

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

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

**Nominee Name:**

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

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

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

**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/Letter (as applicable)  
 Three References

**Incomplete Applications**

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

CSU or NAHC Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_  
CSU or NAHC Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_



THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY  
OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

BAKERSFIELD

November 8, 2023

CHANNEL ISLANDS

CHICO

Dear Tribal Leader,

DOMINGUEZ HILLS

EAST BAY

FRESNO

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HUMBOLDT

This correspondence is intended to solicit nominations for qualified candidates to serve on the California State University (CSU) Systemwide NAGPRA Committee to oversee the state and federal Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act compliance efforts. Respectful repatriation rooted in meaningful tribal consultation is required by California NAGPRA (CalNAGPRA). The CSU is committed to fully implementing the spirit as well as the legal requirements of federal NAGPRA and CalNAGPRA, which were enacted to acknowledge the fundamental human right of Native Americans, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians to their ancestral human remains and cultural items.

LONG BEACH

LOS ANGELES

MARITIME ACADEMY

MONTEREY BAY

The committee is composed of both tribal and CSU representatives with a majority of the committee's voting members from California Indian Tribes and one non-voting member from each campus subject to CalNAGPRA and federal NAGPRA. All members are nominated by the California Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) and appointed by the CSU chancellor or the chancellor's designee. More information and nomination materials can be found on the CSU NAGPRA website, <https://nagpra.calstate.edu>.

NORTHRIDGE

POMONA

Committee members are expected to commit to quarterly meetings each calendar year to discuss the development and implementation of the systemwide NAGPRA policy.

SACRAMENTO

SAN BERNARDINO

**Tribal Nominees**

Tribal nominees must be a member of a federally or non-federally recognized California Indian Tribe as defined by Section 8012 of the Health and Safety Code. Experience in any of the following is preferred:

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SAN FRANCISCO

- Tribal historic preservation officer work
- Repatriation of human remains and cultural items pursuant to NAGPRA/CalNAGPRA;
- Cultural resources protection under tribal, state and federal law; or
- Consultation with state and federal entities and agencies.

SAN JOSÉ

SAN LUIS OBISPO

SAN MARCOS

SONOMA

Preference shall be given to members of a California Indian Tribe. If no members of a California Indian Tribe meeting the qualifications of 8028.71 subdivision (c) paragraph (1) are available, members of other tribes may serve.

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Tribal Leader  
November 8, 2023  
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You are encouraged to submit a nomination/self-nomination if the nominee meets a majority of the requirements, even if you are unsure as to whether they meet a specific requirement.

Please feel free to reach out with questions or concerns to [nagpra@calstate.edu](mailto:nagpra@calstate.edu).

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mildred García". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, decorative initial "M".

Mildred García, Ed.D.  
Chancellor

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY  
NATIVE AMERICAN GRAVES PROTECTION AND REPATRIATION ACT  
IMPLEMENTATION AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

**NOMINATION FORM**

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The California State University (CSU) is committed to fully implementing the spirit as well as the legal requirements of both the Federal Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) and the California Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (CalNAGPRA), which were enacted to acknowledge the fundamental human right of Native Americans, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians to their ancestral Human Remains and Cultural Items.

The CSU seeks nominees for the Systemwide and Campus NAGPRA Committees. The purpose of the committees is to provide oversight and guidance for the development and implementation of Systemwide and Campus CalNAGPRA and federal NAGPRA compliance, which includes NAGPRA policy development. The CSU is referencing the requirements as outlined in Assembly Bill 389 Section 8028.7 and Section 8028.71 to guide the committee selection and policy development processes.

If you are interested in serving or nominating a candidate please review the criteria below, complete the following application materials, and submit completed materials with 1) Attach a short biography or resume demonstrating that the nominee meets the criteria below; 2) Attach a letter of support from Tribe, Tribal resolution or a letter of interest with this form; and 3) Attach a list of at least three references, with name, telephone number, and email address for each.

Committee Term: 3-year renewable staggering term

**Tribal Nominees:** Support letters or Tribal resolutions for Tribal nominees should be from Tribal governments, Tribal community organizations or Institutional leadership organizations, include the strengths of the candidate, as well as any information that might be relevant.

