

Creating Connections: Archaeologists and Local Communities

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Description:

When North American archaeologists are in the field, they commonly give site tours and talks about their research to local communities. These talks and tours help create connections with local communities. What happens to these connections once the fieldwork component of a research project ends, especially in situations where archaeologists do not live near their field areas? In this talk, I discuss two projects that have helped sustain relationships with communities local to my field area in northeastern Arizona. The first project centers on a traditional corn roasting pit that was built for interpretive purposes and the second focuses on creating a digital archives of a museum collection.