

**“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