



**“The University of California Land Grab:
Accounting for the Past and Actions Towards Justice”**

University of California, Davis (UCD)

International Center

Multipurpose Room

March 7, 2025

Agenda

8:30 - 9:00 am *Check-in and Registration (light refreshments will be served)*

9:00 – 9:30 am *Welcome*

- Welcome and Land Acknowledgement – **Gary May**, UC Davis Chancellor
- Welcome from Grand Challenges – **Paul Dodd**, UC Davis Associate Vice Chancellor Grand Challenges
- UC Land Grant History - an overview and summary of 2020 UC Land Grab Symposium – **Phenocia Bauerle** (Apsáalooké), Director of Native American Thriving, Native American Student Development and the Native Community Center, UC Berkeley

9:30 – 10:30 am ***Land Grab Universities: Past, Present and Future***

Tristan Ahtone (Kiowa), Journalist and Co-author of “Land-Grab Universities,” and **Robert Lee**, Associate Professor of History, University of Cambridge, Co-author of “Land-Grab Universities.”
Moderated by Peter Nelson (Coast Miwok and tribal citizen of the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria), Chair of the Joseph A. Myers Center for Research on Native American Issues; Assistant Professor of Ethnic Studies and Environmental Science, Policy & Management, UC Berkeley.

10:30 - 11:00 am *Break*

11:00 – 11:45 am Small group discussions – in person only

11:45 – 12:45 pm *Lunch (provided for in-person attendees)*

12:45 – 1:30 pm ***Keynote***

Greg Sarris, University of California Regent and Chairman of the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria.

Introduction by Mary Croughan, Provost, UC Davis. *Moderated by Beth Rose Middleton Manning*, Professor of Native American Studies, UC Davis

1:30- 2:15 ***“Indigenous Peacemaking as Conflict Resolution”***

Karen Biestman, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Equity and Inclusion, UC San Diego.

Moderated by Beth Rose Middleton Manning, Professor of Native American Studies, UC Davis

2:15 – 2:30 pm *Break*



2:30 – 3:45 pm Breakout sessions – in person only

1. Tribal-University Research Partnerships: Data sovereignty and more (Room MPR)

Nicole Halmai (Diné, Navajo Nation), Center for Advancing Cancer Health Equity, Tribal Community Engagement Liaison, Postdoctoral Researcher, UC Davis

2. Place-based Education and Homeland History: The university as an educational space beyond the classroom (Room 2119)

Cutchá Risling Baldy (Hupa, Yurok, Karuk), Associate Professor of Native American Studies at Cal Poly Humboldt

3. Supporting Native Students on Campus (Room 1212)

Michelle Villegas-Frazier (Pomo Pinoleville), Senior Strategic Advisor on Native American/Alaskan Native and First Nation Affairs, and Director, Native American Retention Initiative and Native American Academic Student Success Center, UC Davis

Phenocia Bauerle (Apsáalooké), Director of Native American Thriving, Native American Student Development and the Native Community Center, UC Berkeley

4. Co-stewardship of Land (3rd Floor Boardroom)

Adina Merenlender, Professor of Cooperative Extension in Conservation Science, Hopland Research and Extension Center, UC Berkeley

5. Open discussion/Reflection (Cowell Bldg Room 1200)

3:45 – 4:00 pm Break

4:00 – 4:45 pm Reporting from Breakout Groups

Facilitated by **Merri Lopez Keifer** (Luiseno, San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians), Executive Director, Center for Indigenous Law & Justice, UC Berkeley Law

4:45 – 5:00 pm Wrap up and Adjourn

Paul Dodd, UC Davis Associate Vice Chancellor Grand Challenges