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Dr. Michael K. Trimble, who is better known as Sonny, has been with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) for 30 years. He serves as the director of the Corps' Mandatory Center of Expertise for the Curation and Management of Archaeological Collections and the Chief Historic Preservation Manager for the St. Louis District. He recently began serving as the director of the Corps' Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act Program. Beginning in 1991, Sonny led a national assessment and inventory of Corps archaeological collections and developed a Corps-wide curation program. From 2004 to 2007, he directed the Mass Graves Investigation Team in Iraq for the U.S. Department of Justice as part of an interdisciplinary team responsible for uncovering and recording evidence of mass murder and crimes against humanity committed under the regime of Saddam Hussein. In 2009, Sonny began serving as the Program