

November 16-18, 2017

Collaborative Curation of North American Human Remains

An IMLS Symposium

The Field Museum, Chicago, Illinois

This symposium aims to address issues of the care and curation of human remains in museum collections through a discussion-based format. We will address:

- Collaborative Curation: physical care of, storage of, and access to remains
- Research: dissemination, discussing issues of destructive analysis and imaging, and developing collaborative research projects that address stakeholder needs and interests
- Bioanthropology and Museums: documentation and issues of inventorying and affiliating culturally unidentifiable human remains
- Moving Forward: discussions of collaborative projects and fostering communication between stakeholder communities

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IMLS Collaborative Curation

Welcome to Chicago!

Orientation

If you need to get in touch with someone by phone during the conference, please call:

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Note: Please remember to save your receipts! We will not be able to reimburse you without them.

Accommodation and Locations:

Best Western Grant Park

1100 S. Michigan Avenue

(312) 922–2900

<http://www.bwgrantparkhotel.com/>

Map of Chicago:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1kHxn0Y7xeIDs5lCW4-JmAbdy3QE&usp=sharing>

Conference Location:

The Field Museum

Founder's Room (see map on next page)

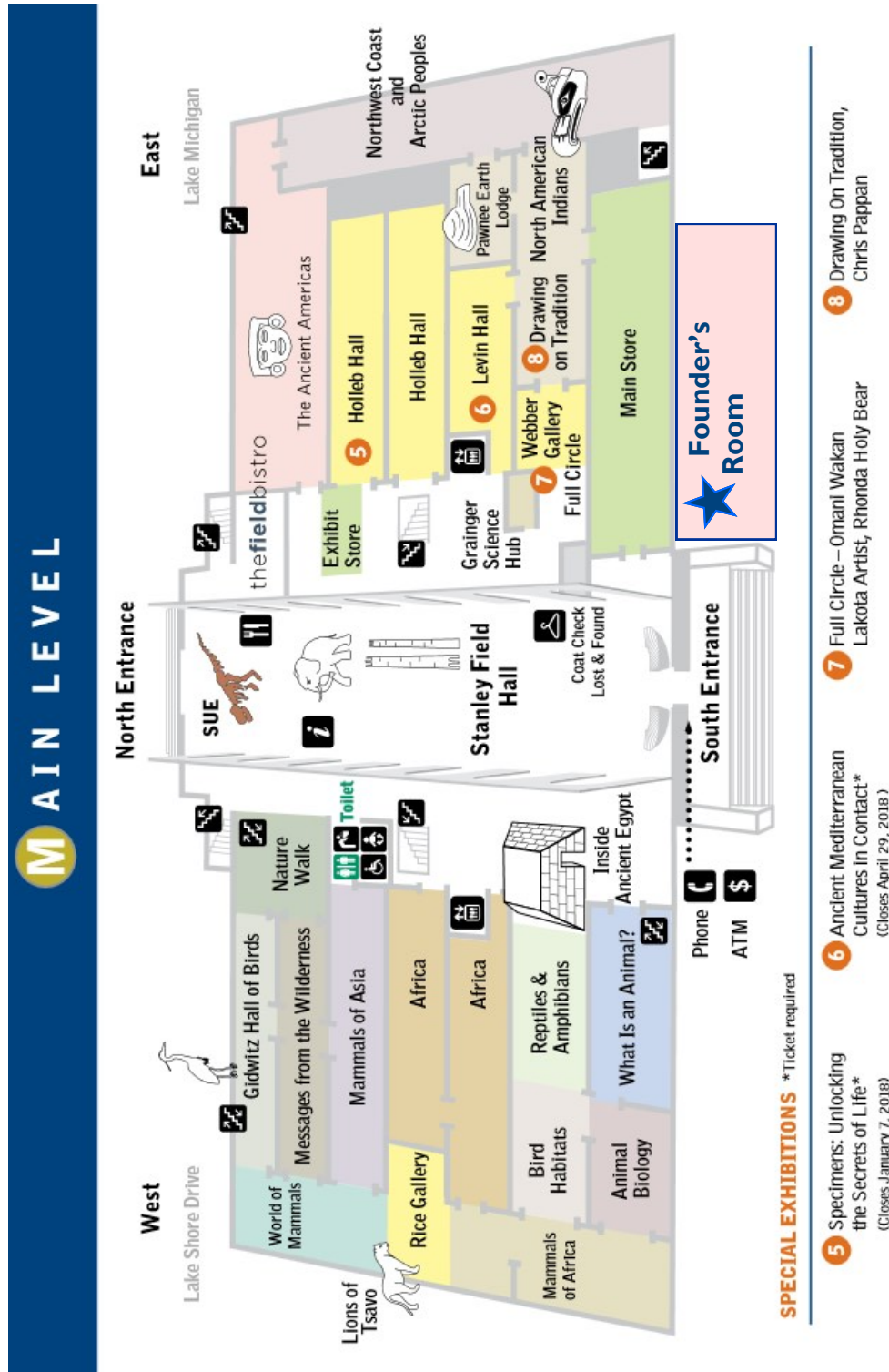
1400 S. Lake Shore Drive

Safety

If you have an emergency, please call 911.



The Field Museum Map



Entry before 9:00 AM will be at East and West Entrances on the Lower Level.
Staff will be available to direct you.

Symposium Overview

Thursday, November 16

9:00AM - 5:00PM	Enjoy Museum on Your Own
1:15PM - 3:00PM	Behind the Scenes Tour: Botany; Anthropology Conservation; Geology
2:45PM - 4:30PM	Behind the Scenes Tour: Geology; Library/Rare Books; Anthropology Oversize
2:30PM - 4:00PM	Registration Open
4:30PM	Rides Available to Hotel from Field Museum

