

Matthew O'Brien

CSU Representative

Campus Preference: Chico

Qualified:

Ph.D Anthropology, University of New Mexico, 2013

M.A. Anthropology, University of Wyoming, 2006

Mr O'Brien is an Associate Professor of Anthropology at Chico State University and Director of the Archeological Research Program. For the past five years, he has worked with Chico's Office of Tribal Relations (OTR) on the implementation of new partnerships between Tribal partners and Chico academia. Mr. O'Brien has served to facilitate the reburial of university owned collections and as a consultant to the OTR in its attempts to return ancestral and cultural items to descendant communities. As Director of the Archaeological Research Program (ARP), he manages contracts with various federal, state, and private agencies to meet their cultural resource needs, and seeks to make this work more inclusive of Tribal students and communities that may want to become involved in archaeology.

References contacted:

Rachel McBride-Praetorius (Yurok), Colleen Milligan, and Eric Bartelink 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/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*): _____

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: _____

Tribal/CSU Institutional Affiliation: _____

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.

Incomplete materials will not be considered.



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December 5, 2023

Dear Implementation and Oversight Committee,

At the request of the Office of Tribal Relations (OTR), I am submitting my application for nomination as a CSU Nominee for the CSU Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act Implementation and Oversight Committee. Over the past five years, I have worked with OTR regarding the revision and implementation of a new partnership between Tribal partners and Chico State. As an archaeologist, my work directly intersects the concerns of Tribal stakeholders in California and beyond, and I have sought to find a workable solution for discipline practice that aligns with the intent of CalNAGPRA and NAGPRA. I have served to facilitate the reburial of university owned collections and as a consultant to OTR in its attempts to return ancestral and cultural items to descendant communities. While I have often been involved with existing collections, my primary emphasis has been centered on how archaeology can become a positive contributor to Tribal interests in cultural resource management.

Over the past five years, I have sought to establish clear lines of communication between my department and OTR to ensure our program provides transparency to help rebuild trust. As director of the Archaeological Research Program (ARP), I manage contracts with various federal, state, and private agencies to meet their cultural resource needs, and I have sought to make this work more inclusive of Tribal students and communities that may want to become involved in archaeology. Over the past two years, I have worked closely with the Kletsel Dehe Band of Wintun Indians of Cortina Rancheria and former Governor Jerry Brown on a project centered on his Rancho Venada. This 2,500 acre ranch is located near Williams, California, and the former governor's family has maintained control of this land since the 1860's. This partnership between Chico State and the Kletsel Dehe has allowed Tribal partners to access land that was taken from them over a century ago, and I have sought to build a collaborative project that identifies Native American archaeological sites with the goal of protecting them into the future. As the former governor seeks to establish a center of learning revolving around the many natural and cultural resources located on the property, Chico State seeks to promote the importance of Tribal history and continuity that has been overshadowed by the more recent Euro-American history. This project has proven personally rewarding and enriching as I developed personal relations with the Chairman and many members of the community, and I believe the project serves as an archetype of what archaeology at the CSUs could become as we realign our discipline with those of Tribal interests.

In addition to the existing collaborative research project at Rancho Venada, I have enjoyed a role in facilitating Tribal requests through OTR. To be honest, I cannot fathom why OTR continues to seek my assistance, because I do not feel that I worthy of such a role. First, I was chosen to do the initial recording of the land on the Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve before the reburial of repatriated items could occur. The goal of this effort was to ensure that the California Historical Resource Information System (CHRIS) had an existing record of the burial location to ensure future wildfire management and future

development would avoid this location. To be entrusted with knowledge of this location as an archaeologist was humbling and deeply appreciated. Finally, I was approached by OTR to initiate Tribal monitor training for the Maidu Summit Consortium where I would provide basic training of archaeological practices so that they can serve as archaeological monitors or archaeological field technicians. While the purpose of this role is to be an educator, I am certain this experience will provide me with a greater appreciation of the rich history of Maidu culture, traditional ecological knowledge, and their stewardship practices. While this work has yet to begin, I again am humbled by the request, and I look forward to assisting Tribal communities as they seek to take a more active role in the preservation of their past.

