

**Dr. Steven R. James**

**CSU Member**

**Campus Preference:** Fullerton

**Qualified**

Ph.D. Anthropology, Arizona State University, 1994. Director of Archaeological Research Facility for CSU Fullerton. Mentioned in his interview his desire to return collections to Native American Tribes.

Based on discussions with the Tribal communities Dr. James is not recommended. He has been known to challenge repatriation for research purposes.

**References Contacted:**

Dr. Patricia Matz, Dr. Carl Wendt, and Dr. Barbra Erickson recommend the candidate.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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 November 27, 2023

## QUALIFICATIONS

### **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. Preferred experience in any of the following:

- Tribal Historic Preservation Officer work;
- Repatriation of human remains and cultural items pursuant to CalNAGPRA and 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; 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.

**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)*

**XX** 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 Fullerton**

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: self-nomination (see below) Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal/CSU Institutional Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Nominee Information

Name: Steven R. James, Ph.D. Title: Professor of Anthropology

Tribal/CSU Institutional Affiliation: California State University at Fullerton

Email: sjames@fullerton.edu Phone: (657) 278-2765

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 November 27, 2023.

Incomplete materials will not be considered.

## Brief Background of Dr. Steven James

I am a Professor of Anthropology and Director of the Archaeological Research Facility in the Division of Anthropology at California State University, Fullerton, where I have been teaching for the past 20 years. I am currently a member of the CSUF CalNAGPRA Advisory Committee that was formed in 2022. From 2014 to 2016, I served as the CSUF Cooper Archaeology Fellow/Curator at the Dr. John C. Cooper Archaeological and Paleontological Center in Santa Ana. In addition, since 2009, I have served as an Executive Board Member of the California Cultural Resources Preservation Alliance (CCRPA)—An alliance of Native Americans, archaeologists, cultural resource managers, and individuals working together to identify and preserve significant and sacred archaeological sites.

Prior to accepting the tenure-track position at CSUF, I was an Associate Archaeologist with California State Parks at their Headquarters Office in Sacramento, California (2000-2003), which included serving as a member of the State Parks Repatriation Committee, as well as working with Native California tribes such as the Cabazon Band of Mission Indians in Southern California as part of land acquisitions by State Parks. Before that I was a Tribal Archaeologist (Project Director and Senior Research Analyst) with the Cultural Resources Management Program for the Gila River Indian Community in Sacaton, located between Phoenix and Tucson in southern Arizona (1995-2000). This was a newly created tribal program involved in training tribal members as archaeologists for archaeological surveys and excavations on tribal lands, as well as lab work and curation of recovered cultural artifacts. In earlier years, I was employed as an archaeologist in cultural resource management by various universities, private CRM firms, and the Bureau of Land Management.

All my degrees are in Anthropology (Ph.D. at Arizona State University; MA at University of Utah; BA at University of California, Berkeley). As an anthropological archaeologist, I have over 50 years of research and experience primarily in California, the Great Basin, and the American Southwest, as well as other regions of Western North America, Mesoamerica, and Polynesia. My research interests are diverse and include zooarchaeology, human impacts on the environment, pueblo architecture and use of space, and the history of anthropology and archaeology. Recently, I wrote two chapters about 1930s New Deal archaeology in Utah and the American Southwest, published in a 2023 edited book by the University of Utah Press. I have authored many peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters; other publications include a co-edited book entitled *The Archaeology of Global Change: The Impact of Humans on Their Environment* published by the Smithsonian Institution Press and a book chapter on prehistoric hunting and fishing patterns in the American Southwest published in an edited volume as a Smithsonian Contribution to Knowledge.

**CURRICULUM VITAE**  
**Short Version, November 2023**

**STEVEN R. JAMES, Ph.D.**  
**Professor of Anthropology**  
**Archaeology Program**  
**Division of Anthropology, MH-426**  
**California State University at Fullerton**  
**Office: (657) 278-2765 / Email: sjames@fullerton.edu**

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**Education**

**Ph.D. in Anthropology**, Arizona State University, Tempe, awarded 1994.

**Dissertation:** *Regional Variation in Prehistoric Pueblo Households and Social Organization: A Quantitative Approach*. Small portion of dissertation research published in 1997 as a journal article: "Change and Continuity in Western Pueblo Households during the Historic Period in the American Southwest." *World Archaeology* 28:429-456.

**M.A. in Anthropology**, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, awarded 1982.

**Thesis Paper:** Published in 1983 as a journal article: "Surprise Valley Settlement and Subsistence: A Critical Review of the Faunal Evidence." *Journal of California and Great Basin Anthropology* 5:156-175.

**B.A. in Anthropology**, University of California, Berkeley, awarded 1975.

**Senior Seminar Paper:** Published in 1975 as "California Indian Warfare." In *Ethnographic Interpretations: 12-13*, edited by Robert F. Heizer. *Contributions of the University of California Archaeological Research Facility* No. 23:47-109 (with S. Graziani). **Reprinted** 1991 in *Ethnology of the Alta California Indians I: Precontact*, edited by Lowell John Bean and Sylvia Brakke Vane, Vol. 3, pp. 619-681. Spanish Borderlands Sourcebooks, 27 vols., general editor, David Hurst Thomas. Garland Publishing, Inc., New York and London.

