

**Kimberly Johnson**

**Non- Federally Recognized Tribal Representative, Gabrieleno/Tongva San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians**

**Campus Preference:** San Bernardino

**Qualified:**

Kimberly Johnson serves as the Tribal Secretary for her Tribe. In addition, she is a PhD Candidate in Native American Studies at UC Davis. Kimberly is the co-founder and Executive Director of the Tongva Taraxat Paxaavxa Conservancy, a 501(3)(c) nonprofit established in 2022 that has received land back.

**Tribal Resolution Provided****References Contacted:**

Heather Valdez Singleton, Beth Rose Middleton Manning, Joely Proudftit ((Luisseño/Payómkawichum, Tongva) recommend the candidate.

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

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY  
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.

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](mailto: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*)

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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*): Cal State Long Beach

Alternative campus(es) Nominee will consider (*candidates are encouraged to complete this section, if possible*):

- 1) Cal Poly Pomona
- 2) Cal State Los Angeles
- 3) Cal State Fullerton

## SUBMISSION INFORMATION

### **Nominator Information (if applicable)**

Name: Anthony Morales Title: Tribal Chairman

Tribal/CSU Institutional Affiliation: Gabrieleno/Tongva- San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians

Email: chiefrbwife@aol.com Phone: 626-483-3564

### **Nominee Information**

Name: Kimberly M. Johnson Title: Tribal Secretary

Tribal/CSU Institutional Affiliation: Gabrieleno/Tongva San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians

Email: morjohn@ucdavis.edu Phone: 909-525-2645

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 **December 5, 2023**.

Incomplete materials will not be considered.



# KIMBERLY MORALES JOHNSON

Claremont, CA ■ (909) 525-2645 ■ kimcgu@gmail.com ■ linkedin.com/in/kimberly-morales-johnson-055881196/

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & EDUCATOR

- More than 16 years' progressive experience in education, public health, student services, program administration, quality outreach, community-based human services, communication initiatives, advocacy programs, and workshop coordination for leading nonprofit organizations and academic institutions. Advanced education in Public Health Administration.
- Outstanding communication, organization and interpersonal skills, written and verbal. Capable writer, speaker, lecturer and educator. Extensive experience guiding outreach and public engagement programs. Develop powerful curriculum and lesson plans. Write winning grants, cultivate community commitments, and work closely with civic/business leaders.

## CORE AREAS OF EXPERTISE

■ Project & Program Plans & Administration ■ Outreach & Educational Initiatives ■ Student Services & Recruitment Ops  
■ Syllabus Design, Development, Execution ■ Workshop/Conference Coordination ■ Public Health / Community Relations

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### LA Music Center, Los Angeles, CA

One of the largest performing arts centers in the United States. The Music Center is composed of the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, Ahmanson Theatre, Mark Taper Forum, Roy and Edna Disney / CalArts Theatre, and Walt Disney Concert Hall.

#### CONTRACT CONSULTANT & SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT

2022 - 2023

- Work with The Music Center (TMC) Arts in a consulting and advisory role regarding Native American/Indigenous efforts, including a land acknowledgement on the Jerry Moss Plaza, and a walking path at Grand Park.

### Pomona Unified School District, Pomona CA

Third-largest school district in Los Angeles County.

#### TEACHER GRADES 3-5 / SPECIAL EDUCATION SPECIALIST (2019), Kingsley Elementary School

2016 - 2021

- Designed, developed and executed innovative lessons covering all subject areas, with the goal of meeting the unique social and academic needs of grades 3-5 and Special Education students in a safe, supportive educational environment.
- Tested, taught, and monitored progress of students who qualified for Special Education Services, and helped create Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) working with parents and district administration.
- Integrated behavior modification strategies to empower students to self-actualize and present acceptable classroom behavior. Celebrated students' achievements and maximized opportunities for successful learning.
- Introduced and incorporated existing and emerging technologies into the curriculum and classroom environment.
- Measured, evaluated, and assessed student backgrounds and learning requirements, and identified potential barriers to learning. Adapted lesson plans to meet the specific needs of individual students and student groups.
- Teamed with other teachers and participated in teacher-parent meetings, educational workshops, and conferences.
- Technology Team Member. Grade Level Lead. Math Camp Facilitator. Student Council Lead. PTA Teacher Rep.

### Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA

CGU offers 23 different disciplines and is a member of the Claremont Colleges Consortium, serving more than 2,000 students.

#### ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENT & SCHOLAR SERVICES

2013 - 2016

- Managed new admissions for International students, with oversight of application process, registration, and housing.
- Directed and coordinated orientation and graduation events, working in collaboration with other campuses.
- Title IX community representative, search committee representative, and member of the Orientation Committee.
- Produced bi-weekly newsletter working with intl. recruiting agents and covering education and U.S. migration issues.

#### ADMISSIONS COORDINATOR, School of Social Science Policy and Evaluation

- Coordinated and drove admissions program aimed at attracting, enrolling, and successfully admitting an academically strong, culturally diverse and socially conscious graduate student population to meet CGU's enrollment goals.

#### PROGRAM MANAGER, School of Community and Global Health

- Oversaw planning and management of MPH Program, including addressing student needs, registrar forms, fellowships, internship placement, internship agreements with CGU and agencies, event planning, PhD student dossiers, program scheduling, student association advisement, student advisement, and administration of all student records.

### National Diabetes Prevention Program, HQ: Emory University, Atlanta, GA

Public/private partnership of agencies working to establish local evidence-based lifestyle change programs for people at high risk.

#### MASTER TRAINERS PROGRAM LEAD, Emory Diabetes Training & Technical Assistance Ctr.

2012 - 2016

- Met with CDC and DTTAC management regarding health and program components affecting special populations, and provided professional input and direction gained from vast experience working with minority populations.



**Riverside San Bernardino County, Indian Health Services, Inc., Banning, CA**

One of the finest Native American healthcare organizations in the country.

**PROGRAM COORDINATOR, DIABETES PREVENTION****2012 - 2015**

- Brought on board to help develop and execute a new curriculum and Diabetes prevention program aimed educating and empowering participants through healthy diet choices and lifestyle changes.
- Program was extremely successful, with a 100% success rate in both retainment of participants and weight loss.
- Worked with the Malki Museum to identify native food components, and actively incorporated information into a culturally-sensitive curriculum and educational program, producing long-term sustainability and participant success.
- Created a digital storytelling program. Coordinated and facilitated three digital storytelling workshops in the Native Community. Presented short video programs at the Annual Healthy Heart Conference in August of 2012.
- Cultivated relationships with community leaders by actively participating in community events such as pow-wows and meetings. Worked with department directors to provide additional resources and outreach initiatives.

**Pitzer's Native Pipeline to College, Claremont, CA**

Pitzer's Native American Summer Pipeline to College program supports Native American students' transitions from high school to college, in a two-week on-campus program for students grades 10 through 12.

**COMMUNITY TOBACCO EDUCATOR****2010**

- Wrote grant and secured program funding from the California Rural Indian Health Board (CRIHB) for development of a community tobacco program. Designed curriculum and taught 15 classes on commercial versus traditional tobacco use.
- Designed syllabus, prepared lectures, brought in guest speakers, played instructional games, and created presentations.

**CALIFORNIA INDIAN CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT****2005 - 2010****GABRIELENO/TONGVA MUSEUM CASE DISPLAY DESIGN/DEVELOPMENT, Santa Monica Museum****2010****THIRD/FOURTH GRADE TEACHER - Assoc. of Christian Schools International, Glendora CA****2007 - 2009****GABRIELENO/TONGVA MUSEUM CASE DISPLAY DESIGN/DEVELOPMENT, Cooper Museum****2005****EDUCATION****University of California, Davis, Native American Studies, Davis, CA****Completion: 2025**

- **CANDIDATE: PH.D. NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES | HUMAN RIGHTS DESIGNATED EMPHASIS**

Awarded the Provosts Fellowship, Masters of Arts in Native American Studies conferred May 2023

**Claremont Graduate University, School of Global and Community Health, Claremont, CA****2011**

- **MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH | CONCENTRATION: LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT**

