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*Return to Bacatete:  
The 2009 International Repatriation of the Guerreros Yaquis to the Sonoran Homelands of Río Yaqui*

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On November 6, 2009, the remains of 12 Yaqui warriors made their journey home after more than a century of exile in the American Museum of Natural History in New York. The *Guerreros Yaquis* were among 124 men, women and children, who were massacred on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 1902 on the slopes of Cerro Mazatán, Sonora, plus one victim of a lynching near Tórim, during the Mexican government's genocidal efforts against the region's indigenous people. This talk by Andrew Darling describes the historical circumstances of their death, collection of their remains by one of the founders of American Physical Anthropology, Ales Hrdlicka, and their eventual return home under the aegis of the traditional Yaqui leadership of Río Yaqui.

With a Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University of Michigan, J. Andrew Darling has over 25 years of experience in non-profit, cultural resources management and Tribal archaeology, including six years as the Director of the Gila River Indian Community Cultural Resources Management Program and with Southwest Heritage Research.