



# 34TH CALIFORNIA INDIAN CONFERENCE

## Native California Sovereignty Movements

OCTOBER 18 – 19, 2024 CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FRESNO

The Fresno State campus sits in the midst of the San Joaquin Valley, a valley rich in the traditions and representation of Native American peoples and cultures. We are grateful to be in the homelands of the Yokuts and Mono peoples, whose diverse tribal communities share stewardship over this land.

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# FRIDAY OCTOBER 18TH, 2024

Session Time	Room	Session Title	Panel/Roundtable presenters and titles
8:00 – 8:30	TMRR	Breakfast/check-in	
8:30 – 9:00		Welcome/prayer	Kenneth N. Hansen, Ph.D. Fresno State AIS Prayer Hon. Ron Goode (Chair, North Fork Mono Tribe)
9:00 – 10:30	TMRR	1st Plenary – Cultural Resilience and Tribal Collaboration	<p><b>“Indigenous Cultural Resilience and Climate Change”</b></p> <p>Ron Goode (Chair, North Fork Mono Tribe)            Jesse Valdez (North Fork Mono Tribe)            Rowena Yeahquo (Kiowa/Comanche)            Frank K Lake (Karuk descendant, Yurok family)            Alice Lincoln-Cook (Karuk) CA Indian Basketweavers Assoc. (CIBA)            Jennifer Malone (Wukchumni) CIBA            Cristina Gonzalez (Chumash), Fresno State, CIBA            Moderator: Stephanie Lucero, Udall Foundation</p>
10:45 – 12:00	TMRR		<p>Family Conversations - Recording our Mono Language + Choinumne Language + Wuksachi Language</p> <p>Jennifer Malone (Wukchumni), Carly Tex (North Fork Mono), Jean Sorondo (Choinumne) &amp; Gabby Lira (Choinumne)</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Brian Agbayani, Dept of Linguistics</p>
	2206		<p>Revitalizing Land and Culture: The Mechoopda Tribal Seed Bank Program</p> <p>Ali Meders-Knight (Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria), Caressa Nguyen (Lone Band of Miwok Indians), and tribal liaisons</p>
	3212		<p>“I Think Grandma Gave Me Her Indian Land”</p> <p>Julie Tex (Dunlap Band of Mono Indians), Marty Meeden (Paiute/Washoe), Florence Dick (Dunlap Band of Mono Indians)            Jay Petersen, California Indian Legal Service</p>

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=	Ellipse		<p>“Preserving Wisdom Keepers and Culture Bearers in the art of Portraiture”</p> <p>Bobby Martin, Choctaw artist</p>
12:00-1:00	TMRR	Box Lunch to go	
12:30 – 2:00	TMRR	2nd Plenary – “CalNAGPRA and Tribal Engagement”	<p>Cristina Gonzales; Kellie Carrillo, Cassie Dowdel (Wilton Rancheria)</p> <p>Moderators: Patricia Gonzales and Sean Bains</p>
2:15 – 3:30	TMRR		<p>“Empowering At-Risk Youth through T.E.K. Workforce Development: A Fresno Barrios Unidos Initiative”</p> <p>Ali Meders-Knight (Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria), Alex Zubia, Fresno Barrios Unidos; Naomi Singh, Fresno Barrios Unidos, Wuksachi Tribe (Yokuts Valley); Sandy Clark (North Fork Mono Tribe), Stephanie Clark (North Fork Mono Tribe); Roman Ponce, Fresno TEK</p>
	2206	Cultural Interactions and Collisions	<p>“Saging the World” Rose Ramirez (Chumash ancestry),</p> <p>“Archaeological Plant Remains and California Native Plant Use” Eric Wohlgemuth,</p>
	3212		<p>“How Long Does It Take To Weave A Basket”</p> <p>Mandy Macias, (Dunlap Band of Mono Indians), Julie Dick-Tex (Dunlap Band of Mono Indians), Carly Tex (North Fork Rancheria Band of Western Mono)</p>
	Ellipse		<p>“Continuing the NAGPRA Conversation”</p> <p>Kellie Carrillo, Tule River Reservation, CalNAGPRA Coordinator, CSU Fresno, and Cristina Gonzales, Chumash, NAGPRA and Museum Studies</p>
3:30-3:45	TMRR	Remarks from President Saúl Jimenez-Sandoval	