Public Health Leadership for the 21st Century; Ethics, Human Rights, & Cultural Diversity; Management of International Health Programs & Organizations; Current Issues in Global Public Health

**University of La Verne, La Verne, CA****2007**

- **BACHELOR OF ARTS | LIBERAL STUDIES**

Foundations of Education; Literature for Children & Adolescents; Instructional Approaches to Physical Education; The Power of Language; Visual & Performing Arts for the Elementary Teacher; Child Psychology & Development; Developmental Mathematics; Computers in Education | Dean's List

**TRAINING | CERTIFICATION/CREDENTIALS | CONSULTING | GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS**

- **PRELIMINARY SPECIAL EDUCATION CREDENTIAL – Brandman University** **2021**
- **TONGVA LAND CONSERVANCY, VICE PRESIDENT** **Active**
- **GABRIELENO TONGVA SPRINGS FOUNDATION, VICE PRESIDENT** **Active**
- **TRIBAL SECRETARY & HISTORIAN, GABRIELENO/TONGVA SAN GABRIEL BAND OF MISSION INDIANS** **Active**
- **LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSIONER** **Active**
- **ANTELOPE VALLEY MUSEUM, VOLUNTEER** **Active**
- **NEX'WETEM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BASKET WEAVERS ASSOCIATION** **Active**
- **TRADITIONAL CAHUILLA BASKET MAKING COURSE - Idyllwild School of the Arts** **2002/2005/2021**
- **MULTIPLE SUBJECT TEACHING (CLEAR CREDENTIAL) – UCLA** **2017**
- **CERTIFICATION: NATIVE AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH - John Hopkins Ctr. for American Indian Health** **2013**
- **CALIFORNIA INDIAN CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT** **2005 - 2010**
- **GABRIELENO/TONGVA MUSEUM CASE DISPLAY, DESIGN/DEVELOPMENT, Cooper Museum** **2005**
- **STATE OF CALIFORNIA TRIBAL ARCHIVES INSTITUTE** **2003**
- **LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION GRANTEE** **2003**

Kimberly Morales Johnson is an active and enrolled member of the (Gabrieleno Tongva) San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians. Kimberly has been active in Native American politics and culture, maintaining her family traditions all of her life. Her father served as tribal chairman, and was one of the first to serve as a Native American Monitor for the State of California. She and her family have been featured in documentaries and several books, regarding the Native people of the Los Angeles Basin.

In 2010, Kimberly earned her Master's in Public Health and taught Diabetes Education with Riverside San Bernardino County Indian Health. After working as Special Education Teacher in Pomona for about 10 years, Kimberly returned to school and is a PhD Candidate in Native American Studies at UC Davis. Kimberly is the co-founder and Executive Director of the Tongva Taraxat Paxaavxa Conservancy, the newly formed Tongva LandConservancy, based in her ancestral homelands.



# Gabrieleno San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians

April 29, 2024

Subject: Nomination of Kimberly M. Johnson  
(California State University NAGPRA Committee)

California Native American Heritage Commission  
1416 9th Street, Room 902  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Members of the California Native American Heritage Commission,

I am writing to nominate Kimberly M. Johnson for consideration to serve on the Cal State NAGPRA Committee. Ms. Johnson's exceptional background in tribal relations, lifelong commitment to her community, and her current pursuit of a PhD in Native American Studies make her an outstanding candidate for this important role.

Ms. Johnson has consistently demonstrated her commitment to advocating for Native American rights and cultural preservation. Her community involvement dates back to her childhood, showcasing her lifelong dedication to service and engagement. Her passion for uplifting and empowering indigenous communities is evident in her numerous contributions and initiatives aimed at fostering cultural awareness and preservation.

Currently pursuing a PhD in Native American Studies, Ms. Johnson's academic pursuits complement her practical experience in the field. Her scholarly endeavors equip her with a comprehensive understanding of the historical, cultural, and legal aspects pertinent to Native American heritage preservation, making her an invaluable asset to the Cal State NAGPRA Committee.

Thank you for considering Ms. Johnson's nomination. Should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Anthony Morales  
Tribal Chairman



Kimberly Morales Johnson

References:

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