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The Autry Museum of the American West Hosts its Annual Marshall McKay Seminar for Empowering Native Knowledge: *Going Home: Returning Material Culture to Native Communities*

The Marshall McKay Seminar will focus on strategies, challenges and success stories related to the return of cultural heritage to Indigenous communities.



(October 15, 2024 - Los Angeles, CA)—Named in honor of Marshall McKay, former Chairman of the Yoche Dehe Wintun Nation Tribal Council and the first Native person to serve as Chair of the Autry’s Board, *Marshall McKay Seminar for Empowering Native Knowledge* seeks to empower Native knowledge by exploring topics that impact Native communities and beyond.

On November 15-16, 2024, the two-day Seminar will feature knowledge keepers, community leaders, and museum experts who will discuss strategies, challenges, and success stories related to the voluntary return of cultural heritage to Indigenous communities.

In partnership with the Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums, the third year of the Marshall McKay Seminar will delve into the critical topics of cultural items returning to communities with a focus on the changing landscape of voluntary returns.

A top priority of the Marshall McKay Seminar is to make the information presented widely available, specifically to Native communities. The seminar will be held in person at the Autry Museum and will be streamed online.

For more information, please visit TheAutry.org/MarshallMckaySeminar.

SCHEDULE:

November 15, 2024

- What is Cultural Patrimony?
- Voices from the Community: Recipients of Repatriated Items
- Understanding the Challenges of Returning Cultural Heritage Items

November 16, 2024

- The Role of ATALM's Going Home Fund
- International Repatriation Efforts

About the Autry Museum of the American West

The Autry is a museum dedicated to exploring and sharing the stories, experiences, and perceptions of the diverse peoples of the American West, connecting the past to the present to inspire our shared future. The museum presents a wide range of exhibitions and public programs—including lectures, film, theatre, festivals, family events, and music—and performs scholarship, research, and educational outreach. The Autry's collection of more than 600,000 pieces of art and cultural objects includes one of the largest and most significant of Native American materials in the United States. For more information, please visit TheAutry.org.

The Autry Museum of the American West acknowledges the Gabrielino/Tongva peoples as the traditional land caretakers of Tovaangar (the Los Angeles basin and So. Channel Islands). We recognize that the Autry Museum and its campuses are located on the traditional lands of Gabrielino/Tongva peoples and we pay our respects to the Honuukvetam (Ancestors), 'Ahihirom (Elders) and 'Eyoohiinkem (our relatives/relations) past, present and emerging.

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Museum and Store Hours

Tuesday–Friday 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
Saturday–Sunday 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

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