



## NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION

October 21, 2022

**To:** Commissioners, Native American Heritage Commission

**From:** Mario Pallari, CalNAGPRA Attorney

**Re:** Nomination of Laruen Peters to UC Systemwide Committee

### I. INTRODUCTION

This memorandum memorializes the recommendation of the Commission's UC Nominations Subcommittee to nominate Ms. Lauren Peters to the UC systemwide committee (as a non-voting representative from UC Davis). The Subcommittee believes Ms. Peters is qualified to serve and refers the final decision to the Commission. At the last Commission meeting on July 15, 2022, the Commissioners expressed a desire to nominate Ms. Peters after clarifying her interest in a non-voting position specifically. Both Executive Secretary Raymond C. Hitchcock and Deputy Attorney General John Appelbaum spoke with Ms. Peters and confirmed her preference for a non-voting position on the UC systemwide committee.

In addition to recommending Ms. Peters' nomination, this memorandum also identifies the current vacancies for both the UC Campus and Systemwide Committees.

### II. CURRENT VACANCIES

There are currently the following vacancies on the systemwide and campus committees:

- *Systemwide Vacancies (Non-voting UC Representatives)*
  - UC Berkeley (UC Rep. Non-voting)
  - UC Riverside (UC Rep. Non-voting)
  - UC Santa Barbara (UC Rep. Non-voting)
  - UC Davis (UC Rep. Non-voting): Proposing Lauren Peters
- *Campus Vacancies*
  - UC Riverside (UC Rep.) Matthew Hall and Steven Mandeville-Gamble resigned. Proposing Gerald Clarke
  - UC Berkeley (UC Rep.) Beth Piatote resigned. Proposing Seth Davis
- *Temporary Filled Campus Positions*
  - UC Davis (UC Rep.) Anthony Burris is continuing on an interim basis until a qualified candidate applies for his position.

### **III. APPROVING THE NOMINATIONS TO THE SYSTEMWIDE COMMITTEE AND UCSB CAMPUS COMMITTEE**

The UC Nominations Subcommittee recommends the nomination of Lauren Peters to the UC Systemwide Repatriation Committee (UC Davis non-voting representative). Her application is attached as Exhibit 1, hereto. In brief, Ms. Peters received her Masters from UC Davis in 2022 in Native American Studies with an emphasis on human rights. She is enrolled with the Agdaagux Tribe of King Cove, Alaska. She formerly served on the national NAGPRA Committee under President Obama where she co-wrote the annual Report to Congress and served on the Ethics sub-committee. She is the Alaska Native Advisor at Fort Ross, California where she has organized cross-Tribal and international Indigenous celebrations. Ms. Peters has received many scholarships and awards, including as a research scholar for the Robert Wood Johnson and Mellon Foundations. She has also published one book and many articles on Native American issues, including on repatriation.

# **Exhibit 1**

**COMMITTEE(S) SOUGHT**

Please indicate the Committee(s) to which the nominee is seeking appointment. If nominating for a campus committee(s), list the campus(es) where the nominee is interested in serving, in order of preference. Check all that apply. If a nominee selects both the UC Systemwide Committee and Campus Committee, their application will be considered for both Committees and they may be appointed to either, however at this time Committee members will only serve on one Committee at a time, unless the pool of candidates does not allow.

✓  UC Systemwide Committee (*if only Systemwide please skip to Nominator Information below*)

Campus  Committee (*please fill out Section A below*)



A. If the Nominee would like to serve on a Campus Committee, please fill out the following additional information.

Campus Committee (*Preferred Campus*): N/A

Alternative campus(es) Nominee will consider (candidates are encouraged to complete this section, if possible):

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

## SUBMISSION INFORMATION

### Nominator Information

Name: Mary Croughan Title Provost & Executive Vice Chancellor  
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Tribal/UC Institutional Affiliation: UC Davis

Email: [REDACTED] Phone: [REDACTED]

### Nominee Information

Name: Lauren Peters Title Ph.D. Scholar, Native American Studies  
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Tribal/UC Institutional Affiliation: UC Davis

Email: [REDACTED] Phone: [REDACTED]

Position Sought:            Tribal Nominee    UC Nominee

### **Please attach:**

- (i) A short biography and, if desired, a resume or CV of the nominee,**
- (ii) A tribal resolution or letter of support, and**
- (iii) A list of at least three references, with names, telephone numbers, and email addresses for each.**

Submit completed nomination packets to [NAHC@nahc.ca.gov](mailto:NAHC@nahc.ca.gov) or 1550 Harbor Blvd, Suite 100, West Sacramento, CA 95691 by the due date indicated at [nahc.ca.gov/calnagpra/nominate](http://nahc.ca.gov/calnagpra/nominate).

