

**John Preckwinkle**

**Federally Recognized Tribal Member, Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians**

**Campus**

**Campus Preference:** Pomona

**Qualified:**

Mr. Preckwinkle is extremely qualified, he has 11 years of experience serving as the Chairman of his Tribe's Cultural Preservation Committee. He has expressed a desire to see Ancestors returned home while also ensuring an equitable process for all Tribes.

**References Contacted:**

Dr. Raymond Huaute, Jeff Grubbe, and Will Madrigal recommend the candidate.

**Vice-Chairman, Tribal Council Letter of Recommendation**

**Cal Poly Pomona Committee**

Tribal Representative (Non-Federally Recognized): Dee Dee Manzanares Ybarra – Rumšen Am:a Tur:ataj Ohlone (Appointed July 10, 2024)

Tribal Representative (Federally Recognized): Vacant

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Tribal Representative (Federally Recognized): Vacant

CSU Representative: Vacant

CSU Representative: Vacant

CSU Native American Studies Representative: Sandy Kewanhaptewa-Dixon – Hopi (Appointed July 10, 2024)

**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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Alt. Campus: \_\_\_\_\_

**Position Sought:**    Tribal Nominee    CSU Nominee

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

CSU or NAHC Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_

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 **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*)

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

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: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: Chairman, Tribal Council

Tribal/CSU Institutional Affiliation: Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians

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

### **Nominee Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 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](mailto:nagpra@calstate.edu) by **December 5, 2023**.

Incomplete materials will not be considered.



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**(760) 699-6943**

John R. Preckwinkle III serves as a Tribal Council member, and was first elected in Spring 2021. Prior to his service on the Tribal Council, he spent more than a decade serving on Tribal committees.

He served on the Tribe's Cultural Preservation Committee for 11 years, seven of which he served as the committee chair. He served as vice chairman on the Agua Caliente Child Development Committee for nine years. He was the vice chairman on the Tribal building committee for 10 years. In addition, he served on the Election Board for five years, two of which were as chairman and served eight years on the Cemetery Committee.

Mr. Preckwinkle, a bird singer, is from the *Kawisiktem* clan (Patencio family), which originally dwelled in Tahquitz Canyon. He grew up in Northern California and moved to Rancho Cucamonga at the age of 18 to attend the Universal Technical Institute, a technical trade school for automotive mechanics. Upon completion of the 51-week program, he invested in an additional 15-week program specializing in Ford automotive. From there, he moved to Palm Springs to fulfill his dream of one day living on the Agua Caliente Indian Reservation. He continued his love of learning once in the Coachella Valley by taking additional college courses and then ultimately serving on various Tribal committees.

He is a passionate culture keeper who was first introduced to bird singing at the age of 14 through listening and studying recordings from his great grandfather John Joseph Patencio. When he first started bird singing, he borrowed a gourd rattle until he was gifted a rattle and was eventually taught how to make them. By the age of 19, he had made his first gourd rattle and has made dozens since.

"From there, I began learning as much as I could from different head singers about songs and protocols for bird singing." Mr. Preckwinkle said. "This also led me to start learning the Cahuilla language and joining the cultural preservation committee. The committee and bird singing opened up opportunities for me to meet other teachers from the entire community, which helped us strengthen the opportunities for classes we have available to Tribal Members today."



**AGUA CALIENTE BAND OF CAHUILLA INDIANS**  
**TRIBAL COUNCIL**

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January 2, 2024

Mildred Garcia, Chancellor  
The California State University  
401 Golden Shore  
Long Beach, CA 90802-4210

Dear Mildred Garcia,

It is my pleasure to recommend John Preckwinkle as a member for the California State University (CSU) Systemwide NAGPRA Committee.

John has spent much of his life giving back to his Tribe. He served as Chairman of the Cultural Preservation Committee for more than a decade, working diligently to safeguard tribal cultural resources. He currently holds the position of Council Member on the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians' Tribal Council. As Council Member, John has to make judicious decisions regarding repatriation efforts brought to him by the Tribe's Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO). He has consistently demonstrated unwavering commitment towards upholding cultural customs and values by leading reburial ceremonies for numerous ancestors and actively partaking in bird singing.

His passion for learning and his love for Native American Communities make John a great candidate for the CSU Systemwide NAGPRA Committee. His Indigenous perspective is needed to ensure the CSU system is conducting NAGPRA with tribal communities' best interest in mind.

Sincerely,

Candace Patencio Anderson  
Vice-Chairman, Tribal Council  
**AGUA CALIENTE BAND**  
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