

**Sean Scruggs**

**Federally Recognized – Fort Independence Indian Reservation**

**Campus Preference:** San Francisco

**Qualified:**

Sean is an enrolled member of the Fort Independence Indian Reservation and has been the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for five years. He served in the United States Air Force for twenty years and recently returned to his tribe to support NAGPRA repatriation. He attended Wayland Baptist University where he received his bachelor's degree. He continued his education at the University of La Verne where he completed his master's degree in organizational management.

**References contacted:**

Shawn Lum and James Howe recommend the candidate.

Richard Arnold has yet to respond to outreach to verify their recommendation.

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

## 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 Francisco 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: Elise-Alexandria Green Title: Tribal Government Lead of Relations

Tribal/CSU Institutional Affiliation: San Francisco State University

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### **Nominee Information**

Name: Sean Scruggs Title: Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

Tribal/CSU Institutional Affiliation: Fort Independence Indian Reservation

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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 November 27, 2023.

Incomplete materials will not be considered.

**BIO:**

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**REFERENCES:**

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28 February 2024

San Francisco State University  
Tribal Government Lead of Relations  
Elise-Alexandria Green  
NAGRPA Program  
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To Whom it May Concern:

I am proud to recommend that Sean Scruggs serve on the NAGPRA Tribal Advisory Committee for San Francisco State University.

Sean has served as the Tribal Historical Preservation Officer (THPO) for the Fort Independence Indian Reservation since 18 May 2018. He has a wealth of knowledge and experience that will serve the committee in many ways.

During his tenure as THPO, Sean has led and conducted two re-interments of ancestral remains on ancestral lands in the Owens Valley. During the last year he secured a hair sample from the Peabody Museum at Harvard University and is actively seeking to return the hair to family members to help complete the individual's journey.

Sean is currently working to complete an additional NAGPRA action that will help complete the journey of another ancestor with interment in the spring of 2024.

Sean has a good working knowledge of the issues related to curation, collections and the capacity issues that tribes currently face in resolving NAGPRA issues, this insight is invaluable.

He works tirelessly to educate the local community and agencies on the multitude of issues that tribes face related to cultural preservation and restoration.

Carl Dahlberg  
Tribal Chairman  
Fort Independence Indian Reservation  
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