As I have mentioned, I did not expect to be solicited by OTR to apply for this role, and I happily acknowledge there are more important people who should serve in this advisory role. I also acknowledge the seriousness of the institutional harm that my department and university played in disenfranchising our Tribal communities across California and beyond. If I am selected, I look forward to furthering my education of needs and wants of today's descendant communities, and I hope to align my discipline to help address them regardless of whether I am chosen for this role. I am foremost an educator, and I intend to take what I learn and incorporate it into the classroom so that aspiring archaeologists understand the gravity and importance of collaborative and inclusive practices regarding the deep and rich cultural heritage of California's Native Americans.

Sincerely,

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References

- Rachel McBride-Praetorius, Chico State University, Director of the Office of Tribal Relations, 530-898-6241, rmcbride@csuchico.edu
- Dr. Colleen Milligan, Chico State University, Anthropology Department Chair, 530-898-6192, cfmilligan@csuchico.edu
- Dr. Eric Bartelink, Chico State University, Anthropology Department, 530-898-4905, ebartelink@csuchico.edu

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- **Educational History**

- **University of New Mexico**, Albuquerque, NM
Ph. D with Distinction received July 2013
Department of Anthropology (Archaeology)
Dissertation: The Socioeconomic Organization of Communal Hunting: An Archaeological Examination of Shoshone Collective Action.
- **University of Wyoming**, Laramie, WY
Masters in Arts and Sciences received in 2006
Department of Anthropology (Archaeology)
- **St. Lawrence University**, Canton, NY
Bachelor of Arts received in 2000
Major(s): Anthropology, Economics

- **Academic Appointments**

- Associate Professor, California State University, Chico
2020 to Present
- Assistant Professor, California State University, Chico
2014 to 2020
- Regular Part-Time Instructor, Central New Mexico Community College, Dept. of Anthropology
Spring 2014
- Teaching Associate, University of New Mexico, Dept. of Anthropology & Biology
2011-2013

- **Instruction**

- Courses Taught
 - ANTH 112 *Introduction to Archaeology*, CSU, Chico
 - ANTH 264 *Myths, Fraud, and Misconceptions*, CSU, Chico
 - ANTH 302 *Archaeology* CSU, Chico
 - ANTH 420 *Origins of Civilization* CSU, Chico
 - ANTH 421 *Archaeology of North America* CSU, Chico
 - ANTH 423 *Human Behavioral Ecology* CSU, Chico
 - ANTH 478 *Zooarchaeology*
 - ANTH 480 *Advanced Field Archaeology*
 - ANTH 482 *Archaeological Lab Methods* CSU, Chico
 - ANTH 484 *Archaeological Site Survey* CSU, Chico

- ANTH 498 *Special Topics: Lithic Analysis* CSU, Chico
- ANTH 602 *Archaeology Graduate Seminar* CSU, Chico
- ANTH 112 *Introduction to Archaeology* UNM
- ANTH 121 *Archaeological Method and Theory* CNMCC

