

## CURRICULUM VITAE

**Dr. Charles A. Sepulveda**Ethnic Studies  
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- 2016 Ph.D. in Ethnic Studies, University of California, Riverside  
Dissertation title: "California's Mission Projects: The Spanish Imaginary in Riverside and Beyond"  
Committee: Dr. Robert Perez (Chair), Dr. Michelle Raheja, and Dr. Anthony Macias
- 2013 M.A. in Ethnic Studies, University of California, Riverside
- 2000 B.A. in American Studies, University of California, Santa Cruz  
Emphasis in Native American Studies  
Thesis: "Blood and Gold in Paradise: California Indian Genocide"
- 1998 A.A. in Liberal Arts, Allan Hancock Community College

**PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

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- 2018 – Assistant Professor, University of Utah, Ethnic Studies
- 2016 – 18 Assistant Professor, Cal Poly Pomona, Ethnic and Women's Studies
- 2011 – 16 Teaching Assistant, University of California, Riverside, Ethnic Studies
- 2011 – 13 Teaching Assistant, Northern Arizona University, Department of Applied Indigenous Studies

**PUBLICATIONS**

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## BOOK MANUSCRIPTS

- Sepulveda, Charles. *Native Alienation: The Afterlife of California's Spiritual Possession* (Under Review – the University of Washington Press)
- Sepulveda, Charles. *Our Sacred Waters: The Santa Ana River*.

## SINGLE-AUTHORED PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2022 Sepulveda, Charles, "[Hallucinations of the Spanish Imaginary and the Idealized Hotel California](#)," *California History* 99, no. 3 (Fall 2022): 2-24.
- 2018 Sepulveda, Charles, "[Our Sacred Waters: Theorizing Kuuyam as a Decolonial Possibility](#)," in "Indigenous Peoples and the Politics of Water," *Decolonization: Indigeneity, Education, Society (D:IES) Journal* 7, no. 1 (2018): 40-58.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2022 Passe, J. & **Sepulveda, C.** Native Americans' sustainability beliefs in action: Teaching about the Dakota Access Pipeline. In M. Crocco, J. Passe, & B. Vosburg-Bluem (Eds.), *Teaching Environmental Issues in Social Studies. Civic Sustainability Thinking and Action for the 21st Century*. Silver Spring, MD: National Council for the Social Studies e-bulletin 1, 2022.

## UNDER REVIEW/SUBMITTED – BOOK CHAPTERS

Sepulveda, Charles. "Beyond the Social Death of Conquest: Kuuyam and Healthy Human-Land kinship(s)" in *Sanctuary Spaces: Reworlding Humanism*. Co-edited by Ananya Roy and Veronika Zablotsky. Duke University Press. (under review)

Sepulveda, Charles, "Slavery and Disavowal: Defining Indian Forced Labor and Captivity at the Missions of California," *Critical Mission Studies Handbook* (Submitted)

Sepulveda, Charles, "Keyword – Monjerío," *Critical Mission Studies Handbook* (Submitted)

Sepulveda, Charles, "Our Sacred Waters: Theorizing *Kuuyam* as a Decolonial Possibility," *Critical Mission Studies Handbook* (Editors solicited this article to reprint).

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2021 Sepulveda, Charles and Angela Mooney D'Arcy. ["The Oil Spill in California Lends Urgency to Demand for Indigenous Land Stewards."](#) Op-Ed for *Truthout* (October 17, 2021).
- 2021 Cleaves, Wallace and Charles Sepulveda. ["Native Land Acknowledgments are not the Same as Land."](#) Op-Ed for *Bloomberg* (August 12, 2021).
- 2020 Sepulveda, Charles. ["The Catholic Church is Responding to Indigenous Protest with Exorcisms."](#) Op-Ed for *Truthout* (November 26, 2020).
- 2020 Sepulveda, Charles. ["To Decolonize Indigenous Lands, We Must also Abolish Police and Prisons."](#) Op-Ed for *Truthout* (October 13, 2020).
- 2020 Sepulveda, Charles A., and Mary Ann Irwin. "A Discussion of San Francisco's *Early Days* Statuary between Charles Sepulveda, Assistant Professor of Ethnic Studies, University of Utah, and Mary Ann Irwin, Editor, *California History*." *California History* 97, No. 1 (February 2020): 55-59.
- In Press Sepulveda, Charles A. "We Shall Reduce You, They Said." *Totoongvetamme Maaynok / Tongva People Create*

## REFEREED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- 2021 Gutiérrez, J. F., **Sepulveda, C.**, Vaughn, K., & Benally, C. (2021). Signs of power and dominance: Mathematics curricula in Indian boarding schools, 1879–1932. In D. Kollosche (Ed.), *Exploring new ways to connect: Proceedings of the Eleventh International Mathematics Education and Society Conference* (Vol. 1, pp. 172–175). Tredition. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.5391989>
- 2019 Gutiérrez, J.F., Benally, C., **Sepulveda, C.**, Vaughn, K.N. (2019). Mathematical reservations: the colonial psychology of mathematics education and its role in federal assimilation policies. In S. Otten, Z. de Araujo, A. Candela, & C. Munter (Eds.), “...against a new horizon.” *Proceedings of the 41st annual meeting of the North-American Chapter of the International Group for the Psychology of Mathematics Education (PME-NA)*. St. Louis, MO: University of Missouri.

