



MISSION

To practice ethical and responsible archaeological collections stewardship through securing, preserving, and making our collections accessible to a diverse audience for the purposes of education, research, and public engagement.

VALUES

STEWARDSHIP

UWAR is committed to the long-term conservation and protection of the archaeological record by practicing and promoting the integration of collections evaluation, preservation, conservation, and management as part of the archaeological process.

INCLUSION

UWAR believes that the archaeological record benefits all people and that everyone has the right to access archaeological collections for the purposes of increasing awareness, education, and responsible research.

EDUCATION & AWARENESS

UWAR is dedicated to serving and educating its customers about archaeological collections stewardship by expanding public understanding of archaeology as it relates to individual and private interests, increasing appreciation for collections-based research in light of the ongoing 'curation crisis', and encouraging the use of archaeological collections as a valuable teaching tool on the subject of shared stewardship of cultural heritage resources.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Increasing education and awareness of archaeological collections stewardship is most effectively achieved through endorsing community-focused collaborative efforts, building strong and inclusive institution-community relationships, and active efforts to meet our diverse audience on their terms.

ACCESS

Increased access to archaeological data benefits not only UWAR but the public, researchers, educators, professionals, and other stakeholders in cultural heritage assets by creating greater transparency in the curatorial process, fostering increased trust in the curatorial institution, and thereby building trusting relationships between the institution and the public.



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