Intertribal International Repatriation

A Presentation by Vernelda Grant
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For centuries, tribal communities have endured the desecration of ancient and historic burial grounds. The remains of their ancestors, funerary objects, and sacred items were collected by individuals, exhibited in museums, and even sold across international borders. Vernelda Grant will discuss efforts among southwestern tribes to prevent further looting, to discourage the illegal market of funerary and sacred objects, and to ensure the return of all ancestors to descendant communities. Grant is a member of the International Repatriation Working Group, which strives to educate indigenous peoples, museums, and private collectors on issues of repatriation.

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As the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the San Carlos Apache Tribe, Vernelda Grant works primarily on the protection and preservation of cultural resources on the Apache reservations of Arizona. She is also the tribe’s archaeologist and Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act representative. She is passionate about working with members of her community to preserve holy grounds and sites. Grant has also served as a member of the Native American Advisory Group for the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, three terms on the Arizona Governor’s Archaeology Advisory Commission, as Chair of the National Congress of American Indians Commission on Repatriation and Burial Sites Protection, and as a member of the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona’s Cultural Resources Working Group.