

**Joseph Fore**

**Federally Recognized Tribal Member, United Auburn Indian Community**

**Campus Preference:** Sacramento

**Qualified:**

Mr. Fore has over 10 years of experience in NAGPRA/CalNAGPRA repatriation and consultation. Mr. Fore has a diverse resume in Tribal Cultural Resources Protection. He has served as a Tribal Monitor, a Preservation Committee Representative for six years, Chairman of the Preservation Committee for four years, and as a Lead Monitor Supervisor. Mr. Fore is passionate about serving as a Tribal Advocate on CSU Sacramento's Committee.

**References:**

Joshua Steward and Melodi McAdams recommend the candidate.

Matthew Moore 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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)*: CSU Sacramento

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: UAIC (Tribe) Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal/CSU Institutional Affiliation: United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria

Email: THPO@auburnrancheria.com Phone: (530) 401-7470

### Nominee Information

Name: Josef Fore Title: Lead Tribal Monitor

Tribal/CSU Institutional Affiliation: United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria

Email: jfore@auburnrancheria.com Phone: 530-492-9508

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.

# Bio: Josef Fore

## Nominee for the CSU Sacramento Campus Committee

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**Josef Fore** served as the Tribal Historic Preservation Committee Chair for the United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria (UAIC). He is currently representing the Tribe as the lead Tribal Monitor, overseeing several dozen construction projects and consulting with many different public agencies. He works with construction companies to build positive relationships so that the Tribe is notified when finds occur during construction. Many construction companies have become advocates for Tribal Monitoring and cultural site protection as a result of Mr. Fore's advocacy.

Mr. Fore has worked in cultural site protection and repatriation for over 5 years. He has also served on the Enrollment and Community Giving Committees at UAIC. As the Tribal Historic Preservation Committee Chair, Josef Fore oversaw the development of the Tribe's repatriation and reburial programs. He has directly supervised several dozen reburials from construction and museum repatriations. Before working in preservation, Mr. Fore worked in construction, which gave him the skillset to coordinate effective cultural site protection during construction.

Mr. Fore is a Tribal Member at UAIC with both Miwok and Nisenan heritage. He works closely with elders and traditionalists to ensure that traditional protocols of site protection, restoration and stewardship are followed during construction and repatriation processes. Often he is in the process of navigating these traditional processes through environmental laws and construction processes. Mr. Fore was nominated for and served on the prior repatriation committee at CSU Sacramento.

In the future, Mr. Fore would like to continue to develop more effective and transparent repatriation processes at CSU campuses. This includes a more active repatriation committee that engages with the NAHC, campus representatives, and tribal representatives to fully fund repatriation, locate and return missing Tribal Ancestors and cultural items, ensure the availability of reburial lands and improve repatriation outcomes for Tribes.



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November 29, 2023

Reginald Pagaling, Chair  
California Native American Heritage Commission  
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West Sacramento, CA 95691

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California State University, Office of the Chancellor  
401 Golden Shore  
Long Beach, CA 90802  
*Via email:* [nagpra@calstate.edu](mailto:nagpra@calstate.edu)

Subject: Letter in Support of Kris Serrano and Josef Fore's Nomination to the Systemwide and Campus Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act Implementation and Oversight Committees

Dear Chairman Pagaling and Dr. Garcia:

I write on behalf of the United Auburn Indian Community (UAIC), a federally recognized Indian tribe, in support of Kris Serrano's nomination to the Cal. State Systemwide Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act Implementation and Oversight Committee and Josef Fore's nomination to the Cal. State Sacramento Campus Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act Implementation and Oversight Committee. In Josef's case as a current committee member, we are asking that he be re-nominated to the committee consistent with AB 389's requirements.

Both Kris and Josef are UAIC tribal members. Kris is the current Chair of the UAIC Tribal Historic Preservation Committee and Josef is the immediate past Chair of the committee. UAIC's Preservation Committee is responsible for overseeing the repatriation and reburial of UAIC tribal ancestors. In their current and past roles, both Kris and Josef have worked extensively on repatriation issues for more than five years each. They both bring substantial institutional knowledge about the challenges of repatriation that can only benefit the committees in their work.

Kris and Josef's commitment to repatriation is an extension of our Tribe's. UAIC has a long history of working with educational institutions on repatriation issues. We currently host the quarterly California Repatriation Community of Practice Working Group meetings and have

been advocating for better outcomes with respect to funding, accountability for missing ancestors and cultural items, and pesticide contamination issues during repatriation. We co-sponsored AB 275 and actively participated in the development of the systemwide UC NAGPRA Policy as well as the recent revisions to the Federal NAGPRA regulations.

It is our hope that Campus and Systemwide committee members will be advocates for tribes, pushing for improvements in the repatriation process. Issues like repatriation funding, inventory accountability, and pesticide contamination remain barriers to successful repatriation outcomes. We believe that Kris and Josef have the experience necessary to help the Campus and Systemwide committees address these issues.

For all these reasons, we respectfully request that you approve Kris Serrano's nomination to the Cal. State Systemwide NAGPRA Committee and Josef Fore's re-nomination to the Cal. State Sacramento Campus NAGPRA Committee. It is our hope that tribal representatives will be able to help the committees bridge the remaining gaps between tribes and universities to create a repatriation process that respects and prioritizes tribal knowledge and that eliminates financial obstacles to repatriation. These changes will benefit all tribes, not just UAIC, and will eliminate some of the key remaining barriers to fair and respectful repatriations.

Sincerely,



Gene Whitehouse,  
Chairman

cc: Matthew Moore, UAIC Tribal Historic Preservation Officer  
Kris Serrano, UAIC Tribal Historic Preservation Committee Chair  
Becky Johnson, UAIC Tribal Administrator  
Rebecca Allen, UAIC Tribal Historic Preservation Director  
Courtney Ann Coyle, Outside Counsel  
Adriane Tafoya, CSU CalNAGPRA Project Manager

## References:

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1. Matthew Moore, UAIC Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, [THPO@auburnrancheria.com](mailto:THPO@auburnrancheria.com), 530-906-5624
2. Joshua Stewart, UAIC Tribal Heritage Coordinator, [jstewart@auburnrancheria.com](mailto:jstewart@auburnrancheria.com), 530-488-6137
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