

Cutchá Risling Baldy

CSU Native American Studies Representative

Systemwide

Qualified:

PhD. Native American Studies, UC Davis

Dr. Cutchá Risling Baldy is an Associate Professor and Department Chair of Native American Studies at Cal Poly Humboldt. She is Hupa, Yurok, and Karuk and an enrolled member of the Hoopa Valley Tribe. Her research is focused on Indigenous feminisms, California Indians, Environmental Justice, and Decolonization. She previously served as a part of the UC President's Native American Advisory Committee. Furthermore, has over 7 years experience working with issues relevant to repatriation and cultural resource matters including as co-director of the Rou Dalagurr Food Sovereignty Lab & Traditional Ecological Knowledges Institute; as expert consultant for cultural resource planning for UC Berkeley and for various state agencies.

References Contacted:

Dr. Kayla Begay, Dr. Kaitlin Reed, and Dr. Marissa Ramsier recommend the candidate.

CSU Systemwide Committee

Voting Representatives:

1. Tribal Representative (Non-Federally Recognized): **Joyce Stanfield Perry** – Juaneno Band of Mission Indians Acjachemen Nation – Belardes (Appointed August 25, 2025)
2. Tribal Representative (Federally Recognized): **Jereme Dutschke** – Ione Band of Miwok Indians (Appointed August 25, 2025)
3. Tribal Representative (Federally Recognized): **Moraino Patencio** – Aqua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians (Appointed August 25, 2025)
4. Tribal Representative (Federally Recognized): **Vacant**
5. CSU Native American Studies Representative: **Annette Reed** (Appointed August 25, 2025)
6. CSU Native American Studies Representative: **Vacant**
7. CSU Representative: **Vacant**

**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 (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

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

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*): _____

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: Dr. Kayla Begay

Title: Associate Professor, Dept. Chair

Tribal/CSU Institutional Affiliation: Hoopa Valley Tribe / Cal Poly Humboldt, Native American Studies

Email: krb14@humboldt.edu

Phone: (707)826-4316

Nominee Information

Name: Dr. Cutcha Risling Baldy

Title: Associate Professor

Tribal/CSU Institutional Affiliation: Hoopa Valley Tribe / Cal Poly Humboldt, Native American Studies

Email: csb357@humboldt.edu

Phone: (707)826-4322

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 **December 5, 2023**.

Incomplete materials will not be considered.

Dr. Cutcha Risling Baldy

Associate Professor, Native American Studies
Cal Poly Humboldt

Biography:

Dr. Cutcha Risling Baldy is an Associate Professor and Department Chair of Native American Studies at Cal Poly Humboldt. Her research is focused on Indigenous feminisms, California Indians, Environmental Justice, and Decolonization. Her book *We Are Dancing For You: Native Feminisms and the Revitalization of Women's Coming-of-age Ceremonies* was awarded "Best First Book in Native American and Indigenous Studies" at the 2019 Native American Indigenous Studies Association Conference. She received her Ph.D. in Native American Studies with a Designated Emphasis in Feminist Theory and Research from the University of California, Davis and her M.F.A. in Creative Writing & Literary Research from San Diego State University. She also has her B.A. in Psychology from Stanford University. Dr. Risling Baldy is Hupa, Yurok and Karuk and an enrolled member of the Hoopa Valley Tribe in Northern California. In 2007, Dr. Risling Baldy co-founded the [Native Women's Collective](#), a nonprofit organization that supports the continued revitalization of Native American arts and culture. She lives in Humboldt County with her husband, daughter, stepson, and a puppy named Buffy.

Books:

- [We Are Dancing for You: Native Feminisms and the Revitalization of Women's Coming-of-Age Ceremonies](#). University of Washington Press, 2018

Peer Reviewed:

- "[Introduction: Indigenous Peoples and the Politics of Water](#)." Special Issue. Cutcha Risling Baldy & Melanie Yazzie eds. *Decolonization: Indigeneity, Education and Society*, 7.1 (2018).
- "[mini-k'iw'h'e:n \(For That Purpose—I Consider Things\) \(Re\)writing and \(Re\)righting Indigenous Menstrual Practices to Intervene on Contemporary Menstrual Discourse and the Politics of Taboo](#)" *Cultural Studies↔ Critical Methodologies* (2016): 1532708616638695.
- "[The New Native Intellectualism: #ElizabethCookLynn, Social Media Movements, and the Millennial Native American Studies Scholar](#)." *Wicazo Sa Review* 31.1 (2016): 90-110.
- "[Coyote is Not a Metaphor: On Decolonizing, Renaming and Reclaiming Coyote](#)" *Decolonization: Indigeneity, Education and Society*, 4.1 (2015).
- "[Why we gather: traditional gathering in native Northwest California and the future of bio-cultural sovereignty](#)." *Ecological Processes* 2.1 (2013): 17.

