

Ivan Senock

UC Representative

UC Campus Preference: Davis

Qualified:

PhD. Candidate, Native American Studies 2024 - Current

Focus: Indigenous Natural Resource/Water Rights and Management

M.A. Cultural Anthropology, CSU Sacramento 2021

Mr. Senock is qualified in that he has a graduate degree in cultural anthropology and has more than five years of experience supporting tribes as a THPO, advisor for tribal capacity building, and tribal ethnographic researcher. Furthermore, preference should be given to Mr. Senock in that he has demonstrated, through his professional experience the ability to work in collaboration with Native American tribes successfully on issues related to repatriation. From 2021 to 2024 Mr. Senock served as the Tribal Historic Preservation officer for the Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians.

References:

James Sarmiento, Megan Noble, and Cassie Dowdle recommend the candidate.

UC Davis Committee

1. Tribal Representative (Non-Federally Recognized): **Tracy Foster-Olstad** – Nor Rel Muk Wintu (Appointed August 9, 2021)
2. Tribal Representative (Federally Recognized): **Leland Kinter** – Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation (Appointed August 9, 2021)
3. Tribal Representative (Federally Recognized): **Flaman McCloud, Jr.** – Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians of the Big Valley Rancheria (Appointed January 22, 2025)
4. UC Representative: **Andrés Reséndez** – (Appointed May 16, 2025)
5. UC Representative: **Vacant**
6. UC Native American Studies Representative: **Vacant**



NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA NATIVE AMERICAN GRAVES PROTECTION AND REPATRIATION ACT IMPLEMENTATION AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

- NOMINATION FORM -

The Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) seeks nominees for the University of California (UC) Systemwide and Campus Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act Implementation and Oversight Committees (pursuant to Section 8026 of the California Health and Safety Code).

If you are interested in serving or nominating a candidate please review the criteria below, complete the following application materials, and submit completed packet to the NAHC nominations subcommittee: 1) Indicate the position(s) sought for the nominee, 2) Attach a short biography or resume demonstrating that the nominee meets the criteria below; 3) Attach a letter of support or tribal resolution with this form; and 4) Attach a list of at least three references, with names, telephone numbers, and email addresses for each.

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 to the NAHC reviewing committee.

UC Nominees: Support letters for UC 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, even if you are not selected in the initial appointment group the NAHC will keep your application on file for Committee positions that may become available in the future.

Deadline: Nomination packets are due on the date(s) indicated at nahc.ca.gov/calnagpra/nominate.

QUALIFICATIONS

Tribal Nominees

Tribal Nominees must be a member of a federally or non-federally recognized California Indian tribe as defined by Section 8012 of the Health and Safety Code. And have at least five years of experience in any of the following:

- Repatriation of human remains and cultural items pursuant to the federal Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act;
- Cultural resources protection under tribal, state, and federal law; or
- Consultation with state and federal entities and agencies.

Preference: Preference shall be given to members of a California Indian tribe.

UC Nominees

UC Nominees must be affiliated with or employed by the University of California and have the following:

1. A graduate degree in any of the following: Archaeology, Anthropology, Native American Studies, Ethnic Studies, Law, Sociology, Environmental Studies, or History, with a focus in California; and
2. A minimum of five years' experience working in his or her field of study.

Note: At least two UC nominees to the Systemwide one UC 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 if the nominee meets a majority of the requirements, even if you are unsure as to whether they meet a specific requirement. **In the event that you are uncertain as to whether a nominee may be qualified under a certain requirement, please include a brief explanatory statement supporting their qualifications in your nomination packet.** The NAHC shall consider all supporting materials and narrative to make a final determination of eligibility.

Preference: 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.

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 UC 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.

- UC 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

Name: _____ Title: _____

Tribal/UC Institutional Affiliation: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Nominee Information

Name: _____ Title: _____

Tribal/UC Institutional Affiliation: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Position Sought: Tribal Nominee UC Nominee

Please attach:

(i) A short biography and, if desired, a resume or CV of the nominee,

(ii) A tribal resolution or letter of support, and

(iii) A list of at least three references, with names, telephone numbers, and email addresses for each.

