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'IHUG (DEVIL'S CLAW): POTENTIAL AND POSSIBILITIES FOR THE FUTURE FROM THE PAST

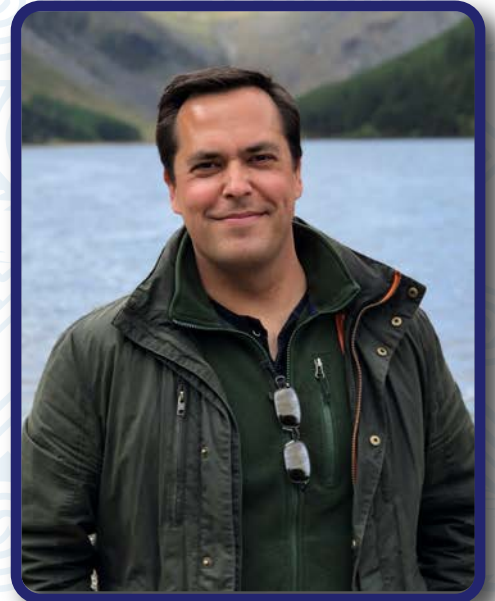
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THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025

6PM - 8PM

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Indigenous peoples of the Americas have been cared for by plants, and have cared for plants, since time immemorial. Exceptional preservation of organic materials at archaeological sites across the arid west has produced archives that have historically been neglected but which attest to the antiquity of complex and enduring people-plant relationships. My presentation discusses the potential and possibilities related to what we know (and don't know) about 'ihug or devil's claw (*Proboscidea parviflora*), an amazing desert plant cultivated for generations by O'odham peoples and their neighbors for basketry fiber and other uses. A primary goal of the presentation is to propose how 'ihug might benefit from archaeological tools and resources as a means to amplify the relevance of this plant for contemporary Indigenous communities as source of fiber, food, and medicine.

LIGHT DINNER WILL BE SERVED. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE THPO.