**CSU Nominees:** Support letters or resume for CSU nominees should include professional experience demonstrating the ability to work in collaboration with Native American Tribes successfully on issues related to repatriation or museum collection management.

Please note, the CSU will keep completed application on file for committee positions that may become available in the future.

**Deadline:** Nomination materials must be submitted to [nagpra@calstate.edu](mailto:nagpra@calstate.edu) by **December 5, 2023**

## QUALIFICATIONS

### Tribal Nominees

A voting member of a California Indian tribe shall be an elder, spiritual leader, tribal leader, or tribal member, as designated by the governing body of the individual's tribe, with a minimum of five years' prior experience in any of the following:

- Repatriation of human remains and cultural items pursuant to federal NAGPRA;
- Cultural resources protection under Tribal, state, and federal law; or
- Consultation with state and federal entities and agencies.

Preference shall be given to members of a California Indian Tribe. If no members of a California Indian Tribe meeting the qualifications of 8028.71 subdivision (c) paragraph (1) are available, members of other Tribes may serve.

### CSU Nominees

CSU Nominees must be affiliated with or employed by the California State University and have the following:

- A graduate degree in any of the following: Archaeology, Anthropology, Native American Studies, Ethnic Studies, Law, Sociology, Social Sciences, Environmental Studies, or History, with a focus in California
  - If there are no candidates satisfying this clause, candidates that have degrees and direct professional experience in fields relevant to repatriation or tribal cultural resources matters shall be deemed to meet the requirements of the clause; and
- A minimum of five years' experience working in his or her field of study.

Preference shall be given to members who have demonstrated, through their professional experience, the ability to work in collaboration with Native American tribes successfully on issues related to repatriation or museum collection management.

In the event that candidates from the California State University are not available or do not meet the above criteria, the California State University representative positions may be filled by retired emeriti of the California State University who meet the above criteria.

**Note:** At least two CSU nominees to the Systemwide one CSU nominee to the Campus Committee(s) must be affiliated with an American Indian or Native American Studies program

**You are encouraged to submit a nomination/self-nomination if the nominee meets a majority of the requirements, even if you are unsure as to whether they meet a specific requirement.**

### 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)*: CSU San Diego

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

- 1) CSU Fullerton
- 2) CSU Cal Poly Pomona
- 3) CSU Long Beach

## SUBMISSION INFORMATION

### **Nominator Information (if applicable)**

Name: Lisa Woodward Title: Archivist

Tribal/CSU Institutional Affiliation: Pechanga Indian Reservation-Pechanga Cultural Department

Email: lwoodward@pechanga-nsn.gov Phone: 951-770-6305

### **Nominee Information**

Name: Myra Masiel Zamora Title: Curator-Archaeologist

Tribal/CSU Institutional Affiliation: Pechanga Band of Indians

Email: mmasiel@pechanga-nsn.gov Phone: 951-770-6315

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.





## Myra Masiel-Zamora Biography

Myra Masiel-Zamora is a member of the Pechanga Band of Indians. In 2005 she received a B.A. in Anthropology from the University of California, Berkeley. She has worked for Pechanga Cultural Resource Center since 2005. In 2013 she received a Master of Arts in Anthropology from San Diego State University. Masiel-Zamora is currently the Curator and Archaeologist for the Pechanga Cultural Resources Center. Myra also serves on the University of California Riverside Native American Graves and Repatriation Board and the Museum of Us Board of Trustees. She is a Cultural Teacher and a Pechanga Youth Council Advisory for the Youth Traditional Knowledge Summer Program and teaches many community classes on the Pechanga reservation.

While a student at UC Berkeley, Myra worked as a technician at the Phoebe Hearst Museum. The museum is notorious for holding and desecrating the remains of over 10,000 Native ancestors. This experience deeply shaped Myra's desire to serve the boarder tribal community by protecting cultural resources and helping to repatriate tribal ancestors to their rightful homes. In 2016, Myra played a critical role in designing statewide legislation to create accountability and compel the University of California system to include more tribal voices in the repatriation process. The landmark legislation, AB 2836 by Todd Gloria, required policies on repatriation at the University of California and required state audits of the UC systemwide policies and has led to additional repatriations.