Submit completed nomination packets to NAHC@nahc.ca.gov or 1550 Harbor Blvd, Suite 100, West Sacramento, CA 95691 by the due date indicated at nahc.ca.gov/calnagpra/nominate.

Incomplete packets will not be considered.

Curriculum Vitae

Ivan R. Senock

Education:

Doctoral Student 2024-Current
University of California, Davis
Native American Studies
Focus: Indigenous Natural Resource/Water Rights and Management

Master of Arts: Cultural Anthropology Spring 2021
California State University, Sacramento
Thesis Title: The Ruffey Rancheria: The making and unmaking of a sovereign
Indigenous community in Northern California

Bachelor of Arts: Anthropology Spring 2016
California State University Chico,
Courses Included: Medical Anthropology, Language and Culture, Archaeology
Field and Laboratory Methods, and Ethnographic Field Methods

Associate of Arts: Anthropology Spring 2014
Santa Rosa Junior College,
Courses Included: Cultural Anthropology, American and International Folklore,
and Narratives in Folklore

Positions Held:

Advisor for Tribal Capacity Building March 2019-Current
Independent Contractor
Work with Federal and Non-Federally Recognized Tribes
Natural resources rights technical assistance and analysis
Support of creation and development Tribal and NGO organizations

Deputy Director March 2024-March 2025
Restore the Delta
Oversight of daily operations and administration
Program deliverables and development
Strategic Fundraising
Organization Representation

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer January 2021-March 2024
Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians
Cultural Resource Management and Preservation
Development of Tribal programs and policies
Implementation of Tribal Liaison and NAGPRA

Tribal Ethnographic Researcher September 2016-July 2020
UPenn Cultural Heritage Center's Tribal Recognition Initiative

Genealogy and Familial Histories
Oral History Documentation
Tribal History archival research and organization

Certifications:

Historic Property Specialist for Oil spill and Emergency Response
NIH Office of Extramural Research: Protecting Human Research Participants
Forensic Archaeology: Field Recovery Methods CSU, Chico

Publications:

Polymorphic Narratives of Transnational Individuals in Morocco In *Maintaining Refugee*
CORI 2017 Volume 1

Professional Presentations:

California Department of Water Resources Tribal Water Summit Tribal Cultural
Resources Panel Presenter. 2023

California Natural Resources Agency Drought to Flood Symposium Panelist. 2022

CalNAGPRA Workshop Contamination Panelist. 2022

Delta Science Program Salinity Management Workshop “Social Dimensions of Salinity
in the Delta” Subject Matter Expert Panelist. 2022

National Traditional Ecological Knowledge Summit Panel Discussion Chair and Panelist
March 2022

“I’m a Product of Termination” in the session Productive Unsettlings of the Continuous:
Representing Agency and Changes at the Thresholds. 118th Annual Meeting of the
American Anthropological Association and Canadian Anthropology Society, Vancouver
Canada. November 20-24, 2019

Trading Skulls, Flowers, and Memories: Examination of Cultural Appropriation in Day
of the Dead Events presented at Southwestern Anthropological Association (SWAA)
Annual Conference. Fresno CA. 2018

A Jefferson State of Mind visual documentary at the CSU, Chico BSS Symposium 2017

Finding Refuge: Recognizing creative responses to suffering across socioeconomic
boundaries at the CSU, Chico BSS Symposium 2017

Polymorphic Narratives of Refugees in Northern Morocco at the Southwestern
Anthropological Association (SWAA) Annual Conference. San Jose, CA. 2017

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1550 Harbor Blvd, Suite 100
West Sacramento, CA 95691

Re: Application for Appointment to UC, DAVIS NAGPRA Campus Committee

To Whom it may Concern,

I hereby submit this nomination to be appointed to the University of California, Davis campus NAGPRA Committee UC Representative. My qualifications, work experience, and academic education make me an appropriate and excellent candidate for the position.