**Incomplete packets will not be considered.**

## Recommendations for CALNAGPRA

Jacquelyn Ann Ross

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Jessica Bissett Perea

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Zoila Mendoza

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### BIO – Lauren Peters

Lauren Peters is a second year PhD scholar in Native American Studies at UC Davis with a Designated Emphasis in Human Rights. She is enrolled with the Agdaagux Tribe of King Cove, Alaska. She has been chosen as the RWJS Health Policy Scholar and the Mellon Public Scholars awardee this year supporting her work finding and repatriating stolen children who died in Native American Boarding schools. She formally served on the national NAGPRA Committee under President Obama where she co-wrote the annual Report to Congress and served on the Ethics sub-committee. She is the Alaska Native Advisor to Fort Ross, CA where she has organized cross-Tribal and international Indigenous celebrations at Metini/Ross since 2014 and writes the history there from an Alaska Native perspective.

# LAUREN PETERS

## TRIBAL AFFILIATIONS

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### Unangax̂ [Alaska Native]

Enrolled Member: Agdaagû Tribe of King Cove; Tanâ Amî Tribe of St. Paul  
Shareholder: The Aleut Corporation and Tanadgusix (TDX) Corporation of St. Paul

## EDUCATION

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### PhD, Native American Studies with a Designated Emphasis in Human Rights Studies

In Progress University of California, Davis (expected 2025)  
Dissertation Committee: Jessica Bissett Perea (chair); Beth Rose Middleton Manning;  
Justin Spence; Keith Watenpaugh (HMR)

### MS, Information Science

2015 San Jose State University, San Jose, CA

### BA, Business Economics with Minor in German Language

1990 Mills College, Oakland, CA

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

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Critical Native American and Indigenous Studies; Unangax̂ Histories and Language Resurgence;  
Indigeneity and Human Rights; Native American Genocide and Survivance; Racial Capitalism; the Native  
American Graves and Repatriation Act; the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Movement.

## SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

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2021 *RWJF Health Policy Research Scholar*  
2021 *Mellon Public Scholar*  
2021 *Mellon Racial Capitalism Scholar*  
2021 *Ford Fellowship Honorable Mention/Alternate*  
2021 *Alaska Historical Society Terrance M. Cole Travel Award*  
2020 *Native American Studies Graduate Program Fellowship*  
2011 – 2015, 2020-21 *Graduate Honors Scholarship, The Aleut Foundation*  
2020-21 *Academic Excellence Scholarship, The Tanadgusix Corporation*  
2016 – 2018 *Obama Administration Appointee, to the “Critiques” and “Report to Congress”  
Subcommittees of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation  
(NAGPRA) Review Committee, National Parks Service*  
2015 *Living Cultures Grant, Alliance for California Traditional Arts*  
2014 *Student of the Year, The Aleut Corporation*  
2012 – 2013 *Spectrum Scholar, American Library Association*

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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### Books Chapters

In Progress “Alaska Natives at Fort Ross.” In *Fort Ross and the Sonoma Coast* (2nd ed.), edited by L.  
Kalani and S. Sweedler. Arcadia Publishing (Forthcoming 2021).

**Reports**

- 2017 – 2018 with A. Minthorn, S. Titla, L. Farm, P. Lyons, H. Edgar, and D.H. O’Rourke. “Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee Annual Report to Congress.” <https://irma.nps.gov/DataStore/Reference/Profile/2272408>
- 2017 with LindaLee Farm and Heather Edgar. “NAGPRA Ethical Recommendations to the U.S. Department of the Interior.”
- 2016 – 2017 with Patrick Lyons and Dennis H. O’Rourke. “Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee Annual Report to Congress.” <https://irma.nps.gov/DataStore/Reference/Profile/2256747>

**Public Scholarship**

- 2015 Inclusive Virtual 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom Curriculum, California Environmental Learning Program for the Fort Ross Conservancy. <https://sites.google.com/site/kbc2libr250/home>
- 2014 “Alaska Natives at Fort Ross.” Print essays for the Fort Ross Conservancy.
- 2014 “Alaska Natives at Fort Ross.” Online essay for the Fort Ross Conservancy. <https://www.fortross.org/alaska-natives.htm>

**SELECTED RESEARCH ACTIVITIES**

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**Conference Presentations**

- 2021 “Sophia’s Return: The Journey of a Stolen Alaska Native Orphan,” paper presentation for the Mellon Public Scholars Conference at UC Davis, November 17.
- 2021 “The Russian Era through Unanga’s Eyes,” paper presentation for Fort Ross Dialog, Fort Ross, CA. October 29.
- 2021 “Sophia’s Return: The Journey of a Stolen Alaska Native Orphan,” paper presentation for the Alaska History Association Conference in Juneau, October 14.
- 2021 “Unangax Reparation, Oral Histories, and WWII Reclamation Efforts,” paper presentation and panel discussion for Tadaima Japanese American History Conference, September 22.
- 2021 Native North Pacific Panelist for the Native American Studies Symposium for UC Davis, April 29.
- 2019 “Fort Ross: An Alaska Native Perspective,” paper presentation for the 59th Annual Western History Association Conference in Las Vegas, NV, October 19.