Book Chapters:

- "Xo'ch Na:nahsdetł-te Survivance, Resilience and Unbroken Traditions in Northwest California" by Cutcha Risling Baldy & Kayla Begay [Ka'm-t'em: A Journey toward Healing](#). Temecula, California: Great Oak Press. May 2019.

Fiction/Non-Fiction/Poetry:

- "Representation Matters." North Coast Journal. October 3, 2019. <https://www.northcoastjournal.com/humboldt/representation-matters/Content?oid=15371022>
- "How We Let This Happen." North Coast Journal. June 27, 2019. <https://www.northcoastjournal.com/humboldt/how-we-let-this-happen/Content?oid=14525969>
- "Genocide and Fugly Chairs." North Coast Journal. April 11, 2019. <https://www.northcoastjournal.com/humboldt/genocide-and-fugly-chairs/Content?oid=13800417>
- "The G-O Road 30 Years Later." News from Native California. September 17, 2018.
- "[The Flower Dancers: Reviving Hupa coming-of-age ceremonies.](#)" North Coast Journal. August 2, 2018.
- "[Don't Live in a Murder House.](#)" North Coast Journal. August 10, 2017.
- "[Water is Life: The Flower Dance Ceremony](#)" *News from Native California*, Volume 30, Issue 3, Spring 2017.
- "[We Fight for the Land, the Earth, Everything: From Bears Ears to the High Country of California.](#)" *Edge of Morning: Native Voices Speak for Bears Ears*, 2016.
- "[We Resist, We Survive: Leonard Peltier and Imprisoned Indians.](#)" teleSUR English. February 6, 2016, web.
- "[Ten Days or Thoughts on That My Baby.](#)" As/Us Journal, Issue 5, December 6, 2015
- "[Xoq'it-Ch'iswa:l On Her They Beat Time, A Flower Dance Is Held For Her:](#) The Revitalization of the Women's Coming-of-Age Ceremony Part Two." *Two Rivers Tribune*, Volume 21, Issue 32, August 11, 2015.
- "[No:'olchwin-ding, No:'olchwin-te To Grow Old In A Good Way:](#) The Hupa Flower Dance and Revitalization of Women's Coming of Age Ceremonies in Native California." *Two Rivers Tribune*, Volume 21, Issue 30, July 28, 2015.
- "[Hupa Language Thrives Through Online Resources.](#)" *Two Rivers Tribune*, Volume 21, Issue 30, July 28, 2015.
- "A Poem for Frog Woman." *News from Native California*, Volume 27, Number 4, 2014
- "[Why I Teach The Walking Dead in my Native Studies Classes.](#)" *Nerds of Color*. April 24, 2014, web.
- "On Separating Veronica Brown from her father Dusten Brown." *Native News Online*. September 27, 2014, web.

CAL POLY HUMBOLDT

Native American Studies Department

December 4, 2023

The Department of Native American Studies nominates Dr. Cutcha Risling Baldy (Associate Professor of NAS) for the California State University (CSU) Systemwide NAGPRA Committee.

Dr. Risling Baldy has a Ph.D. in Native American Studies from UC Davis and has previously served as part of the UC President's Native American Advisory Committee working on NAGPRA and repatriation recommendations along with other issues in higher education and Native American Communities. Dr. Risling Baldy has over 7 years experience working with issues relevant to repatriation and cultural resource matters including as co-director of the Rou Dalagurr Food Sovereignty Lab & Traditional Ecological Knowledge Institute; as expert consultant for cultural resource planning for UC Berkeley and for various state agencies.

Dr. Risling Baldy is an expert in community based participatory action research and works closely with Native tribes throughout the state of California. She has previously worked as an expert witness for Native environmental justice organizations and as a consultant on "decolonizing museums" for several museums throughout the state of California.

Affirmed by Department Vote: November 27, 2023



Dr. Kayla Begay

Hoop Valley Tribe

Associate Professor, Chair

Native American Studies, Cal Poly Humboldt | Linguistics PhD

Dr. Cutcha Risling Baldy

**Associate Professor, Native American Studies
Cal Poly Humboldt**

References:

Dr. Kayla Begay
Department Chair, Associate Professor, Native American Studies
Cal Poly Humboldt
Enrolled Hoopa Valley Tribe
krb14@humboldt.edu
(707)826-4316

Dr. Kaitlin Reed
Assistant Professor, Native American Studies
Cal Poly Humboldt
Enrolled Yurok Tribe
kpr29@humboldt.edu
(707)826-3822

Dr. Marissa Ramsier
Department Chair, Professor, Anthropology
Cal Poly Humboldt
Biological Anthropology and Bioarchaeology
mas70@humboldt.edu
(707)826-4948