

**Kyle McHenry**

**Federally Recognized Tribal Member, Mechoopda Indian Tribe**

**Campus Preference:** Chico

**Qualified:**

Mr. McHenry has served as the Cultural Director for the Mechoopda Indian Tribe since 2013. He has extensive experience with reburials and repatriation. Rachel-McBride Praetorius (Yurok), Director of Tribal Affairs for Chico State, highly recommends the candidate.

**Tribal Resolution Provided**

**References Contacted:**

Rachel McBride-Praetorius, Paulita Hooper, and Shane Noel recommend the candidate.

Sandra Knight was unable to be contacted.

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

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 (CaINAGPRA), 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 CaINAGPRA 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*): California State University, Chico

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

- 1) N/A
- 2) N/A
- 3) N/A

## SUBMISSION INFORMATION

### Nominator Information (if applicable)

Name: Rachel McBride-Praetorius Title: Director of Tribal Relations

Tribal/CSU Institutional Affiliation: California State University, Chico

Email: rmcbride@csuchico.edu Phone: 530-898-6241

### Nominee Information

Name: Kyle McHenry Title: Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Mechoopda Indian Tribe

Tribal/CSU Institutional Affiliation: California State University, Chico

Email: kmchenry@mechoopda-nsn.gov Phone: 530-899-8922 Ext. 203

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.



Kyle, a proud member of the Mechoopda Indian Tribe of the Chico Rancheria, has forged a remarkable journey rooted in both academic and athletic pursuits, ultimately dedicated to the preservation and promotion of his tribe's rich cultural heritage and language. His story unfolds with a compelling narrative that intertwines education, sportsmanship, and a profound commitment to community and culture.

In 2009, Kyle proudly earned his associate's degree, marking the completion of a significant chapter in his educational pursuit. Subsequently, he caught the attention of recruiters and was recruited to play football at Haskell Indian Nations University, where he continued to excel both academically and athletically. It was during this time that Kyle delved into the realm of American Indian Studies, a field that resonated deeply with his cultural roots.

Upon graduating from Haskell Indian Nations University with honors, Kyle emerged not only as a scholar but as a custodian of his culture. Armed with a Bachelor's degree in American Indian Studies, he returned to his community, assuming the role of Cultural Director for the Mechoopda Tribe. In this pivotal position, Kyle took on the responsibility of preserving and promoting the Mechoopda Tribe's cultural legacy and safeguarding its invaluable cultural resources.

Kyle's commitment extends beyond the administrative realms; he is actively engaged in passing on the Northwestern Maidu language to future generations. As a dedicated teacher, he plays a vital role in ensuring the continuity of linguistic traditions, fostering a strong sense of identity and pride within the community.

In summary, Kyle's journey exemplifies the harmonious blend of academic achievement, athletic prowess, and a deep sense of cultural responsibility. As the Cultural Director for the Mechoopda Tribe, he stands as a beacon, guiding his community towards a future that cherishes and celebrates its rich culture and traditions. Through his tireless efforts, Kyle not only preserves the past but actively shapes the cultural narrative of the Mechoopda people for generations to come.



Mechoopda Indian Tribe



of Chico Rancheria

**Resolution Number 23-62**

**Subject: Appointment to Chico State NAGPRA Oversight Committee**

**WHEREAS**, the Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria, California (“Tribe”) was not terminated within the provisions of the Act of August 18, 1958 P.L. 85-671. 72 Stat. 619 as amended by the Act of August 11, 1964, P.L. 88-419. 78 Stat. 390 (“the Rancheria Act”), and is a federally recognized Indian Tribe as confirmed by the judgment in *Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians of the Sugar Bowl Rancheria v. United States of America*, Civil Case No. C-86-3660 VRW (N.D. Cal. 1992); and

**WHEREAS:** pursuant to Article IV of the Tribe’s Constitution (“Constitution”), the Tribal Council of the Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria, California (“Council”), is the elected governing body of the Tribe; and

**WHEREAS:** pursuant Article VIII Section 3 of the Constitution, the Council shall, in the best interest of the Tribe and its members, exercise all inherent and delegated powers and responsibilities of an Indian Tribe; and

**WHEREAS:** pursuant to Article VIII Section 3(b) of the Constitution, the Council has the authority to consult, negotiate, contract or conclude agreements with Federal, State, and local governments or any other person or entity, on activities which may affect the Tribe; and

**WHEREAS:** the Tribe wishes to provide their recommendation for appointment to the Chico State NAGPRA Oversight Committee (Committee).

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** the Tribal Council appoints Kyle McHenry to serve as the Tribe’s delegate on the Committee; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:** the appointment will be at the pleasure of the Tribal Council and will serve for five years from the date of this resolution or until the appointee decides to step down or until the Tribal Council appoints a new delegate; and

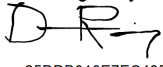
**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT:** the Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chairperson/Vice Chairperson, or their designee to sign all necessary documents and contracts.

**CERTIFICATION**


I, the undersigned as Chairman do hereby certify that the Tribal Council is composed of seven members, of which (6) were present, constituting a quorum, at a regular meeting

thereof, duly called, noticed and conducted on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2023 and that this Resolution was adopted by a vote of (5) in favor, and (0) opposed and (0) abstaining; and that since its adoption this Resolution has not been rescinded, amended or modified in any way.

**CERTIFIED BY:**

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Dennis Ramirez, Tribal Chairman

**ATTEST BY:**

DocuSigned by:  
  
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Roberta Lewis, Tribal Secretary

# Kyle McHenry

## Work Experience

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2011-2012 Haskell Indian Nations University Lawrence, KS

### Student worker in the Presidents Office

- Answer phones
  - Set up events
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2012 Haskell Indian Nations University Lawrence, KS

### Teacher assistant GIS lab

- Hand out and assist with labs
  - Grade
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1/2013-2014 NVIH Chico, CA

### Cultural mentor

- Native language instructor at Four Winds of Indian Education.
  - Implement a variety of youth related activities; plant identification, hand games, swimming/hiking trips, camping.
  - One on one mentoring/ tutoring.
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1/2013-present Mechoopda Indian Tribe Chico, CA

### Cultural Director

- Government to Government consultations
  - GIS mapping & database management
  - Research ethnographic documents
  - Language development and implementation
  - Planning, coordinating, and cultural activities.
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## Education

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2009-2012 Haskell Indian Nations University Lawrence, KS

### Bachelors of arts in American Indian studies

- Graduated Cumulate, Presidents Honors Roll
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## **Other**

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2014-2020

**Mechoopda Tribal Council Member at large**

2014-Present

**North Valley Indian Health Board**

## **Tribal Affiliation**

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Mechoopda Indian Tribe of the Chico Rancheria.

## **Publications**

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The story of Coyote and the Ground Squirrels

## **References**

Sandra Knight, Mechoopda Tribe, Vice-Chairperson, 530-518-0957

Paulita Hopper, Mechoopda Tribal Elder & Health Liaison, 530-514-8898

Shane Noel, Fiscal Analyst, Four Winds of Indian Education, 530-774-7903