

**Systemwide NAGPRA Implementation & Oversight Committee  
Nominations Cover Sheet**

**Committee Type:**     Both     Systemwide Committee     Campus Committee

**Nominee Name:**

Preferred Campus: \_\_\_\_\_

Alt. Campus: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Position Sought:**    Tribal Nominee    CSU Nominee

Alt. Campus: \_\_\_\_\_

**Tribal/CSU Institutional Affiliation**

Name of Tribe: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Campus: \_\_\_\_\_

- Federally Recognized Tribe     CA Indian Tribe  
 CSU Administrator     CSU Faculty    Staff     NAGPRA Coordinator

**Tribal Members (Check all that apply):**

- Tribal Historic Preservation Officer work  
 Repatriation of human remains and cultural items pursuant to CalNAGPRA/ NAGPRA  
 Cultural resources protection under Tribal, state, and federal law  
 Consultation with state and federal entities and agencies  
 An Elder, Spiritual Leader  
 A minimum of five years' experience

**CSU Staff/Faculty Members (Check all that apply):**

- Archaeology     Anthropology     Environmental Studies  
 Ethnic Studies     History (with a focus in California)     Law  
 Native American Studies     Social Science     Sociology  
 A minimum of five years' experience working in field of study

**Circle One: Complete Application (Includes Attachments)**

- Short Bio, A Resume or CV  
 Tribal Resolution (as applicable)  
 Three References

**Incomplete Applications**

- Missing Attachments  
 Needs Follow Up Call  
 Other Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

CSU or NAHC Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_  
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Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### 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 CSU 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.

CSU 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)*: Sacramento State

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

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

## SUBMISSION INFORMATION

### Nominator Information (if applicable)

Name: Jacob Fisher Title: Professor/NAGPRA Director

Tribal/CSU Institutional Affiliation: Sacramento State

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### Nominee Information

Name: Jacob Fisher Title: Professor

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Position Sought:       Tribal Nominee       CSU Nominee

Please attach:

- (i) A short biography and, if desired, a resume or CV;
- (ii) A tribal resolution or letter of support from Tribe (if applicable), and
- (iii) A list of at least three references, with name, telephone number, and email addresses for each.

Submit completed nomination materials to [nagpra@calstate.edu](mailto:nagpra@calstate.edu) by **December 5, 2023**.

Incomplete materials will not be considered.

**Sacramento State NAGPRA Implementation Committee**  
**Nomination Biography**  
**Jacob L. Fisher, PhD**

It would be an honor to continue serving on the campus repatriation committee. I bring to the committee two decades of repatriation experience, training in museum collections management, and a strong familiarity with the history of archaeological practices in the region and beyond. Further, I have an intimate knowledge of the history of Sacramento State's anthropology program, institutional knowledge of the archaeological collections housed on campus and the CSU system's repatriation history, and working relationships with representatives of tribes and state and federal agencies that house collections at Sac State.

My experience with federal and state repatriation law is a product of approximately 20 years of serving as a NAGPRA practitioner. Given my interest in repatriation that I developed as an undergraduate at UC Santa Cruz, I was hired as the NAGPRA Assistant Coordinator at the Burke Museum of Natural History while completing graduate studies in archaeology at University of Washington. During this time, I completed a variety of tasks under Megon Noble, the NAGPRA Coordinator for the Burke Museum at the time (and presently at UC Davis), including consultations, developing NAGPRA inventories, and drafting notices and related documents.

My graduate-level training in archaeology and repatriation law prepared me for faculty line that would serve as the campus NAGPRA Director for Sacramento State. Since I was hired in 2010, I have served in a split position between the Department of Anthropology and NAGPRA. As NAGPRA Director, I oversee daily operations and guide the three full-time staff (currently Sarah Eckhardt, NAGPRA Coordinator; Tya Ates, NAGPRA Assistant; Karen Dively, Collections Manager) on repatriation efforts. I also serve as the Chair of the current campus NAGPRA committee and a liaison with upper administration.

As the NAGPRA Director, I have worked diligently on developing a strong, successful repatriation program while fostering relationships with a large number of tribes impacted by past archaeological research by the University. Along with my staff, we developed a set of campus NAGPRA policies and procedures, obtained approximately \$500,000 in grants and contracts with agencies, published a total of 38 notices in the Federal Register—while dealing with challenges such as space allocation, mitigating differing position on repatriation within the department, adapting to changes to state and federal law, and responding to the state audit while continuing to move repatriation forward. During my time at Sacramento State, I also served on the Society for American Archaeology Committee on Repatriation (2014-17) and the Museums, Collections, and Curation Committee (2010-14). Further, I have provided guidance on repatriation policy and procedures to a large number of CSU and UC campuses across northern California, as well as University of Nevada Reno.

