

Cristina Gonzales

CSU Native Studies Member

Campus Preference: Fresno

Qualified:

M.A. Museum Studies

Ms. Gonzales is a tribal member of the Coastal Band of Chumash Indians. Ms. Gonzales has been serving as a Cultural Registrar since 2007, first for the Table Mountain Rancheria and later for the Santa Rosa Rancheria. For the last three years, Ms. Gonzales has been a lecturer in Native American Studies at CSU Fresno.

References Contacted:

Desiree Martinez (Tongva), Gabriel Frausto (Coastal Band of Chumash Indians), and Robert Purnell recommend the candidate.

**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 _____
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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*)

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

Campus Committee (*Preferred Campus*): CSU, Fresno

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: Elizabeth A Lowham Title: Dean

Tribal/CSU Institutional Affiliation: CSU, Fresno

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Nominee Information

Name: M Cristina Gonzales Title: Cultural Registrar, Lecturer

Tribal/CSU Institutional Affiliation: Coastal Band Chumash; CSU Fresno

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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 by November 27, 2023.

Incomplete materials will not be considered.

M Cristina Gonzales

Coastal Band Chumash

Contact

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Education

John F Kennedy University
MA Museum Studies

CSU, Fresno
BA History

Fresno City College
AA Liberal Arts

Key Skills

NAGPRA
Consultation
Repatriation
Native California Plants
Basket Weaving/Cordage
Basket Identification
Consultant on Exhibitions

Leadership

Current Board Member
California Indian Basketweavers
Association

Current Board Member
Chumash Cultural Collective

Campus NAGPRA Committee
UC Santa Barbara

Former Board Member
California Association of Museums

Experience

01/2021 - Present

Cultural Registrar • Santa Rosa Rancheria

Maintain the Tribe's ethnographic collection including Yokuts baskets, archeological material, photographs and documents. Including documentation, research of collections, annual inventories, condition summaries, set preventative conservation standards for storage and handling. Develop policies, procedures, collection forms and museum documents. Establish collections on Catalog it! database. Prepare NAGPRA claims, assist with Tribal consultations and repatriations. Assist with formal consultation with Tribal, federal, state and local agencies pursuant to Section 106 of the NHPA. Currently designated "Historian" under the THPO and meets the federal Professional Qualification Standards.

08/2021 - Present

Lecturer • California State University, Fresno

Instruct students on various topics in American Indian Studies, including Introduction to American Indian Studies, Indians of California and special topics class cross-listed with Anthropology Department entitled Curation, Ethics and Laws.

08/2007 – 05/2020

Assistant Museum Director/Registrar • Table Mountain Rancheria

Maintained the Tribe's ethnographic collection including Yokuts baskets, archeological material, photographs and documents. Including documentation and research of collections, annual inventories, condition summaries, set preventative conservation standards for storage and handling, and monitor the climate and environment of the collections. Developed policies, procedures, collection forms and museum documents. Assisted with federal and state grant writing, reporting and financials. Designed temporary exhibitions and collection publications. Maintained collections on TMS database software. Prepared NAGPRA claims, assisted with Tribal consultations and repatriations. Assisted with formal consultation with Tribal, federal, state and local agencies pursuant to Section 106 of the NHPA and CEQA. Assisted with the maintenance of the Central California Yokuts NAGPRA Coalition; developed agendas, researched collections, worked with other Tribes to schedule Tribal leadership meetings. Assisted with archeological site surveys, monitoring and cultural identification. Supervised and mentored University interns.

06/2003 – 08/2007

Archivist/Administration • Tulare Historical Museum

Maintained the Tom Hennon Archives Center and extensive use of PastPerfect database for objects, books and memberships. Conducted museum tours and supervised student interns.

References

Available upon request

References: Cristina Gonzales

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Robert Pennell
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Haku Haku, my name is Cristina Gonzales, I am an enrolled member of the Coastal Band Chumash Nation. I am a museum professional, Lecturer, Chumash cultural practitioner, Šmuwič language learner and mother. Currently, I am a lecturer in American Indian Studies at California State University, Fresno where I am honored to teach about California Indian people, introduce students to American Indian Studies and develop new courses in curation, ethics and laws cross-listed with the Anthropology Department. I also specialize in repatriation and caring for cultural material at Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi Yokut Tribe. I have a Bachelor of Arts in History from California State University, Fresno and Masters of Arts in Museum Studies from John F. Kennedy University. I am currently on the California Indian Basketweavers Association Board of Directors. I am also the Chairperson for the University of California, Santa Barbara Campus NAGPRA Committee. Ksukuš, with respect.

Public Comment, Joe Castillo, representing the Gabrielinos and true California history, public comment on CalNAGPRA committee nominations

Dear sirs,

I am providing public comment opposing the nomination of several candidates to the CalNAGPRA commission.

I am an independent historical researcher and have written five books on California history as well as author of a weekly column on various historical topics in California. I have also performed an extensive and detailed study and research on determining the origins of the Tongva tribe and name. Based on my 1,100-page research manuscript titled "The Evolution of the Tongva Tribal Name", the "Tongva" name was established in 1992 after being "chosen" by the Gabrielino Band of Mission Indians. My research indicates that the "Tongva" name was a self-chosen, self-identified and self-proclaimed tribal name with no ancestral, cultural, or historical association with the Gabrielinos. Over 161 source documents were examined supporting the lack of evidence that the "Tongva" are the native tribal name of the Gabrielinos. Furthermore, the study contacted members of the Gabrielino/Tongva Nation and the Gabrielino/Tongva Band of Mission Indians and all refused to comment on the origins of the "Tongva" tribal name.

As my review indicates the "Tongva" tribe to be an inaccurate, incorrect tribal of the Gabrielinos tribe with no ancestral, cultural, or historical support, then each tribe using the "Tongva" name should also be considered a questionable and dubious tribe with members who may also be questionable and dubious in their genealogical ancestral records. In 1994, the State of California also found no support for the "Tongva" name during the state recognition review process of the Gabrielino tribe and removed the "Tongva" name from the recognition application. Three other subsequent resolutions submitted to the State of California with the "Tongva" name never made it out of committee review.

As the following candidates are associated with "Tongva" named tribes or have been recommended by "Tongva" tribal members, I strongly oppose the nomination of these individuals as they will be compromising the integrity and ethics of the CalNAGPRA Commission and committees:

- CSU Dominquez Hills, Christina Connelly, Gabrielino Tongva Indians of California
- CSU Fresno, Cristina Gonzalez, CSU Native American Studies Member recommended by Desiree Martinez (Tongva)
- CSU Los Angeles, Adam Loya, Gabrielino/Tongva Nation
- CSU Long Beach, Kelley Leah Steward, Gabrielino/Tongva Nation
- CSU Northridge, John Cody Blunt, Gabrielino/Tongva Nation, recommended by Sam Dunlap (Gabrielino-Tongva Nation)
- CSU Channel Islands, Edgar Perez, Gabrielino/Tongva Nation, recommended by Nicholas Rosenthal and Samuel Dunlap (Gabrieliño/Tongva Nation)

My contact information is Joe Castillo, joeacastillo@aol.com, PO Box 2326, San Gabriel, CA 91778.

Public Comment, Joe Castillo, representing the Gabrielinos and true California history, public comment on CalNAGPRA committee nominations

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

