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Re: NOLS to host virtual talk on how the Nez Perce Tribe regained cultural heritage
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Join the North Olympic Library System (NOLS) and Humanities Washington for “Coming Home: How the Nez Perce Tribe Regained Their Cultural Heritage,” a free virtual talk with author and historian Trevor Bond. Register in advance at NOLS.org/HW to receive the Zoom link for the presentation on Wednesday, Sept. 3, at 6 p.m.

Belongings deeply important to tribal communities are often housed in museums far away from those communities. In this talk, Bond shares the remarkable story of how the Nez Perce Tribe and their allies purchased the largest and oldest collection of Nez Perce material culture—including dresses, shirts, and other regalia—from a museum over 2,000 miles away from their homeland.

In this hopeful story of cultural resiliency and making amends for past injustices, explore issues surrounding collection and curation, and the changing relationships between museums and Native communities. It’s a story that transcends the efforts of one Northwest tribe to show how many Indigenous communities are reuniting with their heritage.

About the Presenter

Trevor James Bond (he/him) is the director of the David G. Pollart Center for Arts and Humanities and the associate dean for digital initiatives and special collections at the Washington State University Libraries. He is the author of “Coming Home to Nez Perce Country: The Niimípuu Campaign to Repatriate Their Exploited Heritage,” a finalist for the 2022 Washington State Book Award for non-fiction.

Bond lives in Pullman.

About Humanities Washington

Humanities Washington is a nonprofit organization dedicated to opening minds and bridging divides by creating spaces to explore different perspectives. For more about Humanities Washington, visit humanities.org.

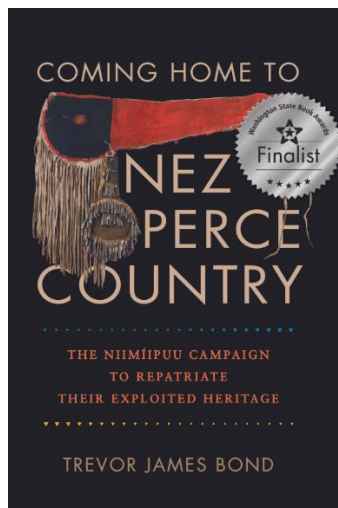
This talk is presented in partnership with The Thomas S. Foley Institute for Public Policy and Public Service, which educates citizens across the state about democratic institutions and public affairs, and is based at Washington State University. For more information, visit foley.wsu.edu.



In a free virtual talk on Sept. 3, author and historian Trevor Bond will share how the Nez Perce Tribe regained material culture from a museum collection.



This [toʔynóʔayn \(horse crupper\)](#), a piece of tack used to keep a saddle from sliding forward on a horse, was part of the Spalding-Allen Collection purchased by the Nez Perce Tribe in 1996 from the Ohio Historical Society. Re-named the Wetxuuwíitin' (meaning captive returned home) Collection by the Nez Perce Tribe in 2021.



Trevor Bond's book, "Coming Home to Nez Perce Country: The Niimiipuu Campaign to Repatriate Their Exploited Heritage," is available for checkout from NOLS in print, eBook and Kindle formats.

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