Record Nr. UNINA9910151735503321 Repatriation of Indian human remains: efforts of the Smithsonian **Titolo** Institution / / Laurent B. Daville, editor Pubbl/distr/stampa New York:,: Novinka,, [2013] ©2013 **ISBN** 1-62618-259-0 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (100 pages): illustrations Collana Anthropology research and developments 305.897073 Disciplina Indians of North America - Material culture Soggetti Indians of North America - Antiquities - Law and legislation Cultural property - Repatriation - United States Human remains (Archaeology) - Repatriation - United States Archaeology - Moral and ethical aspects - United States Archaeologists - United States - Attitudes Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Edited, reformatted and augmented version a of United States Government Accountability Office publication, and two reports of testimony given before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, June 16, 2011. Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto Smithsonian Institution: Much Work Still Needed to Identify and Repatriate Indian Human Remains and Objects / GAO -- Indian Issues: Key Federal Agencies' and the Smithsonian Institution's Efforts to Identify and Repatriate Indian Human Remains and Objects. Statement of Anu K. Mittal, Director, Natural Resources an Environment, Government Accountability Office. Hearing on "Finding Our Way Home: Achieving the Policy Goals of NAGPRA" / GAO -- Testimony of Kevin Gover, Director, National Museum of the American Indian. Hearing on "Finding Our Way Home: Achieving the Policy Goals of NAGPRA". Sommario/riassunto The Smithsonian Institution holds a large number of Indian human remains and culturally significant objects as part of its museum collections. These human remains and objects have long been a concern for many Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian communities, who have been determined to provide an appropriate resting place for their

ancestors. In 1989, the National Museum of the American Indian Act (NMAI Act) was enacted, in part to address these concerns. This book is a study of the Smithsonian Institution's efforts to repatriate Indian human remains, with a focus on ways to expedite the process and recommendations from the Government Accountability Office (GAO). The GAO reviewed museum records, including 171 repatriation case reports, and interviewed the Smithsonian, the Repatriation Review Committee, and tribal officials.