- **Professional Growth and Achievement**

- Publications

- Peer reviewed publications
 - Surovell, T. A., **O'Brien, M. J.**, Pelton, S. (IN PRESS) Coupled Time Lapse Photography and Photogrammetry for High Precision Mapping of Human Behavior in Ethnoarchaeology Research. *Anthropologie LXI* (3): 303-314.
 - Mackie, M. E., Surovell, T. A., **O'Brien, M. J.**, Kelly, R. L., Pelton, S., Haynes, Jr., C. V., Frison, G. C., Yohe, R. M., Teteak, S., Rockwell, H. M., and Mahan, S. (2020) Confirming a Cultural Association at the La Prele Mammoth Site (48CO1401) Converse County, Wyoming. *American Antiquity* 85(3):554-572.
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 - Haas, R., Surovell, T. A., **O'Brien, M. J.** (2018) Occupancy and the Use of Household Space among the Dukha. *Ethnoarchaeology* 10:1-15.
 - **O'Brien, M. J.** and Surovell, T. A. (2018) Dukha Reindeer Herder Camp and Household Spacing. *Arctic Anthropology* 54(1):110-119.
 - Surovell, T. A. and **O'Brien, M. J.** (2016) Mobility at the Scale of Meters. *Evolutionary Anthropology* 26(3): 142-152.
 - Mackie, M. E., Surovell, T. A., and **O'Brien, M. J.** (2015) Identifying Stone Alignments Created by Adults and Children: A Case Study from a Dukha Reindeer Herder Summer Camp, Khovsgol Aimag, Mongolia. *Siberica* 14: 29-44.
 - **O'Brien, M. J.** (2015). Evaluating the contemporaneity of households at the Eden-Farson site. *International Journal of Osteoarchaeology* 25(5):653-664.
 - **O'Brien, M. J.**, Liebert, T. (2014). Quantifying the energetic returns for pronghorn: a food utility index of meat and marrow. *Journal of Archaeological Science* 46:384-392.
 - **O'Brien, M. J.**, Storlie, C. M. (2011). An alternative approach to bilateral refitting. *Journal of Taphonomy* 9(4):245-268.
 - Huckell, B. B., Shackley, M. S., **O'Brien, M. J.**, Merriman, C. M. (2011). Folsom obsidian procurement and use at the Boca Negra Wash Site, New Mexico, *Current Research in the Pleistocene*: 49-52.
 - **O'Brien, M. J.**, Ruth, S., Merriman, C. M., Huckell, B. B. (2009). Reevaluating Folsom mobility and land use in New Mexico, *Current Research in the Pleistocene* 20: 107-109.

- Contributions to an Edited Volume

- Huckell, B. B., Merriman, C., and **O'Brien, M. J.** (2022) Boca Negra Wash: Investigating Activity Organization at a Shallowly Buried Folsom Camp in the Middle Rio Grande Valley of New Mexico. In *Open Air Camps of the Terminal Pleistocene and Early Holocene: Intra-Camp Spatial Organization, Activity Areas, and Technology*, edited by Leland C. Bement and Kristin Carlson. In press, University Press of Colorado, Louisville, CO.

- Mackie, M. E, Surovell, T. A., Pelton, S., **O'Brien, M. J.**, Kelly, R. L., Frison, G. C., Yohe, R. M., Teteak, S., Shapiro, B., and Kapp, J. D. (2022) Spatial analysis of a Clovis hearth centered activity area at the La Prele Mammoth site, Converse County, Wyoming. In *Diversity in Open Air Site Structure Across the Pleistocene/Holocene Boundary*, edited by K. Carlson and L. Bement. University of Colorado Press, Boulder.
- **O'Brien, M. J.**, Surovell, T. A., Haas, W. R. and Pelton, S. (2022) The Attraction of Home: The Influence of Fire and Ambient Light on Domestic Space among the Dukha Reindeer Herders of Northern Mongolia. In *More than a Shelter*, eds. B. Andrews and D. Macdonald. University of Florida Press.
- **O'Brien, M. J.** and Walker, D. N. (2022) Communal Hunting and Teasing Out Signs of Cooperation in the Past. In *Intrasite Spatial Analysis of Mobile and Semisedentary Peoples: Analytical Approaches to Reconstructing Occupation History*, eds. A. E. Clark and J. A. Gingerich. The University of Utah Press.
- Surovell, T. A., **O'Brien, M. J.**, and Haas, W. R. (2022) The Other Invisible Sex: Division of Labor and Domestic Space in the Mongolian Taiga. In *Intrasite Spatial Analysis of Mobile and Semisedentary Peoples: Analytical Approaches to Reconstructing Occupation History*, eds. A. E. Clark and J. A. Gingerich. The University of Utah Press.
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- Non-Peer reviewed publications
 - Huckell, B.B., **O'Brien, M.** and Merriman, C. M. *In press* An Investigation of Locus A of the Boca Wash Folsom Site (LA124474). Maxwell Museum Technical Report submitted to Albuquerque Public School District.
 - **O'Brien, M. J.** and Merwin, C. A. (2021) Evaluating the stratigraphic integrity of subsurface deposits at Wagontire Springs Cave, High Rock Canyon, Nevada. BLM Report Number CR2-3407. Submitted to Bureau of Land Management, Blackrock Field Office, Winnemucca District Office.
 - Jones, N. M., **O'Brien, M. J.**, Kohler, B., Simons, D. (2019) Bare Allotment Renewal Project, Washoe and Humboldt Counties, Nevada. California State University, Chico's Archaeological Research Program, Report No. 80.
 - **O'Brien, M.J.** (2018) Addendum Report to ARP Report No. 77: Sand Slough Class III Survey, Red Bluff, Tehama County, CA. California State University, Chico's Archaeological Research Program, Report No. 79.
 - Hensler, R., **O'Brien, M.J.** (2018) Addendum to: Archaeological Survey Report Sacramento River Channel Restoration Project: Rio Vista and Lake California. California State University, Chico's Archaeological Research Program, Report No. 79.
 - Jones, N. M., Johnson, R., Hensler, R., **O'Brien, M. J.** (2017) Archaeological Survey Report: Sacramento River Channel Restoration Project. CSU, Chico' Archaeological Research Program Report No. 77, Submitted to CSU, Chico's Geographic Information Center.
 - Mackie, M. M., Surovell, T. A., Kelly, R. L., **O'Brien, M. J.**, and Pelton, S. R. (2017) The 2016 Field Season at the La Prele Mammoth Site. Submitted to QUEST Archaeological Research Program, Southern Methodist University.
 - **O'Brien, M. J.**, Merriman, C. W., Waguespack, N. M. (2013). Site Testing of Barger Gulch Locality C (5GA195). Report drafted for fulfillment of the Colorado State Historic Fund Archaeological Assessment Grant.