## NON-REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2022 Kim, L., Smith, M., **Sepulveda, C.**, Benally, C., Vaughn, K.N., Gutiérrez, J.F. (2022). Numbers and nuclear families: Gender and work in Indian boarding school mathematics curricula, 1879-1932. *Undergraduate Research Journal*, 22. <https://our.utah.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/35/2022/10/Kim.pdf>
- 2022 Smith, M., Kim, L., Benally, C., Vaughn, K.N., **Sepulveda, C.**, Gutiérrez, J.F. (2022). Allotments and Arithmetic: Land Dispossession in Indian Boarding School Mathematics Curricula, 1879-1932. *Undergraduate Research Journal*, 22. [https://our.utah.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/35/2022/10/Smith\\_Mary.pdf](https://our.utah.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/35/2022/10/Smith_Mary.pdf)

## REFEREED CONFERENCE PAPERS

- 2022 Gutiérrez, J.F., Shiver, S., Zarnetske, M., **Sepulveda, C.**, Benally, C., & Vaughn, K.N. (2022, April). *Assimilating mathematical knowledge: Tracing racist ideology in Indian boarding school mathematics curricula, 1879-1932*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association. San Diego, April 21–26.
- 2020 Gutiérrez, J. F., Benally, C., **Sepulveda, C.** & Vaughn, K. N. (2020, April). *Mathematical Reservations: The Colonial Psychology of Math Education and Its Role in Federal Assimilation Policies*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Education Research Association. San Francisco, April 17-21.

## BOOK REVIEWS

- 2022 Sepulveda, Charles. “We Are the Land: A History of Native California. By Damon B. Akins and William J. Bauer, Jr.,” *Western Historical Quarterly* 53, no. 2 (Summer 2022): 211-212.
- 2021 Sepulveda, Charles. “A Coalition of Lineages: The Fernandeno Band of Mission Indians. By Duane Champagne and Carole Goldberg,” *American Indian Culture and Research Journal* 45, no. 1 (January 2021): 171-173.

- 2019 Sepulveda, Charles. "Review of Defiant Indigeneity: The Politics of Hawaiian Performance by Stephanie Nohelani Teves," *American Indian Culture and Research Journal* 42, no. 4 (November 2019): 133-135.
- 2018 Sepulveda, Charles. "Conquest Reformed: A Review of Jaskiran Dhillon's *Prairie Rising*. Jaskiran Dhillon, *Prairie Rising: Indigenous Youth, Decolonization, and the Politics of Intervention*," *Canadian Journal of Women and the Law* 30, no. 3 (2018): 595-598.

#### ARTICLES/CHAPTERS IN PROGRESS

Gutiérrez, J.F., **Sepulveda, C.**, Benally, C., Vaughn, K.N., Shiver, S., & Zarnetske, M.  
 "Signs of power and dominance: A critical historiography of mathematics education in Indian boarding schools, 1879–1932."

Sepulveda, Charles. Untitled article on Disneyland and the Santa Ana River. *American Indian Culture and Research Journal*. Special Issue on the Tongva.

#### ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- 2022 *Ford Foundation Conference*  
 "Slavery and Disavowal: Defining Indian Forced Labor and Captivity at the Missions of California"
- 2022 *Ford Foundation Conference*  
 Moderator  
 Dissertation Writing and Completion
- 2022 *American Educational Research Association (AERA)*  
 Panel Titled: Assimilating Mathematical Knowledge: Tracing Racist Assimilation Ideology in Indian Boarding School Mathematics Curricula, 1879-1932
- 2020 *Native American and Indigenous Studies Association*  
 Toronto, Canada (Canceled due to COVID-19)  
 Paper: "Acknowledgement as Praxis: Be a Good Guest"
- 2020 C19: The Society of Nineteenth-Century Americanists  
 Coral Gables, FL (Canceled due to COVID-19)  
 Paper: "The End of the Word: 19<sup>th</sup> Century Missionization of California Indians"
- 2019 *Pacific Coast Branch – American History Association*  
 University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
 Paper: "Genocide and Sainthood: The Legacies of Spanish Colonialism in California and the Canonization of Junípero Serra"

