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Brown Bag History Series – “Whose Heritage? Archaeology, Looting, and the Museum of Northern Arizona” presented by Dr. William Stoutamire at the Kearney Public Library

Kearney Public Library and UNK-History Department welcome you to the history brown bag lunch series Wednesday, May 11 from noon - 1:00 pm. Dr. William F. Stoutamire will present *Whose Heritage? Archaeology, Looting, and the Museum of Northern Arizona*.

This talk is based on an article that will be appearing in the August 2022 issue of *The Journal of Arizona History*. In this presentation, Will examines the origins of the Museum of Northern Arizona, one of the Southwest’s most significant regional museums. He situates the museum’s origins within ongoing debates about the preservation of Northern Arizona’s archaeological heritage – debates which pitted the residents of Flagstaff against Smithsonian archaeologists, and excluded Indigenous communities in their entirety. His work seeks to problematize the museum’s founding within the context of broader contemporary debates about heritage, archaeology, looting, and the need to protect the cultural resources of the Southwest.

Dr. William F. Stoutamire is an Assistant Professor of History at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, where he coordinates the public history minor and MA concentration in public history. He holds a BA in History from Florida State University and a PhD in History, with a focus in public history, from Arizona State University. As a doctoral student at ASU, Will worked on a series of projects for the National Park Service in Arizona, including a Historic Resource Study for the Flagstaff Area National Monuments. His presentation today builds off of this work. Will is currently working on his first book, tentatively titled *Imagining Antiquity*, which will offer a critical reexamination of the early history of the Antiquities Act.

This program is free and open to the public so bring your lunch and learn! This collaborative program is presented by UNK-History Department, and the Kearney Public Library. Mark your calendars for this ongoing series on June 8 with a presentation.

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