

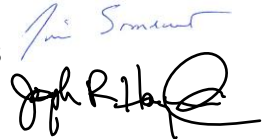
MEMORANDUM

TO: Mark Auslander, Director, MSU Museum
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FROM: Judith Stoddart, Associate Provost for University Collections
JR Haywood, Assistant Vice President, Regulatory Affairs

DATE: July 16, 2019

SUBJECT: Cultural and Funerary Objects Moratorium



Michigan State University is currently working in consultation with Michigan tribal representatives to facilitate repatriations and dispositions of Native American human remains and funerary or cultural objects from sites located within the State of Michigan. All human remains and funerary or cultural objects that are identified in the current NAGPRA inventory from those sites, and/or have been part of a claim or request for repatriation, will be under a moratorium for research or teaching purposes.



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In addition, any human remains and funerary or cultural objects that are deemed NAGPRA eligible during reinventories of University collections will be under a moratorium for research or teaching purposes while the required updates to the National NAGPRA Office are being prepared and submitted. Once the updates are approved and posted by National NAGPRA, the moratorium in the previous paragraph will take effect for the newly listed human remains and objects.

Access to objects under moratorium will be limited to those directly involved in consultations, transfers, preservation and care, documentation, or inventory. All individuals who fall under those categories will be given access with documented approval from the Associate Provost for University Collections and Arts Initiatives and the Assistant Vice president for Regulatory Affairs.

Please contact Judith Stoddart or JR Haywood with any questions regarding the moratorium.

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