuesday, June 25, 2024. Thatcher Selzer-Rogers expressed his condolences to Jan Biella, Dick's widow. No further information is available at this time.

CALENDAR CHECK

Lecture

"Manifest Destiny: Still Spurring the US Immigration Debate," by Dr. Eloy Garcia, Sunday, July 28, 2024, at Martha Liebert Public Library, 124 Caliche Malinche. Bernalillo (behind the Town Hall at 829 Camino del Pueblo) at 2:00 MST.

The current US alarmist immigration debate is a historical one rooted in misunderstanding of history, geography, and the maintenance of dated ideas of Manifest Destiny and American Exceptionalism. The presentation will touch on the immigration debate as part of the larger political culture wars that attempt to divide the country between the perceived correct and proper "American" and "Others."

Dr. Eloy Garcia is a nuevomexicano educator, attorney, and peace activist. He was born and raised in Albuquerque and is a veteran of the U.S. Army. For over 20 years, Dr. Garcia has been involved with popular education and human rights. As such, he has worked with international human rights and social justice NGOs in the United States. Latin America, and the Middle East.

Masks are discretionary, refreshments will be served and there is an elevator to the event meeting room located on the 2nd floor. This event is free and open to the public.

Conference

Pecos Conference 2024 August 1 to 4, Chino Valley, Arizona, hosted by Arizona State University and Prescott National Forest. **Note the earlier-than-usual date**. Details pending; check the website pecosconference.org/2024 for registration information.

Fundraiser

The Friends of Coronado and Jemez Historic Sites are hosting a **3-day excursion to the Four Corners Region** from September 25-27, 2024. Historic sites include Aztec Ruins, Salmon Ruins, Mesa Verde National Park, and

Crow Canyon Archaeological Center. Included are most meals, entry fees, guided tours, transportation (coach bus), free Friends membership, and a talk by Jon Ghahate. Cost is \$600/person (double occupancy) or \$740 single occupancy. Space is limited so please register now at https://www.kuaua.org/team-3.

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2024 OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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