**Academic Appointments: Past 20 Years at CSUF**

Present-2012      **Full Professor**, Division of Anthropology, California State University, Fullerton, CA

Present-2006      **Director, Archaeological Research Facility**, Division of Anthropology, California State University, Fullerton, CA

2018 & 2012      **Acting Coordinator/Chair**, Archaeology Program, Division of Anthropology, California State University, Fullerton, CA

2016-2014      **Faculty Curator/Fellow of Archaeology**, The Dr. John C. Cooper Archaeological and Paleontological Center, California State University, Fullerton, CA

2012-2006      **Associate Professor (Early Tenure)**, Department of Anthropology, California State University, Fullerton



2006-2003 **Assistant Professor**, Department of Anthropology, California State University, Fullerton

**Selected Recent Publications (Over 90 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters throughout career)**

- 2023 Book Review: *Birds of the Sun: Macaws and People in the U.S. Southwest and Mexican Northwest*. Christopher W. Schwartz, Stephen Plog, and Patricia A. Gilman, editors. 2022. University of Arizona Press, Tucson. *American Antiquity*, in press.
- 2023 Marie G. Cottrell (1948–2023). *California Archaeology*, DOI 10.1080/1947461X.2023.2240118 (co-authored with Patricia Martz and Virginia Bickford).
- 2023 New Deal Archaeology and Anthropology in Utah, 1933-1941. Chapter 6 in *New Deal Archaeology in the West*, edited by Kelly J. Pool and Mark L. Howe, pp. 145-175. University of Utah Press, Salt Lake City.
- 2023 Desert Digs: New Deal Archaeology in Southern Arizona, 1933-1942. Chapter 7 in *New Deal Archaeology in the West*, edited by Kelly J. Pool and Mark L. Howe, pp. 176-212. University of Utah Press, Salt Lake City. (Co-authored with Todd W. Bostwick).
- 2022 Beyond Ethnography and Beneath the Bedrock Mortars: The Eastern Transverse Ranges of Southern California as Early Holocene Refugia. *California Archaeology: Journal of the Society for California Archaeology* 14(1):31-67. June 2022. (Co-authored with Mark W. Allen, William Sapp, Alexander K Rogers, and Nathan Acebo).
- 2020 Ben Wetherill's 1933-1934 CWA Archaeological Survey and Excavations in Zion National Park and Adjacent Areas, Southwestern Utah and Northwestern Arizona. *Society for American Archaeology, History of Archaeology Interest Group (HAIG) Newsletter* 10(1):2-14.
- 2020 Pre-classic Zooarchaeological Assemblage from Trash Mound No.1. In *Archaeology of the Pueblo Grande Platform Mound and Surrounding Features, Volume 5: Special Studies*, edited by Douglas R. Mitchell, Laurene G. Montero, Todd W. Bostwick, and Lindsey Vogel-Teeter, pp. 209-232. Anthropological Papers No. 1. Pueblo Grande Museum, Phoenix. (Co-authored with Todd W. Bostwick).
- 2019 Looking at the Arrow Site—Close Up. *Journal of California and Great Basin Anthropology* 39(2):179-200. (Co-authored with Joan S. Schneider)

2018 Review of: *Applied Zooarchaeology: Five Case Studies* by Steve Wolverton, Lisa Nagaoka, and Torben C. Rick, 2016, Eliot Werner Publications, New York. *California Archaeology: Journal of the Society for California Archaeology* 10(1):75-78. June 2018.

2016 Late Nineteenth Century Archaeology in the Verde Valley, Arizona: The Research of Palmer, Mearns, Hoffman, and Other Early Investigators. *Journal of Arizona Archaeology* 2015, Vol. 3(1-2):1-21. Published by the Arizona Archaeological Council. (Co-authored with Peter J. Pilles, Jr.)

**Teaching Experience** (Past 20 years at CSUF): At least 185 general anthropology and archaeology courses taught for undergraduate and graduate students during the past 20 years at CSUF. These include 22 archaeological field classes (ANTH 403), field schools (ANTH 476), and other fieldwork opportunities (all High-Impact Practices Courses) for anthropology students in southern California (San Nicolas Island, Palos Verdes Peninsula, and in San Bernardino Mountains) and the American Southwest. With regard to graduate student research at CSUF (2003-2023), I have served as Committee Chair on 41 MA Theses in Anthropology (2003-2023), Committee Member on 35 MA Theses in Anthropology, MA Committee Member in Public History (2023), Committee Member on one MS Thesis in Environmental Studies (2005-2007), Project Advisor on one MS Project in Environmental Studies (2005-2007), and currently serve as MA Committee Chair for 2 graduate students specializing in archaeology.