My professional work, of over 9 years of experience, includes Tribal representation, ethnographic research with and for tribes, and repatriation work with Tribal coalitions. The most significant experience was as the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer and Cultural Resources Director for the Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians. I oversaw all areas of cultural resource protection and preservation. These include government-to-government consultations with the Federal and State governments, oversight of the Tribal Archives and Library, the conservation of Tribal Museum collections, and repatriation of the remains of ancestors under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act in collaboration with multiple US institutions. At present, I work as a freelance consultant and advisor for Tribal capacity building. With work including researching for and working with Indigenous, migrant, and disadvantaged communities to address contemporary issues of cultural practice, historic preservation, and cultural revitalization.

Currently, I am Ph.D. Student in the Native American Studies Department at the University of California Davis. My academic background includes a M.A. and B.A. Anthropology with a focus in Cultural studies. Community Participatory Based Research through ethnography, legal analysis, heritage management, and political science methods to help better the communities.

For these reasons and qualifications, I will be an excellent Tribal ally and advocate for repatriation on the UC, Davis campus committee.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if there is anything I can do to assist you.

Regards

Ivan Senock
Ph.D. Student
UC, Davis

References

Megon Noble
UC, Davis
mnoble@ucdavis.edu

James Sarmento,
Executive Director of Cultural Resources Division
Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians
sarmento@ssband.org

Cassie Dowdle
NAGPRA Manager
Wilton Rancheria
cdowdle@wiltonrancheria-nsn.gov

August 14, 2025

California Native American Heritage Commission
1550 Harbor Blvd., Suite 100
West Sacramento, CA 95661

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to nominate Mr. Ivan Senock for placement on the University of California, Davis' Campus Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Committee. I am confident that Mr. Senock's work ethic, dedication, and expertise of the NAGPRA process will make him an invaluable asset to the Committee.

Prior to Mr. Senock's studies at UC, Davis, he was the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) of a local Federally recognized Tribe. His diplomatic way of working with neighboring Nations was very professional and respectful. He was critical in developing dozens of partnerships between Tribes, state, and local stakeholders. This is an extremely valuable skill to have when dealing with delicate repatriation matters.

His expanded knowledge of the law, ability to calmly assess situations, and show of support for both Tribal communities and museum staff is why I am proud to endorse Ivan Senock for the UC, Davis NAGPRA Committee. His attributes have allowed for the respectful and culturally appropriate repatriation of many of our Ancestors and their Belongings. I am certain that he will be a strong asset to add to their NAGPRA Committee.

Should you have any questions or need any additional information regarding Mr. Senock's nomination, please do not hesitate to reach out. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,



Cassie Dowdle
Wilton Rancheria
NAGPRA Manager
cdowdle@wiltonrancheria-nsn.gov
(916) 549-1798

August 22, 2025

Transmitted via email

RE: Letter of Support for Ivan Senock's application to the UC Davis NAGPRA Committee

Dear Native American Heritage Commission NAGPRA Subcommittee:

I am writing in strong support of Ivan Senock's application to the UC Davis NAGPRA Committee.

I first met Ivan in 2017, when he was starting on his Masters in Anthropology at California State University, Sacramento. At this time he was working to develop his research question and was seeking advice on how to approach Shasta community members to answer academic questions. He completed his Master's work in 2021 and we have continued our friendship.

During that time, I saw him evolve in both his academic and professional careers. He would frequently take the initiative to work with individuals who had varying knowledge of tribal history and was not afraid to think and work outside the box. He would work tirelessly to make community members feel heard and valued in an academic process that has often left tribal peoples feeling the opposite.

Ivan would take this same approach when he worked as the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians. His work involved the implementation of NAGPRA from a Tribal Perspective along with the development and management of internal cultural resources management practices. His work would often incorporate other Tribal Communities in the Greater Sacramento Area.

Ivan's drive to better both the academic community and tribal community, along with his focus on strengthen those relationships is to be admired and encouraged. He has become a strong advocate for tribal peoples, and I am pleased to give Ivan Senock my enthusiastic recommendation to your committee. You will find him to be a wonderful resource, and a joy to work with.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Sarmiento', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

James Sarmiento, Ph D