

Alex Padilla

CSU Member

Campus Preference: Channel Island

Qualified:

MA Educational Leadership: Masters Thesis focused on CSU Channel Island's relationship with Chumash communities.

Currently serves as the Tribal Liaison for CSU Channel Islands. While their degree is not listed in the statute, they meet the exception in that their experience and degree are relevant to repatriation and no other candidates are available. Research focused on how campuses relationship with the Chumash people can benefit students and create a culture of inclusion. Through this research, they further developed their relationships with Chumash community members, Elders, and elected officials, and had the opportunity to speak with Indigenous students as well.

References Contacted:

Kaia Tollefson, Raudel Banuelos, and Jenn Perry 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 (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

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 by December 5, 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*)

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*): Channel Islands

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

1) Northridge

2) _____

3) _____

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Nominator Information (if applicable)

Name: Alex Padilla Title: Executive Assistant/Tribal Liaison

Tribal/CSU Institutional Affiliation: Channel Islands

Email: alex.padilla@csuci.edu Phone: 805-437-3764

Nominee Information

Name: Self, same as above Title: _____

Tribal/CSU Institutional Affiliation: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

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 Dec. 5, 2023.

Incomplete materials will not be considered.

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401 Golden Shore
Long Beach CA,
90802

To whom it may concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to apply to the Systemwide and Campus NAGPRA Committees. My bachelor's degree is in Anthropology and my master's degree is in Educational Leadership with an emphasis on Higher Education both from CSUCI. I currently hold the position of Executive Assistant for the Office of the President as well as the Tribal Liaison for CSUCI.

My positionality as a staff member and as a researcher throughout my education is intimately related to my ancestral history. My great grandmother was Indigenous Mexican, Tarahumara (Rarámuri), and when she immigrated to the United States the systems of colonization ensured that she was unable to share her indigenous ways of knowing with her family. We know so little about her history and culture, and it has led me to hope that I can be a force for change to ensure that our Indigenous and Native American students feel safe and encouraged to embrace their cultural practices and ways of knowing.

My undergraduate thesis focused on understanding the relationship between our campus and the Chumash people who are the original stewards of the land this campus resides on. I had the opportunity to meet with Chumash community members, build relationships with them as well as Indigenous students on our campus. I also had the opportunity to serve as Dr. Jenn Perry's Research Assistant, assisting with cataloging and research of an archaeological collection at CSU Northridge. Once graduating, I continued working with Dr. Perry and became the Anthropology Lab Technician, organizing the collections at CSUCI and facilitating campus exhibitions of artifacts.

As a master's student, I furthered my undergraduate research and aimed to understand how our campuses relationship with the Chumash people can benefit our students and create a culture of inclusion. Through this research, I further developed my relationships with Chumash community members, Elders, and elected officials, and had the opportunity to speak with our Indigenous students as well. Through my course work, I continually learned more ways to engage with students from a diverse variety of backgrounds.

Now in my role as Executive Assistant and Tribal Liaison, I have the opportunity to continue this work and build upon my previous research through my position and in my role on both the President's Advisory Council on Inclusive Excellence and the President's Chumash Advisory Council. The opportunity to serve this campus on this committee would be a great honor.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (805) 437-3764 or at alex.padilla@csuci.edu. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Alex Padilla

CSU NAGPRA Oversight Committee

List of References for Alex Padilla

1. Kaia Tollefson
 - a. Title: Chief of Staff & President's Designee
 - b. Phone: 805-437-8410
 - c. Email: kaia-joan.tollefson@csuci.edu

2. Raudel Banuelos
 - a. Title: Chumash Cultural Advisor
 - b. Phone: 805-427-0015
 - c. Email: raudel.banuelos@csuci.edu; Chumashnation1@gmail.com

3. Jenn Perry
 - a. Title: Executive Director of Regional Education Partnerships & Professor of Anthropology
 - b. Phone: (805) 437-3694
 - c. Email: jennifer.perry@csuci.edu

ALEX PADILLA

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

- Dedicated higher education professional with experience working in the Office of the President (OTP) providing administrative and operational support to administrators, the campus community, and external constituents.
- Passionate advocate for diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA) with research experience focusing on sense of belonging for Native American and Indigenous students and community members.
- Experience conducting archaeological field work and collections management as a Research Assistant and Lab Technician.

EDUCATION

Master of Arts in Educational Leadership, Emphasis in Higher Education

California State University Channel Islands, Camarillo, CA

May 2021

Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology, Minor in History, Magna Cum Laude

California State University Channel Islands, Camarillo, CA

Dec. 2017

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Executive Assistant & Tribal Liaison *CSU Channel Islands, Camarillo, CA Aug. 2023-Present*

- Provides high-level administrative and operational support to the Chief of Staff and the Special Assistant to the President
- Coordinates implementation and operationalization of special initiatives and projects on behalf of the Office of the President including the President's Planning & Policy Council, President's Advisory Council on Inclusive Excellence (PACIE), as well as service as a member of both PACIE and the President's Chumash Advisory Council (PCAC)
- Serves as the Tribal Liaison working closely with local tribal members in the advance of directives as required by state and federal laws, as well as assisting with coordination of events related to the PCAC. Coordinates communications with tribal members for consultation scheduling

Operations & Communications Specialist, *CSU Channel Islands, Camarillo, CA*

Oct. 2021-Aug. 2023

- Oversees the daily operations of the Office of the President suite, ensuring appropriate coverage, coordination, and communication regarding access and support to internal and external constituents
- Supported daily operations in the OTP suite and spaces including supervising the Student Assistants
- Assists with preparing and reviewing communication pieces including remarks, web page development, and visualization resources messaging on behalf of the office
- Supported the onboarding and offboarding of employees and serves as lead support for staff resources

Lab Technician, *CSU Channel Islands, Camarillo, CA*

Jan. 2018-July 2018

- Directing collections management for the archaeological teaching collections and lab materials for CSU Channel Islands
- Aided faculty members in creating teaching modules for Anthropology courses
- Assisted with compiling documentation for collections and developing strategies for collections management

Research Assistant, *Department of Anthropology, CSU Channel Islands, CA*

June 2017- Dec. 2017

- Assisted Dr. Jennifer Perry by conducting archival research for a field school collection from Eel Point on San Clemente Island
- Directing catalog management by organizing and analyzing over 5,000 artifacts at CSU Northridge
- Assisted with respectful rehousing and compiling of documentation for the artifacts