

Concurrent Group Sessions and Tours

Session Title: #African Burial Grounds Matter and the Importance of Black Media

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Conversation Prompts

1. Why is it important to remember the dead? Why is it important to remember the African dead? Why are some bones more sacred than other bones?
2. Places can tell different stories as it relates to the "African American Experience". How do we reconnect with the art of understanding ourselves through exploring our personal histories as well as our collective (often hidden) histories?
3. What are some stories that need to be heard? In what ways can tech be used to lift up our points of pain, to openly deal with our grief and to celebrate our points of pride? What are some ways that we can use technology to build empathy for stories and empathy to tell these stories to bring about a more holistic understanding of the human experience?