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3:45-4:45	TMRR		<p>“Collaborative Approaches to Land Back and Sustainable Tribal Nursery Programs in California”</p> <p>Ali Meders-Knight (Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria), Curtis Lee, Chairman of Cold Springs Rancheria; 2 Tribal TEK practitioners from Cold Springs Rancheria</p>
	2206	“Language Revitalization”	<p>“Bringing back the grammar”</p> <p>Kim Lawhon (Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians) with Chris Golston, Fresno State Linguistics</p> <p>“Chukchansi Yokuts: Bilingual Dictionary and Traditional Stories” Niken Adisasmito-Smith, Fresno State Linguistics with Holly Wyatt (Elder, Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians)</p> <p>“West Regional Native American Language Resource Center at the University of Arizona” Sheilah E Nicholas (Hopi)</p>
	3212	Knowledge Restoration and Implementation	<p>“Native Voices in Public History: Restoring the Native Stories of the National Parks” Charles Ettner, Tribal Anthropologist, Chalon Indian Nation, (Siksika)“</p> <p>Indigenous Mathematical Knowledge through Art Talk Benefits Students” Donna Fernandez</p> <p>“Land Back Initiative for the Tamien Nation of the South Bay” Quirina Geary (Tamien Nation Chairwoman)</p>
3:45-4:45	Ellipse		<p>“NAGPRA in Action: Work at SFSU with Tribal Communities” Gregg Castro (Salinan/Ohlone) and panelists</p>

# SATURDAY OCTOBER 19TH, 2024

Session Time	Room	Session Title	Panel/Roundtable presenters and titles
9:00am – 10:15	TMRR	<p>Welcome &amp; Breakfast 9:30 am California Indian Conference Business Meeting facilitated by NaCRI CIC Co-Facilitators Bev R. Ortiz and Gregg Castro (t'rowt'raahl Salinan/rumsien/ramaytush Ohlone)</p>	
10:30 – 12:00	TMRR	<p>Panel- The Native California Research Institute: Artistic Legacies, Native California Archives, Tule Boats, Cultural Sites Preservation, and More</p>	<p>“Kathleen Rose Smith (1939-2014): The Preservation of an Artistic and Cultural Legacy” Beverly R. Ortiz, Ph.D., NaCRI Chair</p> <p>“Tule Boats and the Present-Day San Francisco Bay” T. Michael Bonillas (Mutsun/Rumsien), Tule Boat Project Volunteer</p> <p>“Making an Old Collections Finding Guide Available Again” Sherrie Smith-Ferri, Ph.D. (Dry Creek Pomo/Bodega Miwok), NaCRI Board Member</p> <p>“Decades of Advocacy for an Imperiled Sacred Site” John Negrete, NaCRI Sites Committee Member</p> <p>“Facilitation of the Overall California Indian Conference” Gregg Castro (t'rowt'raahl Salinan/rumsien-ramaytush Ohlone), NaCRI Vice Chair,</p> <p>“Missing, Murdered and Indigenous Women and Others: Some Native California Initiatives” Ismana Carney, NaCRI Cultural Committee Chair</p> <p>Moderator: Beverly R. Ortiz, Ph.D., NaCRI Chair</p>
	2206		<p>“Healthcare Policy: A Social Determinant for Wellness” Lauren Denise Stanger. Fresno State</p>

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	2206		<p>“Intersections of Neurodivergence and Two-Spirit Identities: Indigenous Perspectives in Contemporary and Traditional California” Kanyon Sayers-Roods (Mutsun),</p>
	Ellipse		<p>“Truth Be Told: Current Efforts in California History Curriculum Revision” Gregg Castro (Salinan/Ohlone) and panelists</p> <p>“PROACTIVE- How to interact with tribes in a mutually beneficial manner” M. K. Youngblood, Cal-TERRA (Haslett Basin Mono Tribe)</p> <p>“Preserving Sacred Sites in Central California” Kenneth N. Hansen, Ph.D. Fresno State and Chalon Indian Nation tribal staff</p>
12:00-1:00	TMRR	*Box Lunch Available	
12:15-1:30	TMRR		<p>“Strengthening Sovereignty: The Role of Tribal Courts”</p> <p>Tribal Council - Tule River Indian Tribe of California and Janet K. Bill, Chief Justice - Tule River Appellate Court</p>
	3212		<p>“Never Not Been a Part of Me: A Film Showing and Discussion” (20 min)</p> <p>“Groundworks: A Film Showing and Discussion” (57 min)</p> <p>Kanyon Sayers-Roods (Mutsun)</p>
1:30-2:00	TMRR	Closing, Thanks	

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