

**Yvonne Perkins**

**Federally Recognized Tribal Representative, Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation**

**Campus Preference:** Sacramento

**Qualified:**

Ms. Perkins is very active in the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, currently serving as the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer. In this role she has participated in NAGPRA consultations with both UC Davis and CalTrans. She also serves as the Chair of the Tribe's Health & Wellness and Cultural Resources Committees, Vice-Chair of the Community Fund Board, Secretary of the Events Committee, as well as Treasurer for Property, Farm & Ranch. For the last year she served as a member of the CSU Sacramento NAGPRA Implementation and Oversight Committee.

**Tribal Resolution Provided**

**References Contact:**

Dr. Robert Collins, Dr. Melissa Nealson, Michelle Downey have not yet been contacted. Deanna Moore recommends the candidate. Leland Kinter and James Kinter have been contacted and have not yet provided a response.

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

## 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.

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](mailto: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*)



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](mailto:nagpra@calstate.edu).

Incomplete materials will not be considered.



**TRIBAL COUNCIL**  
**RESOLUTION NO. ES-12-05-23-03**

**APPROVING THE NOMINATION OF YVONNE PERKINS TO THE  
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SACRAMENTO NATIVE AMERICAN GRAVES  
PROTECTION AND REPATRIATION ACT IMPLEMENTATION AND OVERSIGHT  
COMMITTEE AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION FOR THIS NOMINATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation is a sovereign Native American government recognized by the United States (the "Tribe" or "Yocha Dehe");

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council is the Tribe's governing body under Yocha Dehe's Constitution, possessing the power to exercise and strengthen the Tribe's sovereign authority; to protect and support tribal citizens' health and welfare; to plan and manage the Tribe's economic and governmental affairs; to govern and protect the Tribe's lands and natural resources; to protect and cultivate the Tribe's cultural traditions, practices, and resources; and to establish and enforce tribal law and policy through the creation and oversight of subordinate bodies, legislative enactment of tribal ordinances, and executive action as reflected in tribal resolutions and otherwise;

**WHEREAS**, in 1976, the California State Government passed AB 4239, establishing the Native American Heritage Commission ("NAHC") as the primary government agency responsible for identifying and cataloging Native American cultural resources, NAHC's primary duties, as stated in AB 4239, was to prevent irreparable damage to designated sacred sites, as well as to prevent interference with the expression of Native American religion in California;

**WHEREAS**, section 8026 of the California Health and Safety Code requires the NAHC to nominate members to the California State University, Sacramento systemwide and campus Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation ("NAGPRA") advisory committees;

**WHEREAS**, in October of 2023, the California State Government passed AB 389, providing specific requirements for both systemwide and campus NAGPRA committees with new guidelines for nominations to the California State University for tribal representatives serving on the existing committees;

**WHEREAS**, on January 25, 2023, the Cultural Resources Committee ("Committee") nominated Yvonne Perkins to serve on the California State University, Sacramento NAGPRA Advisory Committee;

**WHEREAS**, the nomination requires specific documentation and the following documents were prepared: bio and references, letter regarding NAGPRA qualification, and the NAGPRA application, which identify Ms. Perkins' qualifications and commitment to the identification, preservation, protection, of native culture and sites, as well as the betterment of tribal communities, copies of which are attached hereto;

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council has received the documentation and on December 1, 2023, electronically approved the nomination of Ms. Perkins, who has formally accepted this nomination to participate in the California State University, Sacramento NAGPRA Advisory Committee and the application documents and this Resolution documents that action;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

In recognition of her qualifications and commitment to the identification, preservation, protection, of native culture and sites, as well as the betterment of tribal communities, on December 1, 2023, the Tribal Council electronically approved the nomination of Yvonne Perkins to a position on the California State University, Sacramento Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act Advisory Committee and the application documents.

**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was adopted by a vote of 4 for and 0 against and 0 abstentions, at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Tribal Council, at which a quorum was present, on the 5th day of December 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony Roberts', is written over a horizontal line.

Anthony Roberts  
Tribal Chairman





December 5, 2023

Submitted via e-mail: [anthony.burris@csus.edu](mailto:anthony.burris@csus.edu)

Dr. Anthony Burris  
Special Assistant to the President for Tribal Relations  
California State University Sacramento  
Department of Ethnic Studies, Amador 551B  
6000 J Street  
Sacramento, CA 95819

Dear Dr. Burris:

I am writing to provide information regarding my qualifications for a California State University Sacramento Native American Graves Protection & Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Advisory Committee position.

During the past year, I have served as a member of the CSUS NAGPRA Implementation and Oversight Committee. Currently, I also serve on the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation Tribal Council and as the Tribe's Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO). I also chair the Cultural Resources Committee, which oversees the protection of tribal cultural resources. I have attended NAGPRA consultations with the University of California, Davis, and state agencies such as Caltrans. I have participated in site-specific talks regarding finds of Native American human remains and grave goods.

The Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation's present-day homeland is in Yolo County. However, our territory includes many whole and part of counties, including Yolo, Solano, Colusa, and parts of Napa and Lake. My tribe takes great pride in our cultural resources program, investing a great deal of time, financial, and staff resources to ensure our history and ancestral lands are safe and protected. Yocha Dehe has prioritized working with universities such as CSUS on repatriation. We have worked closely with UC Davis for many years and look forward to working with you.

Please find enclosed for your use my biography, a Tribal Council resolution, and the completed application for compliance with AB 389.

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Yvonne Perkins, THPO  
Tribal Council Member

cc: Sarah Eckhardt at [Sarah.eckhardt@csus.edu](mailto:Sarah.eckhardt@csus.edu)  
[nagpra@csus.edu](mailto:nagpra@csus.edu)

**Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation**

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## Yvonne Perkins – Biography 2023

Yvonne Perkins is serving her first term as a Tribal Council Member of the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation after being elected in March 2021. Additionally, she was appointed by Tribal Council to sit on the Cache Creek Casino Resort Board of Directors and has served in this capacity continually since 2010.

Council Member Perkins serves on several Committees for the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, including Facilities & Infrastructure, Fire Commission, Young Adult Assistance Program, Doyuti T'uhkama, and the Board of Trustees of the Academy. She is currently Chair of the Health & Wellness and Cultural Resources Committees, Vice-Chair of the Community Fund Board, Secretary of the Events Committee, as well as Treasurer for Property, Farm & Ranch.

Council Member Perkins is passionate about the health and well-being of Native communities and serves as a board member for Northern Valley Indian Health. In 2022, she was recognized as a "Woman of the Year" by the United States House of Representatives because of her leadership and work for the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation. She takes pride in her work on the committees and aims to actively serving the community and provide good communication and support to the Tribes' employees and patrons.

### REFERENCES:

1. Leland Kinter, Yocha Dehe Tribal Council Treasurer  
NAGPRA Oversight Committee, U. C. Davis  
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2. James Kinter, Yocha Dehe Tribal Council Secretary  
P. O. Box 18  
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3. Deanna Moore, Director, Yocha Dehe Health and Wellness Department  
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