Her commitment to repatriations and cultural preservation has not only strengthened the Pechanga community but has also served as an inspiration for other tribes and organizations in their efforts to reclaim and protect their cultural heritage. Myra Masiel's work has been instrumental in preserving and revitalizing Native traditions, fostering cultural pride, and promoting a deeper understanding and appreciation of Indigenous cultures in California.

Myra Masiel has made remarkable contributions impacting Indian Country. She has played a pivotal role in advocating for the rights and welfare of Native American communities, working tirelessly to preserve and promote their cultural heritage.

Myra helped to oversee the development of Pechanga's first state-of-art- repository and facilities. The campus includes state-of-the-art facilities to aid in the collection and preservation of Luiseño cultural items and houses Pechanga's collections of baskets, pottery, lithics, textiles and historical items.

Myra also serves as editorial Board chair for the Great Oak Press, a tribally-owned and operated publisher that provides an avenue for Native voices and topics of significance and importance to Native Americans to find their way into the contemporary discourse and become both a growing and permanent part of recorded knowledge. Myra assisted getting the Luiseño written language "special characters" accepted into the Unicode international character system in 2022. She has also published several books including "Éxva Teméeku: Where We Began", "Payómkawichum Pomtúkmay: Baskets of the People of the West" and several children's books to teach the Luiseño language.

Furthermore, Myra Masiel has been actively involved in promoting and preserving the cultural heritage of the Pechanga Band of Indians. She has worked tirelessly to document and share traditional knowledge, language, and customs, ensuring that future generations have access to their rich cultural heritage.

**Myra Ruth Masiel-Zamora**

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Temecula, Ca 92592

[mmasiel@pechanga-nsn.gov](mailto:mmasiel@pechanga-nsn.gov)

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**SCHOOLS ATTENDED:**

2007-2013: M.A. San Diego State University. Anthropology Department.

2001-2005: Bachelor of Arts Degree, University of California Berkeley, Anthropology Major, Native American Studies Minor.

**EXPERIENCE:**

June 2016-Current: **Curator, Archaeologist, Pechanga Cultural Resources**

Responsible for Pechanga General Collections, PastPerfect Database, Community Outreach and Cultural Programs, Exhibits, Interns and Volunteers, Research, Loans, Pechanga Library, NAGPRA, Monitor and Curation Staff Training and Archival Management, Great Oak Press Editorial Board, TANF Cultural Activities. Pechanga Cultural Language teacher.

July 2015-May 2016: **Curator (Consultant), Pechanga Cultural Resources**

Responsible for Pechanga General Collections, PastPerfect Database, Community Outreach and Cultural Programs, Exhibits, Interns and Volunteers, Research, Loans, Pechanga Library, NAGPRA, Monitor and Curation Staff Training and Archival Management

2015-Current: **Editorial Board Chair (Consultant), Great Oak Press**

Oversee Great Oak Press Publication Projects

June 2009-2014: **Assistant Curator (Consultant), Pechanga Cultural Resources**

Assistant with Pechanga General Collections, PastPerfect Database, NAGPRA, Monitor Training, Pechanga Library and Archival Management. Responsible for Community Outreach, Cultural Programs, Exhibits and Research.

August 2005-2008: **Curation Tech, Pechanga Cultural Resources**

Assistant with Pechanga General Collection, Outreach and Exhibits.

January 2003-2005: **Lab Tech, Phoebe Hearst Museum of Anthropology**

Assistant with California Indian Archaeological Collection, Register, NAGPRA Outreach

2003-2005: **Native American Recruitment, University of California, Berkeley**

Assistant with New Student Native American Recruitment, Travel and Native Student Newsletter Publications.

2001-2003: **Collection Tech, Phoebe Hearst Museum of Anthropology**

Responsible for Inventory and Photographing of California Indian Collections.

**ADVISORY BOARDS:**

2023-Current: Pechanga Youth Advisory Council

2023-Current: Museum of Us Board of Trustees, Board Member

2022-2023: Campus driven NAGPRA Advisory/Task Board Cal Poly Pomona

2019-**Current**: NAGPRA Advisory Board University of California, Riverside

2009-218: Temecula Valley History Society Board member

**AWARDS:**

2014: Outstanding Achievement, Pechanga Tribal Council

2003-2005: Native American High Honor Society, University of California Berkeley.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:**

2007-2012: Pechanga Graduate Scholarship

2001-2005: Pechanga Tribal Scholarship

2001: Hemet Lion's Club

**ACADEMIC TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

2004, Fall Semester: Seminar Leader, University of California Berkeley, Native American Beading, Ruth Hopper, Native American Studies Advisory.

