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Native American Protocols Forum Annual Report
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http://saa.archivists.org/Scripts/4Disapi.dll/4DCGI/committees/Roles.html?Action=Show_Comm_Roles&CommCode=SAA**WG-NAPF&Name=Officers&Status=Active.

This is the annual report on the 2010 *Native American Protocols Forum*, the second in a series of three forums. It covers the planning process and the Forum itself.

The initial planning phase for the series of three forums identified three broad themes: review of the *Protocols*' development and issues surrounding their use (addressed in the 2009 forum), current applications of the *Protocols* (addressed in the 2010 forum), and the future of the *Protocols* in the archives profession (the theme of the 2011 forum).

This year's planning centered on current applications of the *Protocols*. This planning was assisted by a little serendipity. The second Western Roundup, held in Seattle in April 2010, included a session on the Plateau People's Web Portal (PPWP): <http://libarts.wsu.edu/plateaucenter/portalproject/>. The session was organized by Cheryl Gunselman, who also presented with Dr. Kim Christen and Shawn Lamebull. The session was attended by SAA President Peter Gottlieb, who encouraged the working group to pursue the speakers for the 2010 forum.

The working group invited the three speakers to present. Cheryl was unable to attend, but Kim and Shawn agreed. The group worked with SAA staff and Washington State University archivist Trevor Bond to secure funding. SAA provided complimentary registrations and WSU provided travel funds.

The Forum was held on August 12. Kim and Shawn discussed a number of issues related to the use of the *Protocols* in the development of the PPWP. The guiding principles for the project are respect, recognition, and responsibility. Some of the more important issues discussed include:

- Equal value and authority for both archival and tribal knowledge systems;
- The use of "digital repatriation" to provide access to tribal materials in local settings;

- Recognition of different community values related to access; and
- The use of the *Protocols* as flexible guidelines.

There were about 20 minutes available for questions, which Jennifer O'Neal moderated. Karen Underhill and Keara Duggan prepared detailed meeting notes available via the Diversity Committee's website:

<http://www2.archivists.org/groups/diversity-committee/native-american-protocols-forum-august-12-2010>.