

DECOLONIZING STARTS WITH YOU

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Introductory Resources

Tribal Connections

Consultation with tribal communities is a key component of decolonization work. Many tribes have Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (THPO) who have the authority to speak for the tribe on issues related to cultural heritage (or they can connect you with the appropriate individual).

If there is no THPO office, reach out directly to the tribal government.

- [National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers](#)
- [National Conference of State Legislatures, List of Federal and State Recognized Tribes](#)
- [Native Land Digital](#)
- [National NAGPRA Program](#)

TED Talks

["We Must Decolonize our Museums"](#)

- Cinnamon Catlin-Legutko, December 2016

["Bringing Accountability to Museums"](#)

- Meranda Roberts, April 2022

["Weaving a thread through the 7 generations"](#)

- Melody Walker Brook, April 2018

Websites

- [Boston Stories](#)
- [Core Standards for Museums with Native American Collections](#)
- [Guidelines for Collaboration](#)
- [Indigenous Collections Care Guide](#)
- [Museum of Us Colonial Pathways Policy](#)
- [Protocols for Native American Archival Materials](#)
- [Local Contexts](#)

Articles

- Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
- Macdonald, Brandie. "Pausing, Reflection, and Action: Decolonizing Museum Practices," *Journal of Museum Education*, 47:1, 8-17 (2022).
- Tuck, Eve, and K. Wayne Yang. 2012. Review of *Decolonization Is Not a Metaphor*. *Decolonization: Indigeneity, Education & Society* 1 (1): 1-40.
- Van Orden Martínez, Victoria, Heather George, Nathan mudyi Sentence, Adriana Muñoz, and Laura Phillips, eds. "Indigenous Collections: Belongings, Decolonization, Contextualization." Special issue, *Collections: A Journal for Museum and Archives Professionals* 18, Issue 1 (March 2022).

If you want more suggestions or would like to have additional conversations reach out!



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Podcasts

Exhibiting Kinship

Hosted by Felicia Garcia (Chumash) and Meranda Roberts (Northern Paiute), Exhibiting Kinship is a podcast dedicated to discussing the many ways Indigenous people are working to radically change the museum world.

Books

- Deloria, Philip J. 2004. *Indians in Unexpected Places*. Lawrence, Kan. Univ. Press Of Kansas City
- Kimmerer, Robin Wall. 2013. *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants*. Minneapolis, Minnesota: Milkweed Editions.
- Lonetree, Amy. 2012. *Decolonizing Museums: Representing Native America in National and Tribal Museums*. The University of North Carolina Press.
- Treuer, Anton. 2012. *Everything You Wanted to Know about Indians but Were Afraid to Ask*. Saint Paul, Mn: Borealis Books.
- Turner, Hannah. 2020. *Cataloguing Culture: Legacies of Colonialism in Museum Documentation*. Vancouver: UBC Press.