Anthropology Colloquium Speaker of the Week:
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March 3rd 6:00pm
SB150

Doing Archaeology on the Navajo Reservation

My presentation will highlight my past experience as an Indigenous archaeologist and program manager at the Navajo Nation Archaeology Department (NNAD). Much of the archaeological research on the Navajo reservation is being done as part of the development process, and can be defined as cultural resource management (CRM). I will share my experience doing CRM, and also working with Navajo students through the Student Training Program at NNAD on the Northern Arizona University campus. This innovative program allows students to receive hands on training in doing archaeology, while they attended college. Furthermore, I will briefly discuss the current state of archaeology on the Navajo reservation, how it is being done, what is being documented and some of the problems. I will also discuss my current research at the Old Leupp Boarding School, a Navajo historic archaeological site. My goal is to provide students with an introduction to the growing field of indigenous archaeology, archaeology that is done by, with and for indigenous peoples. I also hope to shed light on how archaeology is done on the biggest Native American reservations in the country, and inform students about how, they might participate, if they have an interest in working with tribes. The tribal approval process is an important topic that any researcher, who is conducting research with Native American groups, must be aware of, and I will briefly describe the Navajo Nation's Institutional Review Board.

Research Interests

Navajo and Indigenous archaeology
Navajo language, history, & culture
Community based participatory research
Historic archaeology
Ethical archaeology
Native American & Indigenous studies
Southwestern archaeology

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Refreshments available at 5:45.