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MUSEUM OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL HISTORY

# FALL PROGRAMS AT THE MUSEUM

# A Tale of Two Bees

**Thursday, October 1 | 6:00 p.m.**

Both native bees and honeybees pollinate plants vital to Oregon's ecosystems and the food we grow, but that wasn't always the case. Come discover a tale of two bees as UO ecologist Lauren Ponisio explores the history of honeybees in North America and the lives of 4,000 types of native bees.



Included with regular admission; free for MNCH members and UO ID card holders. Show your Oregon Trail or other EBT card for an admission discount.



## Indigenous Peoples' Day

**Monday, October 12 | 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**Special Monday Hours:** Enjoy free admission in honor of Indigenous Peoples' Day! Celebrate more than 14,000 years of Native culture in Oregon—from the First Americans at Paisley Caves to the dynamic cultures of today's Tribes.

*Artwork by Steph Littlebird*

# MIGRANT BELONGINGS
## UO Students' Efforts to Return Migrants' Property

**Thursday, October 15 | 6:00 p.m.**

About one third of migrants released from Immigration and Customs Enforcement custody are deported without having their property returned, such as identification documents and irreplicable personal items. Join UO anthropologist **Tobin Hansen** and UO student **Colette Reindl** for a discussion of migration and how students engage in the ethical and effective return of property through the UO's Migrant Belongings Project.



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# Centering Indigenous Knowledge Keepers in Museum Collections

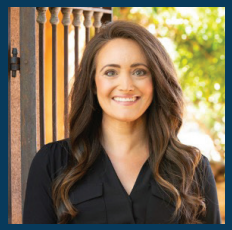
**Thursday, October 29 | 6:00 p.m.**

Museums have a deep responsibility to the communities whose cultures are represented in their collections. Cultural belongings are not only objects of antiquity, but rather significant links to traditions, family, and spirituality. Highlighting a recent project on Native Oregon basketweaving, our panelists discuss how meaningful collaboration and data sharing can strengthen scholarship, collections care, and support Indigenous resilience and connection.

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**Stephanie Craig**
*Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde*
Seventh-generation traditional basket weaver, culture keeper, and teacher



**Jennifer O'Neal**
*Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde*
Assistant Professor and Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Indigenous, Race and Ethnic Studies



**Elizabeth Kallenbach**
Interim Director of Anthropological Collections, Museum of Natural and Cultural History



**Clara Gorman**
Moderator
Doctoral Candidate, Department of Indigenous, Race, and Ethnic Studies

# RESTORING CULTURAL ARTS

## Artist Talk with Shirod Younker

**Thursday, November 12 | 6:00 p.m.**

For artist and educator **Shirod Younker** (Coquille/Coos/Umpqua), art is a medium to reclaim cultural traditions, learn from his ancestors, and bring Tribal communities together. Join Shirod for stories of his path and inspiration as an artist, and how he works to perpetuate the artwork of his people and support others to do the same.

***Shirod Younker is the museum's 2026 Featured Contemporary Indigenous Artist.***




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# FALL FAMILY DAY

## NATIVE INNOVATIONS

**Saturday, November 21**
**10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Do you like to like to build with Legos or create new recipes? That's engineering! Explore your engineering skills by learning from examples of traditional Indigenous technologies. Since time immemorial, Native people have used natural resources, creativity, and ingenuity to engineer solutions to life's problems. Through hands-on activities, discover how these technologies and innovations continue to help people meet the challenges of today.

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# 2026 Holiday Closures

***Veterans Day***
Wednesday, November 11

***Thanksgiving***
Thursday, November 26

***Winter Break***
Wednesday, December 23, to Friday, December 25

***New Year's Day***
Friday, January 1, 2027

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