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# NAGPRA

Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act

**Repatriation** is the process of returning objects of value to the people or government of origin.

NAGPRA was passed in 1990, and requires the repatriation of Native American human remains, funerary and religious objects, and other objects of cultural importance to Native American, Indian and/or Native Hawaiian tribes/nations.

## Who has to comply?

Museums - defined as institutions with collections of Native America that receive federal funds. Vassar is an institution which has Native American collections and receives federal funding. We should have complied with NAGPRA at the initial deadline in 1995.

### Summaries

Provide summaries of Native American collections within 6 months to affiliated groups

### Consultation

An inventory of human remains, and cultural objects is created in consultation with those groups

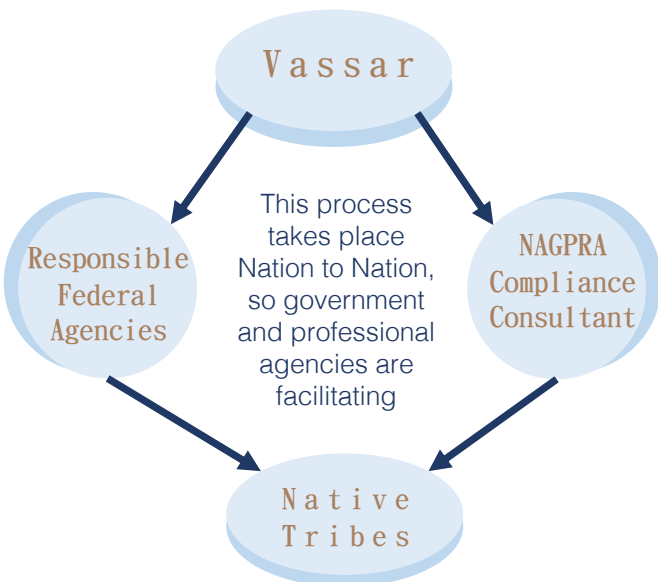
### Return

All human remains, funerary objects, and sacred/cultural items are returned in an appropriate manner

## Discovery of New Collections

If a new collection is discovered, the institution has 6 months to start repatriation in order to stay in compliance. The discovery of Native American collections in Blodgett Hall in fall of 2019 has started the process of repatriation.

## Who is involved?



## What Next?

- Vassar is now in compliance with Blodgett Collections
- The US Fish and Wildlife Service will prepare summaries of Blodgett Collections by summer 2020
- Vassar will survey collections of all buildings on campus to ensure there are no new discoveries

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