- Merriman, C. W., **O'Brien, M. J.**, Mayer, J. H., Surovell, T. A., Waguespack, N. M. (2011). Geoarchaeological Investigations at Barger Gulch Locality C. Field Report on file with Bureau of Land Management.
 - Huckell, B.B., Merriman, C. W., **O'Brien, M. J.** (2010). Archaeological Assessment of the Hidden Ridge Site (TONT00068), and Archaic Occupation in Tonto National Monument. Report submitted to the National Park Service (Tonto National Monument) 50 pp.
- Presentations
 - International
 - Haas, W.R., Surovell, T.A., and **O'Brien, M. J.** (2018) Behavior from Spatial Structure in Archaeological Sites: A Working Model Based on Dukha Ethnography. SAA 83rd Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
 - **O'Brien, M.J.**, Surovell, T.A., and Haas, W.R. (2018) Using Ethnoarchaeology to Identify Spatial Patterns of Behavior in Domestic Dogs. SAA 83rd Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
 - Surovell, T.A., **O'Brien, M.J.** and Haas, W.R. (2018) Gender and Space in Campsites of Dukha Reindeer Herders. SAA 83rd Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
 - Huckell, B. B., Merriman, C., and **O'Brien, M. J.** (2017) Boca Negra Wash: Investigating Activity Organization at a Shallowly Buried Folsom Camp in the Middle Rio Grande Valley of New Mexico. *SAA 82nd Annual Meeting*, Vancouver, B.C.
 - Mackie, M. M., Surovell, T.A, Kelly, R. L. and **O'Brien, M. J.** (2017) New Excavations at the La Prele Mammoth Site, Converse County, Wyoming. *SAA 82nd Annual Meeting*, Vancouver, B.C.
 - **O'Brien, M. J.** and Walker, D. N. (2017) Communal Hunting and Teasing Out Signs of Cooperation in the Past. *SAA 82nd Annual Meeting*, Vancouver, B.C.
 - Surovell, S. A., Haas, R., and **O'Brien, M. J.** (2017) High-Precision Mapping of Human Behavior in Ethnographic Contexts, a New Tool for Ethnoarchaeology. *SAA 82nd Annual Meeting*, Vancouver, B.C.
 - **O'Brien, M. J.** and Surovell, T. A. (2015) Moving Beyond Discard to the Mapping of Participants: A New Approach to Interpreting Artifact Spatial Patterning. *International Conference on Current Ethnoarchaeology, CNR, Rome, Italy*
 - Surovell, T. A. and **O'Brien, M.J.** (2015). An Ethnoarchaeological Perspective on Folsom Households. *SAA 80th Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, CA.
 - **O'Brien, M. J.** (2013). Identifying Leadership for Communal Hunting Episodes at the Eden-Farson Site. *SAA 78th Annual Meeting*, Honolulu, HI
 - **O'Brien, M. J.**, Storlie, C. M. (2012). A New Methodology to Anatomical Refitting using a Multivariate Approach. *SAA 77th Annual Meeting*, Memphis, TN.
 - **O'Brien, M. J.**, Merriman, C. M., Huckell, B. B. (2010). Interstate 25 or 40? Variation in Folsom Mobility Patterns in the Middle Rio Grande Basin of New Mexico. *SAA 75th Annual Meeting*, St. Louis, MO.
 - **O'Brien, M. J.** (2008). Reevaluating the Impact Cryoturbation on Vertical Provenience, *SAA 73rd Annual Meeting*, Vancouver, BC.
 - Merriman, C. M., **O'Brien, M. J.**, Huckell, B. B. (2008). The Lithic Analysis of the Boca Negra Wash Folsom site, *SAA 73rd Annual Meeting*, Vancouver, BC.
 - National/Regional