6:00PM - 7:30PM	Join Us for a Meet and Greet at the Weather Mark Tavern
7:30PM	Rides Available from Weather Mark to Hotel

Friday, November 17

8:00AM - 8:15AM	Rides Available from Hotel to Museum
8:30AM	Registration, Coffee and Light Breakfast
9:00AM - 9:30AM	Welcome, Opening Remarks and Invocation
9:30AM - 10:30AM	Informal Roundtable
10:30AM - 10:45AM	Coffee and Snacks
10:45AM - 12:15PM	Working Group Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Research and Community Interests (3 groups) ◆ Standards of Care for Human Remains ◆ Standards of Recording and Documentation
12:15PM - 12:45PM	Brief Summary of Morning Sessions
12:45PM - 2:00PM	Lunch
2:00PM - 3:45PM	Working Group Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Collaborative Research Projects (2 groups) ◆ Managing Non-NAGPRA Human Remains ◆ Considerations of Spirituality, Safety, and Comfort ◆ Managing Collections Access
3:45PM - 4:15PM	Break
4:15PM - 4:45PM	Brief Summary of Afternoon Sessions
4:45PM - 5:00PM	Break
5:00PM - 6:00PM	Keynote Presentation: LeManuel Bitsoi, Ph.D.
6:15PM - 7:45PM	Reception
7:30PM - 8:00PM	Rides Available to Hotel

Symposium Overview Continued

Saturday, November 18

8:00AM - 8:15AM	Rides for Indigenous Participants
8:30AM - 9:30AM	Private Conversation for Indigenous Participants with Breakfast
8:45AM	Rides Available from Hotel to Museum
9:00AM - 9:30AM	Coffee and Light Breakfast
9:30AM - 9:45AM	Opening Remarks
9:45AM - 10:30AM	Presentation
10:30AM - 10:45AM	Coffee and Snacks
10:45AM - 12:15PM	Working Group Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ SWOT analysis of research methods◆ Research dissemination and future initiatives◆ Fostering communication between communities and institutions◆ Methods and future steps in cultural affiliation determination (2 groups)
12:15PM - 12:45PM	Brief Summary of Morning Sessions
12:45PM - 2:00PM	Lunch
2:00PM - 2:30PM	Summary of IMLS Project to Date
2:30PM - 3:15PM	Full Group Discussion
3:15PM - 3:30PM	Coffee Break with Snacks
3:30PM - 4:00PM	Full Group Discussion
4:00PM - 4:45PM	Next Steps
4:45PM - 5:30PM	Closing Remarks