**Archaeological Field Experience** (Nearly 50 years; surveys, testing, and excavations in both prehistoric and historic archaeology): California, American Southwest (Arizona, New Mexico, & Utah), Great Basin (Nevada and Utah), Great Plains (Texas & Wyoming), Mesoamerica (Baja California and Belize), and Hawaii

**Geographical Areas of Interest:** Western and Southwestern North America (California, American Southwest, Great Basin), Mesoamerica, Polynesia and other regions of Oceania

**Research Interests:** Zooarchaeology, evolutionary ecology, human impacts on the environment, paleoenvironmental research, hunter-gatherers and agriculturalists, lithics, historical archaeology, hominid evolution, origins of agriculture, history of archaeology, rock art, Polynesian archaeology

**Research Findings Presented at Professional Conferences:** Over 100 presentations at regional, national, and international professional conferences throughout career, many of which have been published as journal articles or book chapters.

**Grant Awards** (Internal and External): Over \$200,000 in grant funds from both University and external sources during the past 20 years.

## **Peer-Reviewer for Scholarly Publications**

**Editorial Board Member:** *California Archaeology: Journal of the Society for California Archaeology*—peer-reviewed biannual journal of the Society for California Archaeology (2009-present);

**Journal Articles:** Since 1987, served as occasional peer-reviewer for manuscripts submitted to the following journals: *Anthropocene*, *American Anthropologist*, *American Antiquity*, *California Archaeology: Journal of the Society for California Archaeology*, *Current Anthropology*, *Kiva: Journal of Southwestern Anthropology and History*;

**Scholarly Books and Textbooks:** Served as peer-reviewer for *Images of the Past*, 5th ed., by T. Douglas Price and Gary M. Feinman, McGraw-Hill (2008); *Human Impacts on Ancient Marine Ecosystems: A Global Perspective*, edited by Torben C. Rick and Jon M. Erlandson, University of California Press (2008).

## **REFERENCES**

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## GABRIELEÑO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS – KIZH NATION

Historically known as The San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians  
recognized by the State of California as the aboriginal tribe of the Los Angeles basin

Friday July 12, 2024

### **Subject: Public Comment - Chairman Andrew Salas representing the Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians, Kizh Nation, in response to CalNAGPRA CSU Systemwide/Campus Repatriation and Oversight Committee Updates and Nominations**

Dear Honorable NAHC Commissioners,

As the duly appointed representative of the Tribal Council of the Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians, Kizh Nation, I am writing to formally express our strong opposition to the nomination of Kelly Leah Stewart, Desireé Martinez, and Christine Conley to the CalNAGPRA CSU Systemwide/Campus Repatriation and Oversight Committee. Our opposition is based on the fact that these individuals are not documented lineal descendants of any California Indian tribe. They have erroneously claimed Gabrieleño and Luiseno heritage to advance their academic careers and to misappropriate the voice of California Indians.

These individuals are not suitable for an oversight committee responsible for our ancestral remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony. Nominees for such a committee should be thoroughly vetted for lineal descent to a California Indian tribe and be part of a legitimate tribal entity governed by verified lineal descendants. Additionally, Desireé Martinez and others running for this nomination are not California Indians and should be properly vetted according to 25 CFR Part 83(e).

The current progress with the codification of the contact list should not be undermined by adding unvetted individuals to oversight committees, which would then be difficult to remove. It is concerning that individuals such as Desireé Martinez, who claims Gabrieleno/Tongva identity, are on the UC CalNAGPRA CSU Systemwide/Campus Repatriation and Oversight Committee despite lacking genealogical proof of descent from any Gabrieleño ancestor or village site (see attached genealogy). Ms. Martinez has also nominated or written letters of reference for nominees who similarly lack verified genealogical ties to California Indian ancestry.

Furthermore, one of Ms. Stewart's recommendations comes from Cindy Alvitre (Gabrieleno-Tongva). It is a well-documented fact that Ms. Alvitre is not Gabrieleno-Tongva as she claims (see attached 2013 genealogical report). Ms. Alvitre also serves as the NAGPRA coordinator at CSULB, where the NAGPRA/CalNAGPRA collections are in a state of disarray. We believe that her nomination of Ms. Stewart represents a conflict of interest and an attempt to collaborate with others falsely claiming Native identity they cannot prove. Ms. Stewart's appointment to this position does not meet the requirements for a role of this significance.

On behalf of our tribal government, we oppose the nominations of the following individuals due to their inability to adequately demonstrate their claims of California Indian descent and potential conflicts of interest:

- Christina Conley
- Kelly Leah Stewart

Additionally, we express our concerns about the nominations of Dr. Steven R. James and Brend Bowser. Their appointments could potentially cause issues with the repatriation process, particularly at CSU Fullerton, which has a significant collection at risk. I will close with a quote from a former commissioner during a 2022 NAHC meeting: "We don't want anyone besides real Native American Indians handling our ancestral remains and resources." This statement, though simple, resonates deeply with our fundamental values as Native Peoples.

Furthermore, it is essential to note that according to the State of California AJR 96, sponsored by Diane Martinez, there is no historical background for the term Tongva. This further invalidates the claims made by these individuals regarding their heritage and eligibility for these positions.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Chairman Andrew Salas  
Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians–Kizh Nation