- Arneal, A., Fitch, J. C., Rehrman, R., & O'Brien, M. J. (2023) Examination of Northern Paiute lithic technology and land use strategies at Wagontire Springs Cave. 57th Annual Meeting, Society for California Archaeology, Oakland, CA.
 - O'Brien, M.J., Rovnpera, J. (2019) Dealing with the looted past: Preliminary results from Wagontire Springs Cave. 53rd Annual Meeting, Society for California Archaeology, Sacramento, CA.
 - Mahan, C. M., O'Brien, M. J., and Whelan, C. W. (2016) Prehistoric Great Basin: Massacre Lake Tool Assemblage and Analysis. 35th Biennial Great Basin Anthropological Conference, Reno, NV.
 - Gregory, D. and O'Brien, M. J. (2016) Differentiating between local chert sources using XRF analysis. 35th Biennial Great Basin Anthropological Conference, Reno, NV.
- External grant proposals
 - 2019 Clovis Subsistence and Social Organization at the La Prele Mammoth Site, Converse County, Wyoming, National Science Foundation, \$225,814 (PLR: 1947297) **Funded.**
 - 2019 Clovis Subsistence and Social Organization at the La Prele Mammoth Site, Converse County, Wyoming, National Science Foundation, \$245,183 (PLR: 1918973) **Not Funded.**
 - 2018 Finding Closure: Insight into "Alaska" at Tule Lake Segregation Camp, Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant, \$104,650 **Funded.**
 - 2018 Clovis Subsistence and Social Organization at the La Prele Mammoth Site, Converse County, Wyoming, National Science Foundation, \$279,670 (PLR: 1842324) **Not Funded.**
 - 2017 Finding Closure: Locating the Tule Lake Segregation Center Cemetery, Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant, \$105,818 **Not Funded.**
 - 2014-2018 The Dukha Ethnoarchaeological Project: Seasonal Changes in Spatial Behavior. National Science Foundation, Arctic Social Sciences Program (PLR: 1442166), \$393,521 **Funded.**
 - 2017 Excavations of the La Prele Mammoth Site. QUEST Archaeological Research Program (SMU), \$10,000. **Funded.**
 - 2016 Excavations of the La Prele Mammoth Site. QUEST Archaeological Research Program (SMU), \$10,000. **Funded.**
 - 2016 Investigating the Spatial Structure of a Human-Mammoth Association at the La Prele Mammoth Site, Converse County, Wyoming, USA. National Geographic Grant, \$20,000. **Funded.**
 - 2014 The La Prele Mammoth Site: Exploring Human Interaction with Extinct Pleistocene Fauna in Converse County, Wyoming. National Geographic Grant, \$19,404 Submitted 12/9/14. Tracking No: 186378. **Not Funded.**
 - 2013 The Dukha Ethnoarchaeological Project: Seasonal Changes in Spatial Behavior. National Science Foundation, Arctic Social Sciences Program (BCS: 1346844), \$167,514. **Funded.**
 - 2012 The Dukha Ethnoarchaeological Project: Seasonal Changes in Spatial Behavior. National Science Foundation, Archaeology Program (BCS: 1321468), \$502,340 **Not Funded.**
 - 2012 Archaeological Assessment for Barger Gulch Site Locality C Site Testing. Colorado State Historical Fund, \$9,450. **Funded.**

