

Raini Tesam-Reading

CSU Representative

Campus Preference: San Diego State University

Qualified:

M.A. in American Indian Studies, UCLA

In Progress

B. A. in History, SDSU

2019

While Ms. Tesam-Reading has not yet completed her dissertation for her master's in American Indian studies, she meets the requirements for an exception to the degree requirement in AB 389 because no other applicants exist for this position, and she has more than five years of professional experience in repatriation and tribal cultural resources.

Ms. Tesam-Reading is an enrolled member of the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians. She has extensive experience in Indigenous Museum practices, repatriation, and land conservancy. She has served on the Kumeyaay Cultural Repatriation Committee for two years, the Kumeyaay Heritage Preservation Committee for two years, and the Kumeyaay Diegueño Land Conservancy for two years. As early as 2015 Ms. Tesam-Reading served as the Barona Museum Collections Intern. In 2018, she served as the Decolonization intern at the San Diego Museum of Us. She currently serves as the Administrative Coordinator for the San Diego State American Indian Studies Department.

References Contacted:

Chris Medellin, Matthew Fowler, Emily Burgueno, and Bernice Paipa (Sycuan) recommend the candidate.

CSU San Diego Committee

Tribal Representative (Non-Federally Recognized): Vacant

Tribal Representative (Federally Recognized): Bernice Paipa – Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel

Tribal Representative (Federally Recognized): Cheryl Madrigal – Pauma Band of Luiseño Indians

Tribal Representative (Federally Recognized): Myra Maisel Zamora – Pechanga Band of Indians

CSU Representative: Vacant

CSU Representative: Jacob Alvarado Waipuk - San Pasqual Kumeyaay Indians

CSU Native American Studies Representative: Olivia Chilcote – Luiseño/Payómkawichum, San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians

**Systemwide NAGPRA Implementation & Oversight Committee
Nominations Cover Sheet**

Committee Type: ☐ Both ☐ Systemwide Committee ☐ Campus Committee

Nominee Name:

Preferred Campus: _____

Alt. Campus: _____

Alt. Campus: _____

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: _____

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.

On behalf of the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC), the CSU is soliciting and accepting applications for the Systemwide and Campus 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. All applications, incomplete or complete, will be forwarded to the NAHC for consideration. Nominee candidates will be interviewed by the NAHC for potential Commission nomination and appointment by the CSU Chancellor or chancellor's designee. 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) a short biography or resume demonstrating that the nominee meets the criteria below; 2) a letter of support from Tribe, Tribal resolution or a letter of interest with this form; and 3) 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 and NAHC will keep completed application on file for committee positions that may become available in the future.

The CSU and NAHC will continue to receive and solicit Campus NAGPRA Oversight Committee nominations on an ongoing basis. Submit the following nomination materials to nagpra@calstate.edu.

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*): San Diego State University

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: Raini Tesam-Reading Title: Administrative Coordinator, American Indian
Studies Department

Tribal/CSU Institutional Affiliation: San Diego State University

Email: rgtesamreading@sdsu.edu Phone: (619) 594-6991

Nominee Information

Name: Raini Tesam-Reading Title: Administrative Coordinator, American Indian
Studies Department

Tribal/CSU Institutional Affiliation: San Diego State University

Email: rgtesamreading@sdsu.edu Phone: (619) 594-6991

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.

Incomplete materials will not be considered.

Raini Tesam-Reading is an enrolled member of the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians located in San Diego, CA. She is a graduate of San Diego State University, with a Bachelor of Arts in History, and is currently completing her Masters of Arts in American Indian Studies from University of California, Los Angeles. Her research focuses on implementing Indigenous Data Sovereignty rights in regards to online academic journals/databases, protecting sacred Kumeyaay ceremonial knowledge from further exploitation and publication, as well as developing new techniques in sharing ceremonial knowledge with the help of tribal museums.

Raini's professional and academic background is rooted in tribal museum and cultural resource management spaces. This includes her work in the Museum of Us (formerly Museum of Man) as a Decolonization Intern, where she was able to process culturally sensitive reports and objects that were typically neglected or inappropriately stored. At the Barona Museum and Cultural Center, she was heavily involved with the duties of the Registrar where she was responsible for cataloguing historical Kumeyaay lithics, pottery, and tribal member's personal collections. These experiences provided a fundamental understanding of the differences between tribally-run cultural resource management methods and traditional anthropological institutions.

She is currently working on-campus at San Diego State University, as the American Indian Studies Department's Administrative Coordinator. In this position, she is responsible for managing the academic department, its own cultural objects, library, and various student staff. She serves on the College of Arts and Letters Diversity Committee, and seeks membership on the SDSU NAGPRA University Committee. In all her roles, she considers her identity as a community member and tribal member above all else, and is heavily involved in various Kumeyaay Nation Sub-Committees. These committees include the Kumeyaay Heritage Preservation Committee (KHPC), Kumeyaay Cultural Repatriation Committee (KCRC), and the Kumeyaay Diegueño Land Conservancy (KDLC). She also serves on the Viejas Cultural Gathering Committee.

References - Raini Tesam-Reading

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Matthew Fowler

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Relationship: Supervisor, Collaborator - Museum of Us and Kumeyaay Diegueño Land Conservancy

Bernice Paipa

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Relationship: NAGPRA Committee Member

Raini Tesam-Reading

Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians

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Education

University of California, Los Angeles

M.A. in American Indian Studies 2020-2022 [degree in progress]

San Diego State University

B.A. in History, Minor in Art History 2015-2019

Work Experience

American Indian Studies Department - San Diego State University [April 2023-Present]

Administrative Coordinator

Administrative lead for all department operations including hiring student assistants, hiring faculty/lecturers, budgeting for research initiatives, office supplies, personnel salaries, coordinating events, record keeping, scheduling, scholarship development, coordinating travel, expense reports, purchasing, developing relationships with community members

The New Children's Museum - San Diego, CA [June 2019-June 2021]

Visitor Services Associate

Served as Welcome Desk associate, administrative duties, data input, greeting guests, museum admission and membership sales, customer service, source of information on all museum exhibits, workshops, and programs

Elymash Yuuchaap Program - San Diego State University [August 2017-December 2019]

Graduate Administrative Assistant/Mentor

Mentor to Native American students at SDSU in an academic and personal capacity, created programming, leading cultural and educational workshops, coordinated cultural events, provided guidance and counseling in regards to personal hardship, encouraged students to achieve educational success, outreach and retention

San Diego Museum of Man [July 2018-October 2018]

Decolonization Intern (Cultural Resources Department)

Processed field notes, rehoused objects, cataloging in museum specific software, handled objects and photographs, pulled and curated objects for school groups and site visits, training incoming interns, guided tours, cultural liaison for the local Native American community, data entry

Barona Cultural Center and Museum [June 2015-August 2015]

Collections Intern

Data input, aided in rehousing lithics, assistant to all museum operations such as filing, archival duties, administrative duties, visitor and guest relations, outreach events with education staff

Institutional Service

Cultural Committee, Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians, 2023 - present

College of Arts and Letters Diversity Committee, San Diego State University, 2023 - present

Tribal Liaison Hiring Committee, San Diego State University, 2019

American Indian Advisory Committee, Office of Diversity and Inclusion, San Diego State University, 2019

Awards

UCLA Graduate Opportunity Fellowship 2020-2021

Graduated Cum Laude and with distinction from San Diego State

Dean's list (7 semesters)

Southern Tribal Chairman's Association High School Graduation Salutatorian

Skills

Effective at gathering information and research

Flexible and adaptable, fast learning ability

Aspiring non-profit leader/founder, passion for public service