Preliminary Program

Thursday, November 16

9:00AM - 5:00PM	Enjoy Museum on Your Own All public exhibitions will be free for symposium participants. Please identify yourself to guards and inform them you are part of the IMLS Symposium.
1:15PM - 3:00PM	Behind the Scenes Tour: Please meet inside the East Entrance at 1:15 for the tour. Tour will leave promptly at 1:25. <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Botany◆ Anthropology Conservation◆ Geology
2:45PM - 4:30PM	Behind the Scenes Tour: Please meet inside the East Entrance at 2:45 for the tour. Tour will leave promptly at 2:55. <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Geology◆ Library/Rare Books◆ Anthropology Oversize
2:30PM - 4:00PM	Registration Open A registration table will be open by the Founder's Room (near Main Store and South Entrance). A sign up for rides between hotel and museum will be available.
4:30PM	Museum Closing: Travel from Field Museum to Hotel Some rides will be available to hotel from Field Museum. If you need a ride, please sign up at the registration table and meet at West Entrance for rides at 4:30.
6:00PM - 7:30PM	Join Us for an Informal Meet and Greet at the Weather Mark Tavern 1503 S. Michigan Avenue One drink ticket per person and appetizers will be provided.
7:30PM	Rides Available from Weather Mark to Hotel For those who need, rides back to the hotel will be available for a short period starting at 7:30



Friday, November 17

8:00AM -	Rides available from Hotel to Museum
8:15AM	For those who need, please meet by Best Western Entrance on E. 11th Street. If possible, please sign up for rides at registration table.
8:30AM	Registration, Coffee and Light Breakfast Breakfast will be served in the Founder's Room on the main floor (by Main Store and South Entrance). Please use West or East Entrances to enter building. A sign up for rides between hotel and museum will be available at registration table.
9:00AM -	Welcome and Opening Remarks
9:30AM	Symposium Organizers Invocation
9:30AM-	Informal Roundtable
10:30AM	Nancy Odegaard, April Hawkins, and Sonny McHalsie
10:30AM -	Coffee and Snacks
10:45AM	Provided
10:45AM -	Working Group Sessions
12:15PM	<p>◆ <u>Research and Community Interests (3 groups)</u> Explore ways in which researchers and museums can better speak to the needs of communities - what information is provided to communities, what research questions are being asked? What do communities want/need to know about human remains in museum collections?</p> <p>◆ <u>Standards of Care for Human Remains</u> Develop realistic and sustainably shared standards that reflect needs of all stakeholders, intentionally including requests for guidance on aspects of care from descendent communities, ethical considerations during necessary handling or survey, and guidelines for visiting researchers to ensure maintenance of museum standards during research visits. Discuss challenges specific to the curation of human remains, and bring plans and images of various storage solutions to share.</p> <p>◆ <u>Standards of Recording and Documentation</u> Consider the recurring challenges of osteological recording, such as individuating and determining MNI with commingled remains. Review preferred methods of documentation and recording of human remains in various states of preservation. Feel free to bring examples of preferred documentation methods to share. How should culturally unidentified human remains be documented?</p>
12:15PM -	Brief Summary of Morning Sessions
12:45PM	Each group will be given 5 minutes to present two to three short takeaways from their discussion.
12:45PM -	Lunch
2:00PM	Provided

Friday, November 17 Continued

2:00PM - **Working Group Sessions**

3:45PM ♦ Collaborative Research Projects (2 groups)

Consider how to best move forward to facilitate sustainable collaborative projects involving human remains collections; share examples of past projects, and analyze what did or did not work to help reflect on past projects as guidance for future collaborations.

♦ Managing Non-NAGPRA Human Remains

Discuss collections that do not fall under the purview of NAGPRA, including Canadian collections and non-native North American collections. Consider differences and similarities between non-NAGPRA Canadian and U.S. human remains practices

♦ Considerations of Spirituality, Safety, and Comfort

Explore spiritual care of human remains in collections and staff/visitors involved with those collections. Discuss ways to provide comfort and spiritual safety for both staff and visitors interacting and working with human remains.

♦ Managing Collections Access

What information is most useful/needed for dissemination? Focusing on culturally unidentified human remains, assess methods of providing access for research, specifically focused on invasive vs. non-invasive research. How to address issues of access and dissemination in relation to the creation of a IMLS portal for this symposium - how should access to varying types of information be determined and restricted?

3:45PM - **Break**

4:15PM Coffee and snacks will be provided.

4:15PM - **Brief Summary of Afternoon Sessions**

4:45PM Each group will be given 5 minutes to present two to three short takeaways from their discussion.