- 2011 An Archaeological Examination of Shoshone Collective Action. **National Science Foundation, Archaeology Program: Dissertation Improvement Grant, \$15,608. Funded.**
- Cultural Resource Contracts
 - 2022 Archaeological Survey of Fire Mitigation Disturbances, USFS Plumas National Forest, \$15,000, **Pending USFS Administrative Approval**
 - 2019 Recovery operations in Poland, Site PL00017, MACR13248, Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, Henry Jackson Foundation, \$178,922 **Funded.**
 - 2019-2022 Archaeological and Cultural Resource Services, CALFIRE. CSU, Chico Archaeological Research Program. \$99,873. **Funded.**
 - 2015-2017 CSEU Bare Allotment Grazing Permit, Surprise Resource Area, Bureau of Land Management, \$99,980.34. CSU, Chico Archaeological Research Program. **Funded.**
- Internal grant proposals
 - 2018 RESP Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity, Excavations at Wagontire Springs Cave, \$5,618. **Funded.**
 - 2018 Student Learning Fee, Archaeology of the Basin and Range: Initiating an Archaeological Field School in CSU, Chico's Backyard, \$12,600. **Funded.**
 - 2017 BSS Strategic Funds, Excavations at Wagontire Springs Cave and the Future CSU, Chico Archaeological Field School, \$3,500. **Funded.**
 - 2014 RESP Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity, The La Prele Mammoth Site, Douglas, Wyoming, \$4,993. **Funded.**
- **Other Contributions to the University and Community**
 - University Service*
 - 2021 to Present Graduate Council
 - 2018 to 2022 Ancillary Unit Review Committee Faculty Representative
 - 2017 to Present Student Research Competition Judge
 - 2017 to 2018 BSS Representative for the University Exceptional Service Award Committee
 - College Service*
 - 2021 to 2022 BSS Curriculum Committee
 - 2020 to Present BSS Leaves Committee
 - 2015 to 2016 BSS Curriculum Committee
 - 2014 to 2015 BSS Scholarship Committee
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 - Departmental Service*
 - 2023 to Present Acting Department Chair
 - 2021 to Present Graduate Coordinator
 - 2021 to 2022 Hiring Search Committee Chair
 - 2021 to 2022 Curriculum Chair
 - 2021 to 2022 RTP Committee
 - 2020 Department Chair Selection Committee Chair
 - 2014 to Present Anthropology and Native Americans Relations

- 2014 to Present Graduate Committee
- 2015 to Present Director of the Archaeological Research Program (ARP)
- 2015 to Present Director of the Zooarchaeological Laboratory
- 2015 to 2016 Archaeology Hiring Search Committee Member
- 2016 to 2017 Bio. Anth. Hiring Search Committee Member
- 2014 to 2017 Director of the Archaeology Laboratory
- 2015 to 2016 Candidacy Exam Committee
- 2015 to 2016 Chair of Curriculum
- 2014 Department Chair Selection Committee Member

Additional Contributions

- 2021 CSU, Chico's Anthropology Forum Public Lecture Series (Sept. 2)
- 2020 CSU, Chico's Anthropology Forum Public Lecture Series (Nov. 18)
- 2019 CSU, Chico's Anthropology Forum Public Lecture Series
- 2019 Developed a new course entitled, ANTH 264 Myths, *Frauds*, and *Misconceptions*.
- 2019 Established the new Archaeology Field School with Regional and Continuing Ed.
- 2018 Assisted in the Camp Fire Recoveries with the Human ID Lab

Mentoring

- Thesis Chair
 - 2023 Alina Tichinin
 - 2020 Noel Jones
 - 2020 Cecily Merwin
 - 2019 Ronnie Johnson
 - 2019 Claire McMahon
 - 2017 Jacques Peltier
 - 2016 Althea Asaro
- Thesis Committee Member
 - 2022 Kyle Palazollo
 - 2021 Caitlin Bishop
 - 2019 Mallory Peters
 - 2017 Maria Cox
- Current Thesis Committees
 - Alina Landa
 - Monique Sanchez (Chair)
 - Rhett Magee
- Undergraduate Honor's Thesis Mentor
 - 2020 Susan Whaley