

# Caring for Culturally Sensitive Collections

Museum Association of Arizona

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## Suggested Publications

Association of Registrars and Collections Specialists

2021 Code of Ethics and Professional Practices for Collections Professionals. American Alliance of Museums. [https://www.aam-us.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Code\\_Ethics\\_Collections\\_Professionals\\_2021\\_02\\_24.pdf](https://www.aam-us.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Code_Ethics_Collections_Professionals_2021_02_24.pdf)

Canadian Conservation Institute

2019 Caring for Sacred and Culturally Sensitive Objects

<https://www.canada.ca/en/conservation-institute/services/preventive-conservation/guidelines-collections/caring-sacred-culturally-sensitive-objects.html>

Cassman, Vicki and Nancy Odegaard

2019 Storage of Human Remains. In *Preventive Conservation Collection Storage*, edited by Lisa Elkin and Christopher A. Norris, pp. 593—612. Society for the Preservation of Natural History Collections, New York.

Cassman, Vicki, Nancy Odegaard, and Joseph Powell (editors)

2007 *Human Remains: Guide for Museums and Academic Institutions*. AltaMira Press, Oxford.

Macuen, Kate.

2020 The Care of Culturally Sensitive and Sacred Objects. In *Museum Registration Methods, Sixth Edition*, edited by John E. Simmons and Toni M. Kiser, pp. 456—64. Rowman and Littlefield, Lanham, MD.

Odegaard, Nancy and Alyce Sadongei and Associates

2005 *Old Poisons, New Problems: A Museum Resource for Managing Contaminated Cultural Materials*. AltaMira Press, Oxford.

Watson, J., Young, A., Garcia-Lewis, A., Lucas, C., & Plummer, S.

2022. Respectful Terminology in Archaeological Compliance. *Advances in Archaeological Practice*, 10(2), 140-148. doi:10.1017/aap.2021.47.

## Suggested Presentations

Anderson, Renee S., Bonnie Clark, and Lydia Four Horns

2022 Approaching Collections that Evoke Trauma

[https://connectingtocollections.org/collections\\_trauma/](https://connectingtocollections.org/collections_trauma/)

Bryan, Laura, Sylvanus Paul, Marla Taylor, and Laura Elliff Cruz

2022 Considerations for Indigenous Collections Care

<https://youtu.be/U4dCDcQCP-g>

## Other Resources

### American Alliance of Museums Ethics Page

<https://www.aam-us.org/programs/ethics-standards-and-professional-practices/ethics/>

### Arizona Government to Government Consultation Toolkit

<https://sites.google.com/view/az-consultation-toolkit>

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Tribal Consultation Protocol <https://sites.google.com/view/az-consultation-toolkit/tribes>

### Arizona State Museum Repatriation Office

<https://statemuseum.arizona.edu/crm/state-repatriation>

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State Statutes <https://statemuseum.arizona.edu/crm/state-statutes>  
Respectful Terminology <https://statemuseum.arizona.edu/crm/document/respectful-terminology-repatriation>

### National NAGPRA Program

<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nagpra/index.htm>

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National NAGPRA is the lead agency for NAGPRA regulations and compliance  
Contacts <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nagpra/contactus.htm>  
Reference Library <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nagpra/reference-library.htm>  
Quick Guide to NAGPRA <https://www.nps.gov/history/tribes/Documents/NAGPRA.pdf>  
YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/user/NationalNAGPRA/videos>

### School of Advanced Research

<https://sarweb.org/>

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Guidelines for Collaboration <https://guidelinesforcollaboration.info/>  
Standards for Museums with Native American Collections (presenting at AAM 2023)  
<https://sarweb.org/iarc/smnac/>  
Indigenous Collections Care Guide (presentation listed above, review beginning 2023)  
<https://sarweb.org/iarc/icc/>