2007, Fall Semester: Teaching Assistant, San Diego State University, Native California Cultures, Lynn Gamble, Ph.D., professor

2008, Spring Semester: Teaching Assistant, San Diego State University, Cuyamaca Field School, Lynn Gamble, Ph.D., professor

2008, Fall Semester: Teaching Assistant, San Diego State University, Introduction to Archaeology, Lynn Gamble, Ph.D., professor

2009, Spring: Native American Basketry Care and Conservation, Pechanga Indian Reservation

2009, Spring: Basket and Net Weaving, Pechanga Indian Reservation

2015-2016 Spring: Guest Lecturer, California Indian Studies, Mt San Jacinto Community College, Menifee Campus

2010-**Current**: Traditional Youth Knowledge Teacher and Pechanga Cultural Program, Pechanga Indian Reservation

**ACTIVITIES:**

2001/2004: Cal Native American News Letter, Managing editor, University of California Berkeley.

2001/2005: Native American Recruitment and Retention Member, University of California Berkeley.

2001/2005: Anthropology Club, University of California Berkeley.

2001/2005: Cal Environmental Club, University of California Berkeley.

2002/2005: Inter-Tribal Council Chairwomen, University of California Berkeley.

2003/2005: Native American Recruitment and Retention Chairwomen, University of California Berkeley.

2004: Archaeology After School Program, University of California Berkeley

2008-2012: Anthropology Graduate Student Association, San Diego State University.

2008-Current: Pechanga Reservation Cultural Teacher

#### **PUBLICATIONS:**

2013. Analysis of 'éxva Teméeku, A Luiseño Indian Village Site Named Temeku, Located in Temecula, California. San Diego State University. Montezuma Press

2016. Where We Began: 'ÉXVA TEEMÉKU. Great Oak Press. Pechanga, Ca.

2016. Polóovi Túukumit Pecháanga. Great Oak Press. Pechanga, Ca.

2017. Payómkawichum Pomtúkmay. Great Oak Press. Pechanga, Ca.

#### **RESEARCH INTERESTS:**

My area of interest is with Southern California Native communities as it relates to the field of Anthropology, History, and *Cultural Empowerment*.

**REFERENCES:**

Dr. Ramona Perez  
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## PECHANGA BAND OF INDIANS

*Pechanga Indian Reservation*

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December 6, 2023

VIA EMAIL

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**RE: Pechanga Band of Indians Support for Myra Masiel Zamora to California State University NAGPRA Implementation and Oversight Committee, CSU San Diego Campus Committee**

Dear Chancellor Garcia,

On behalf of the Pechanga Band of Indians, the Pechanga Tribal Council writes to offer its strongest support for Myra Masiel Zamora's candidacy to the California State University Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act ("NAGPRA") Implementation and Oversight Committee.

The Pechanga Band of Indians is a federally recognized sovereign Indian nation and California Indian tribe. Ms. Masiel Zamora is a member of the Pechanga Band of Indians, and for nearly two decades Ms. Masiel Zamora has performed and led critical work for the Pechanga Band of Indians related to the protection and preservation of Pechanga culture. Ms. Masiel Zamora's leadership is multifaceted and her work touches upon all aspects of the cultural spectrum, including without limitation language preservation and youth education work, but there is perhaps no position Ms. Masiel Zamora is more uniquely qualified for than CSU NAGPRA Implementation and Oversight Committee member.

Ms. Masiel Zamora serves as the Curator and Archeologist for the Pechanga Band of Indians. Her day to day work demands expertise in repatriation pursuant NAGPRA and CalNAGPRA; cultural resources protection under tribal, state, and federal law; and consultation with both state and federal agencies. Ms. Masiel Zamora's work is not limited to the Pechanga Band of Indians, as she has worked continuously throughout her career to improve the NAGPRA process for all California Indian tribes.

For these reasons, the Pechanga Tribal Council supports Myra Masiel Zamora for the open California State University NAGPRA Implementation and Oversight Committee position at the San Diego campus.

Sincerely,

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Mark Macarro  
Tribal Chairman