**Invited Presentations**

- 2020 “Slaves of the Harvest: History of the Pribilof Unanga,” guest lecture for ETHS 054 “Indigenous Peoples’s History in the U.S. to 1900” at Mills College in Oakland, CA. October 13.
- 2020 “The Alaska Native Neighborhood at Fort Ross,” research presentation for the “Envisioning Sustainable Futurities with North Pacific Indigenous Feminist Logics” Symposium, University of California, Davis. May 13-14. *\*postponed due to COVID-19*
- 2018 “Fort Ross: An Alaska Native Perspective,” research presentation for the “Pacific America Seminar” for Smith College in Jenner, CA. December 10.
- 2018 “Russians in the Pacific Northwest: From Fort Ross to the Aleutian Islands,” research presentation for the “Russian America” Conference, University of Oregon. April 6.
- 2013 “The U.S. Government Agent at Funter Bay,” research presentation for the “Indigenous Interventions” Conference, Institute for American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, NM. July 20.

**RELATED EXPERIENCE**

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**Community Outreach**

- 2021 *Co-organizer*, Native American Studies Post-Symposium Community Care Power Hours



2020 – 2021      *Language Internship*, Pribilof Angagian Tunungin, Aleut Community of St. Paul  
2018              *Make Access Kayak building internship*  
2016 –            *Vice President*, Pacific Northwest Aleut Council  
2016 –            *Cultural Advisor*, Pacific Northwest Aleut Council  
2014 –            *Grant Writer*, CALaska Culture  
2014 –            *Community Organizer*, Alaska Native Diaspora  
2001 –            *President*, Agnes Larsen Darnell Scholarship

**Professional Service**

2015 –            *Consultant*, DeYoung Museum  
2014 –            *Founder and Organizer*, “Alaska Native Day” at Fort Ross State Historical Park/Metini  
2014 –            *Alaska Native Advisor*, Fort Ross Conservancy  
2014 –            *Public Historian*, Fort Ross State Historical Park

**Work Experience and Training**

1997 – 1999      *Airline Pilot*, Atlantic Coast Airlines  
1995              *Air Transport Pilot License*, CFII, MEII, Sierra Academy of Aeronautics, Oakland, CA

**From:** Mary Croughan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 17, 2021 3:07 PM  
**To:** Lourdes Demattos [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Megon A Noble [REDACTED]; Anne Jones [REDACTED]; Michele C Hassett [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Campus designated nonvoting members for the NAGPRA Systemwide Committee

Dear Lourdes,

UC Davis enthusiastically recommends Lauren Peters as the campus nonvoting member serving on the NAGPRA Systemwide Committee. As you can see from her biography below, Lauren has a strong background in repatriation work, serving on the National NAGPRA Review Committee, which is advisory to the Secretary of the Interior. In addition, I thought you may appreciate seeing this piece from our Strategic Communications team highlighting Lauren's recent rematriation work to bring home her ancestor from the Carlisle Indian School:  
<https://www.ucdavis.edu/curiosity/news/uc-davis-family-rematriates-their-ancestor-alaska-native-school>.

Lauren holds a Master's degree in Library and Information Science, not in one of the Cal-NAGPRA designated fields. Based on Lauren's deep experience and leadership, we believe Lauren would work to promote repatriation and the guiding principles outlined in UC Policy. She has already confirmed her willingness to serve via a conversation with Megon Noble.

Here is her short biography:

Lauren Peters is a second year PhD scholar in Native American Studies at UC Davis with a Designated Emphasis in Human Rights. She is enrolled with the Agdaagux Tribe of King Cove and the Tribe of Tanax Amix of St. Paul Island, Alaska. She has been chosen as the RWJS Health Policy Scholar and the Mellon Public Scholars awardee this year supporting her work finding and rematriating stolen children who died in Native American boarding schools. She formally served on the national NAGPRA Committee under President Obama.

Lauren can be reached at [REDACTED]

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

All the best,

Mary Croughan  
Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor  
University of California, Davis