American Anthropological Association Member Appointed to NAGPRA Review Committee

Alexander Wade Barker, member of the American Anthropological Association, was recently awarded with an appointment of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Review Committee. The seven-member NAGPRA Review Committee is an advisory body for the National NAGPRA Program, who is chosen by appointment by the Secretary of the Interior, Ken Salazar. Dr. Barker and Linda Lee Kuuleilani Farm are appointed to four-year terms. The two new members were appointed by the Secretary from a list of seven nominees submitted by national museum organizations and scientific organizations. Alex Barker and Ms. Farm succeed Dan Monroe and Alan Goodman.

Alex Barker currently serves as Director of the Museum of Art and Archaeology, and Adjunct Associate Professor in the Departments of Anthropology, Art History and Archaeology at the University of Missouri. Prior to that appointment, he served as Section Head of Anthropology and Curation of North American Archaeology and as Vice President for Collections and Research at the Milwaukee Public Museum. Since 2004, he has been Co-Principal Investigator for the Pecica-Santul Mare Project, in Romania. He also has served as Field Director for numerous archeological projects in the United States. During the course of his career, he has served on national museum and scientific organization committees and task forces that have addressed professional ethics, as well as culturally unidentifiable Native American human remains and NAGPRA. Alex Barker was nominated to the Review Committee by the American Anthropological Association, the American Association of Museums, and the Society for American Archaeology.

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Founded in 1902, the American Anthropological Association is the world's largest professional organization of anthropologists and others interested in anthropology, with an average annual membership of more than 10,000. The Arlington, VA – based association represents all specialties within anthropology – cultural anthropology, biological (or physical) anthropology, archaeology, linguistics and applied anthropology.