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## NAGPRA: Determining Cultural Affiliation

### Seminar Overview

Review the tools and best practices for determining cultural affiliation as part of the requirements of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). Each federal agency and museum with control over Native American human remains must identify cultural affiliation if it can do so on the basis of reasonable belief. Discuss NAGPRA requirements, definitions of critical terminology, grant assistance, and the consultation and review process.

### Agenda

#### Overview of NAGPRA law and process

- NAGPRA requirements, with particular attention to cultural affiliation determination
- Information possessed by a museum or federal agency pertaining to decisions

#### Decisionmaking I: Legal Requirements

- Standards of proof
- Consultation as part of the determination process
- Information gathering/sharing
- Decision documents: inventories and notices

#### Decisionmaking II: Decisionmaking Aids

- National NAGPRA website
- Museum records
- Tribal information

#### Cultural affiliation case studies

#### Topics in cultural affiliation, including:

- Affiliating to multiple tribes
- Federal vs. state laws
- Managing multiple claims
- Working with non-federally recognized tribes

#### The Review Committee and dispositions

- The role of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee in finding cultural affiliation

#### Using the National NAGPRA Grants Program to support your work

- Grant assistance for determining cultural affiliation

#### Conclusion