**ABBREVIATED CURRICULUM VITAE**  
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**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Zooarchaeology Method and Theory, Human Behavioral Ecology, Culinary Processing, Paleoecology and Biogeography, Conservation Biology, NAGPRA, Native American-Archaeologist Relationships, Stable Isotope Analysis, Western North America

**EDUCATION**

2010 Ph.D. Anthropology, University of Washington  
2004 M.A. Anthropology, University of Washington  
2000 B.A. Anthropology, University of California, Santa Cruz

**CURRENT POSITION**

2010 – Present Professor, Anthropology  
Director, Archaeological Curation Facility  
NAGPRA Director

**PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

- Fisher, Jacob L. Submitted. Report on the Faunal Remains from Nine High Elevation Sites, White Mountains, California. In, *Aboriginal High Elevation Occupation of the White Mountains, Eastern California*, ed. by R. Bettinger. American Museum of Natural History Anthropological Papers Volume TBD, New York.
- Fisher, Jacob L. and Emily Lena Jones, editors. 2023. *Environmental Rebound in the Protohistoric Americas: Untangling Cause and Effect*. University of Utah Press.
- Fisher, Jacob L. and Emily Lena Jones, editors. 2023. Introduction. *Environmental Rebound in the Protohistoric Americas: Untangling Cause and Effect*. University of Utah Press.
- Fisher, Jacob L. 2023. Untangling Causation: Chronology and Geography of Faunal Rebound in Protohistoric California. In, *Environmental Rebound in the Protohistoric Americas: Untangling Cause and Effect*.
- Fisher, Jacob L. 2020. Diversity of Forager Lifeways in the Prehistoric Past (book review). *Antiquity* 94:533-535.
- Fisher, Jacob L. 2018. Archaeology and Biogeography of the Western Pond Turtle (*Actinemys marmorata*) in the Puget Sound Region. *Ethnobiology Letters* 9(2):180-188.
- Fisher, Jacob L. and Shannon Goshen. 2018. Alpine Hunting and Selective Transportation of Bighorn Sheep in the White Mountains, California. *Journal of California and Great Basin Anthropology* 38(1):87-99.
- Fisher, Jacob L. 2018. Protohistoric Artiodactyl Rebound and Resource Deintensification in Northern California. *Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports* 19:420-429.
- Fisher, Jacob L. 2018. Influence of Bone Survivorship on Taxonomic Abundance Measures. In, *Zooarchaeology in Practice: Case Studies in Methodology and Interpretation in Archaeofaunal Analysis*, ed. by C.M. Giovas and A.S. Poteate, pp. 127-149. Springer Publications.

- Fisher, Jacob L. 2015. Faunal Quantification and the Ascendance of Hunting Debate: Reevaluation of the Data from Southeastern California. *American Antiquity* 80(4).
- Fisher, Jacob L. and Keith L. Johnson. 2014. Culinary Processing of Jackrabbits at Antelope Cave, Arizona. *KIVA* 79(3):307-333.
- Fisher, Jacob L., Joel C. Janetski, and Keith L. Johnson. 2013. Variability in Far Western Pueblos Subsistence Strategies: The View from the Uinkaret Plateau, Northwest Arizona. *Journal of Arizona Archaeology* 2(2)
- Fisher, Jacob L. and Benjamin Valentine. 2013. Resource Depression, Climate Change, and Mountain Sheep in the Eastern Great Basin of Western North America. *Archaeological and Anthropological Sciences* 5(2):145-157
- Morgan, Christopher, Monique Pomerleau, and Jacob L. Fisher. 2012. High-Altitude Intensification and Settlement in Utah's Pahvant Range. *Journal of California and Great Basin Anthropology*.
- Fisher, Jacob L. 2012. Shifting Prehistoric Abundances of Leporids at Five Finger Ridge, a Central Utah Archaeological Site. *Western North American Naturalist* 72(1): 60-68.
- Fisher, Jacob L. 2010. *Costly Signaling and Changing Faunal Abundances at Five Finger Ridge, Utah* Dissertation, Department of Anthropology, University of Washington, Seattle. Committee Chair: Donald K. Grayson
- Grayson, Donald K. and Jacob L. Fisher. 2009. Holocene Elk (*Cervus elaphus*) in the Great Basin. In, *Past, Present, and Future Issues in Great Basin Archaeology*, Cultural Resource Series 20, edited by B.S. Hockett. Bureau of Land Management.