4:45PM - **Break**

5:00PM Public will begin arriving for Keynote Presentation.

5:00PM - **Keynote Presentation: LeManuel Bitsoi, Ph.D.**

6:00PM Public Invited

6:15PM - **Reception**

7:45PM Held in Sue Ling Gin Garden on 2nd level. China Hall will be open during reception. Public Invited.

7:30PM - **Rides Available to Hotel**

8:00PM Please meet by West Entrance starting at 7:30. If possible, please sign up for rides beforehand.

Saturday, November 18

8:00AM - **Rides for Indigenous Participants**

8:15AM For those who need, please meet by Best Western Entrance on E. 11th Street. If possible, please sign up for rides beforehand.

8:30AM - **Private Conversation for Indigenous Participants**

9:30AM Breakfast provided

8:45AM **Rides Available from Hotel to Museum**

For those who need, please meet by Best Western Entrance on E. 11th Street. If possible, please sign up for rides beforehand.

9:00AM - **Coffee and Light Breakfast**

9:30AM Provided

9:30AM - **Opening Remarks**

9:45AM Conference Organizers

9:45AM - **Presentation**

10:30AM The Kwaday Dan Ts'inchi (Long Ago Person Found) Discovery and Perspectives on Co-Management from An Indigenous Government
Sheila Greer and Lawrence Joe

10:30AM - **Coffee and Snacks**

10:45AM Provided

10:45AM - **Working Group Sessions**

12:15PM ♦ SWOT analysis of research methods

Assess methods of providing access for researchers, specifically focused on invasive vs. non-invasive research (focusing on culturally unidentified remains). What questions can be addressed by specific research approaches? Consider the implications of collections digitization and reproduction (CT imaging, 3D printing, etc.). Examine "pros and cons" of increased digital access to collections in light of privacy concerns.

♦ Research dissemination and future initiatives

Consider ways to facilitate sustainable collaborative projects between researchers and communities. What types of information are most useful/needed for dissemination?

♦ Fostering communication between communities and institutions

Discuss best ways to communicate/disseminate between communities, researchers, and museums. Where are there problems with the flow of communication and how can those issues be addressed? Consider methods of information sharing, including information regarding unaffiliated (or CUI) remains.

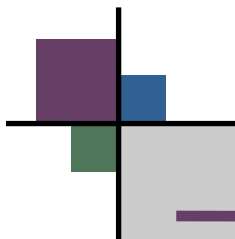
♦ Methods and future steps in cultural affiliation determination (2 groups)

Discuss the documentation process of human remains, and the challenges of determining affiliation for unaffiliated human remains. Consider situations of ancestral descendant linkages and multiple descendant claims

Saturday, November 18 Continued

12:15PM -	Brief Summary of Morning Sessions
12:45PM	Each group will be given 5 minutes to present two to three short takeaways from their discussion.
12:45PM -	Lunch
2:00PM	Provided
2:00PM -	Summary of IMLS Project to Date
2:30PM	Symposium Organizers Discussion will also include future objectives, such as the web portal.
2:30PM -	Full Group Discussion
3:15PM	This session will provide participants the opportunity to discuss topics in greater detail as a full group. Topics will include those from working group sessions and other topics of importance to participants.
3:15PM -	Break
3:30PM	Coffee and snacks will be provided.
3:30PM -	Full Group Discussion
4:00PM	Discussion continues from earlier session.
4:00PM -	Next Steps
4:45PM	Identify collaborative possibilities or future opportunities for dissemination, such as conferences, presentations, and the web portal.
4:45PM -	Closing Remarks
5:30PM	

Thank you!



Symposium Organizers

Helen Robbins

Jamie Kelly

Stacy Drake

Emily Hayflick

Additional Field Museum Staff You Might See at the Symposium. Feel Free to Introduce Yourself to:

Patience Baach, Audience Insights & Research Manager

Patience is here to help evaluate the needs of the group, ensure the success of the symposium, and assist with planning next steps. She might be reaching out to participants after the symposium to help with formulating our next steps, including the web portal

Sharon Grant, Technology Liaison to Science

Kate Webbink, Information Systems Specialist

Sharon and Kate are here to help design and implement the web portal for the IMLS grant. They will help ensure that we are disseminating information about our work at the symposium and on the IMLS in the most effective manner possible.

And Special Thanks to:

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