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Navajo Nation Human Rights Commissioner Steven Darden awarded Henry Luce Foundation and Frist Nations Development Institute's Luce Indigenous Knowledge Fellowship.

St. Michaels, Navajo Nation (ARIZ) - The Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission is pleased to announce the 2021 Henry Luce Foundation and Frist Nations Development Institute's Luce Indigenous Knowledge Fellowship was awarded to Steven A. Darden, Vice-Chair, Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission.

According to the First Nation Development Institute, the goal of the fellowship is to “identify, support and convene Native American knowledge holder and knowledge makes who embody exceptional creativity and progressive critical thinking.” The fellowship was established in 2019.

Commissioner Darden was nominated by Jennifer Denetdale, Chair of the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission, for the fellowship to peruse and advocate for Navajo human rights regarding returning to Navajo traditional burial practices.

Commissioner Darden would like to engage Navajo elders and traditional individuals who would like to share their knowledge of burial preparation. The Commission has done several seminars on Funeral Rights and has written a report on the topic. Commissioner Darden would like to expand that work and further develop and help reclaim Navajo traditional knowledge for Navajo families to utilize it when burying their love ones.

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