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Terminology

- ◆ **Decolonization**

- ◆ The process of deconstructing colonial ideologies of the superiority and privilege of Western thought and approaches. Decolonization involves valuing and revitalizing Indigenous knowledge and approaches, and weeding out Western biases or assumptions that have impacted Indigenous ways of being.
- ◆ Cull, Ian, Robert L.A. Hancock, Stephanie McKeown, Michelle Pidgeon, and Adrienne Vedan. *Pulling Together: A guide for Indigenization of post secondary institutions* A professional learning series. [Available via Creative Commons.](#)

- ◆ **Indigenization**

- ◆ A collaborative process of naturalizing Indigenous intent, interactions, and processes and making them evident to transform spaces, places, and hearts.
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- ◆ **Cultural Care**

- ◆ Knowledge and instructions from an originating community for best practices, protocols, or restrictions on the proper care or treatment of cultural items, such as housing, handling, and conservation guidelines.

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- ◆ **Consultation**

- ◆ An enhanced and robust form of communication and collaborative action that emphasizes trust, respect, and mutual responsibility with stated expectations of commitment.
- ◆ [Protocols for Native American Archival Materials publication \(hosted by Northern Arizona University\)](#)

- ◆ **Repatriation**

- ◆ In the United States, the transfer of all legal rights to and physical custody of Native American cultural materials to lineal descendants, culturally affiliated Indian tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations. the return of possession or control of Native American cultural items to lineal descendants, culturally affiliated Indian Tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations.
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- ◆ **NAGPRA**

- ◆ A federal law that was enacted in 1990 to outline a requirement and process for museums and federal agencies to return certain Native American cultural items – human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony to lineal descendants, culturally affiliated Indian tribes, or Native Hawaiian organizations.
- ◆ [National NAGPRA, National Park Service](#)

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