#### **EXTERNAL GRANT AND CONTRACT ACTIVITIES**

- 2023 (expected) Caltrans Contract Agreement, NAGPRA consultation services for collections housed by the Archaeological Curation Facility (\$250,000)
- 2023 USDA Contract Agreement, US Forest Service Challenge Cost Share Agreement for cataloging and rehousing of the Pinnacle Point Cave collection (\$29,988)
- 2015 Caltrans Contract Agreement, NAGPRA consultation services for three archaeological collections held by the Archaeological Curation Facility (\$152,196)
- 2014 National Park Service NAGPRA Documentation and Consultation Grant, Augustine Site (\$89,740)
- 2011 Contract, US Army Corps of Engineers; rehabilitation of CA-MAD-177 collections held by Archaeological Curation Facility (\$22,000)
- 2011 Subcontract, AECOM; rehabilitation of CA-SAC-16 collections held by Archaeological Curation Facility (\$79,690).
- 2011 Subcontract, Far Western Anthropological Research Group; rehabilitation of CA-PLA-272 collections held by Archaeological Curation Facility (\$15,186).
- 2011 National Park Service NAGPRA Documentation and Consultation Grant, American River Project (\$89,905)
- 2008 Wenner-Gren Dissertation Fieldwork Grant, Costly Signaling in the Archaeological Record: A Case Study from Western North America (\$15,700)
- 2008 National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant, Costly Signaling in the Archaeological Record: A Case Study from Western North America (\$14,964)
- 2003 National Park Service NAGPRA Museum Documentation Grant, Museum and Tribal GIS Database Development and Training (with J. Nason, P. Lape, L. Phillips, and M. Noble) (\$140,021)

#### **PAPER PRESENTATIONS (PAST 5 YEARS)**

- 2023 The Case of the Conspicuously-Absent Greater Sage-Grouse. Paper presented at the Great Basin Anthropology Conference, Bend, Oregon (with Allison Wolfe and George Ellis).
- 2023 Nutritional Benefits of Bone Fat in Rabbits (Leporidae): Implications for Understanding Prehistoric Human Foraging. Paper presented at the Great Basin Anthropology Conference, Las Vegas (with Caitlyn Bailey).

- 2023 Revisiting the Alpine Zone: Preliminary Zooarchaeological Analysis of Crooked Creek Cave. Paper presented at the Society for California Archaeology annual meeting, Oakland.
- 2021 Nutritional Benefits of Bone Fat in Rabbits (Leporidae): Implications for Understanding Prehistoric Human Foraging. Paper presented at the Great Basin Anthropology Conference, Las Vegas (with Caitlyn Bailey).
- 2021 Faunal Exploitation Strategies and Seasonality in the Alpine Zone, White Mountains, California. Paper presented at the Society for California Archaeology annual meeting (online conference).
- 2019 Faunal Exploitation Strategies in the Alpine Zone of the White Mountains, California. Paper presented at the Society for California Archaeology Northern California Data Sharing Meeting, Donner State Park.
- 2019 Shifting Seasonal Use of the White Mountains Alpine Zone, California. Paper presented at the Stanley Olsen Zooarchaeology Conference, Eagle Lake, California.
- 2019 Untangling Causation: Spatial and Temporal Dimensions of Environmental Rebound in Protohistoric California. Paper presented at the Society for California Archaeology Annual Meeting, Sacramento.
- 2018 Economic Intensification and Seasonality in the Alpine Zone, White Mountains, California. Paper presented at the Keeler Conference, Tom's Place, California.
- 2018 Optimal Foraging Theory and Protohistoric Deintensification at Kathy's Rockshelter, Butte County, California. Paper presented at the Society for California Archaeology Annual Meeting, San Diego, California.

**INVITED SPEAKER**

- 2018 Untangling Causation: Chronology and Geography of Faunal Rebound in Protohistoric California. Keynote address to be presented at the Eagle Lake Zooarchaeology Conference, Eagle Lake, California.
- 2013 Stable Isotopes, Climate, and Mountain Sheep Hunting in the Great Basin. Invited speaker to the Evolutionary Anthropology Colloquium Series, Department of Anthropology, University of California, Davis. April 29, 2013.
- 2011 NAGPRA: Twenty Years Later at Sacramento State University. Invited speaker to Department of Anthropology Forum, Chico State University, CA
- 2010 Butchering Bunches of Bunnies (Every Hare Counts): Processing and Consumption of Jackrabbits at Antelope Cave, AZ. Invited speaker to Department of Anthropology, Portland State University.

**PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES**

- 2002 – Present Society for American Archaeology
- 2014 – 2017 SAA Committee on Repatriation
- 2014 – 2015 SAA Program Committee for 2015 Annual Meeting
- 2010 – 2014 SAA Museums, Collections, and Curation Committee
- 1999 – Present Society for California Archaeology
- 2004 – Present Great Basin Anthropological Association
- 2004 – Present International Council of Archaeozoology

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**References**

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