- 2019 *Native American and Indigenous Studies Association*  
University of Waikato, New Zealand  
Paper: "Our Sacred Waters: Theorizing *Kuuyam* as a Decolonial Possibility"
- 2018 *Native American and Indigenous Studies Association*  
University of California, Los Angeles  
Chair  
Host Committee Panel: "Where we are Today: Recognizing the Past, Present and Future"
- 2017 *Pacific Coast Branch – American History Association*  
California State University, Northridge  
Paper: "Resisting the Spanish Imaginary and the Idealized Hotel California"
- 2017 *Native American and Indigenous Studies Association*  
University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada  
Paper: "The 'Indian' and the Post-Apocalypse: A Comparative Analysis of the Fictional and the Real"
- 2017 *National Association of Ethnic Studies Conference*  
San Francisco State University  
Paper: "Theorizing *Kuuyam*: A Tongva Decolonial Analysis Beyond a Settler Binary"
- 2016 *American Studies Association Conference*  
Denver, Colorado  
Paper: "The Canonization of Junipero Serra: A Celebration of Genocide"
- 2016 *National Women's Studies Association Conference*  
Montreal, Quebec, Canada  
Paper: "Water is Life: The Santa Ana River"
- 2015 *30<sup>th</sup> Annual California Indian Conference*  
University of California, Berkeley  
Roundtable Presentation: California Indian Nations College
- 2015 *Cultural Studies Association Conference*  
Riverside, CA  
Paper: "Theorizing the Apocalypse"
- 2015 *College of Liberal Arts Graduate Student Conference (CLAGS)*  
University of Nevada, Reno  
Paper: "Surviving the End of the World; the Apocalypse and Native Theory"

- 2015 *Perspectives on Native Representations*  
University of California, Berkeley  
Paper: "California Missionary Play; Domination and Subsistence Through Art and Architecture"
- 2014 *Academic Abolitionism: Native/Women of Color Feminist/Queer of Color*  
Learning and Living Beyond the (Re)Production of Death  
University of California, San Diego  
Roundtable: Abolitionist Learning and Living Beyond and After the Academic Industrial Complex
- 2013 *Critical Ethnic Studies Association*  
Chicago, Illinois  
Roundtable: Locating Logics of Settler Colonialism in the Pacific Rim: A Critical Look at Indigenous Rights, Erasure, and Human Rights in Australia, California, Guatemala, and Hawai'i
- 2012 *Law and Society Association*  
Honolulu, Hawaii  
Roundtable: Locating Logics of Settler Colonialism in the Pacific Rim: A Critical Look at Indigenous Rights, Erasure, and Human Rights in Australia, California, Guatemala, and Hawai'i
- 2011 *26<sup>th</sup> Annual California Indian Conference*  
California State University, Chico  
Roundtable: Indigenous Ecosystems, Sacred Places, Settler Colonialism and the Environmental Movement in Southern California
- 2011 *Fifth Annual Critical Race Studies Symposium: Race and Sovereignty*  
University of California, Los Angeles  
Presentation: "Settler Colonialism; Sacred Sites and Cultural Properties"

#### INVITED TALKS

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- 2022 A Genealogical Meditation on the Conquest of California  
Genealogical Society of Hispanic America Utah Chapter
- 2022 *Place, Power & Justice: Land Rematriation Now*  
Hosted by: Heal the Bay and Sacred Places Institute for Indigenous Peoples
- 2021 *Beyond Land Acknowledgment: New Models of Support and Reparations for Indigenous Communities*  
University of Southern California
- 2021 *Toward a Decolonial Southern California, Against the Land-Grab University*  
University of California, Irvine

- 2020 Respondent for Olivia Chilcote's talk, "They Utterly Refuse': The San Luis Rey Village's Struggle for Land and Recognition in San Diego County, 1852-1912."  
University of California, Riverside
- 2020 *Decolonizing Public History: Indigenous Resistance to the Memorialization of Genocide in the United States*  
California State University, Humboldt
- 2020 *Abolition on Stolen Land*  
In Conversation with Drs. Ruth Wilson Gilmore, Nick Estes, Sarah Haley, Gaye Theresa Johnson, and Ananya Roy  
The Sawyer Seminar *Sanctuary Spaces: Reworlding Humanism*  
University of California, Los Angeles: Luskin Institute on Inequality and Democracy
- 2020 *Policing: Past, Present, Future*  
In Conversation with Dr. Dylan Rodriguez and Dr. Alejandro Villalpando  
California State University Abolition Network
- 2020 Guest Lecture in Dr. Alejandro Villalpando's course: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Latin American Studies.  
In coordination with the American Indian Student Association, Cal State L.A.
- 2020 Society for California Archaeology  
Keynote: "Hallucinations of the Spanish Imaginary and the Idealized Hotel California"  
Riverside, CA (Cancelled due to COVID-19)
- 2020 *Sovereignty Expanded: Indigenous Geographies of the American West*  
Plenary: "'Anaangere 'Ekwa Woon: Indigenous Geographies of the Santa Ana River"  
Pitzer College
- 2020 *Decolonizing Methodologies*  
Panel Discussion with Maile Arvin and Tria Blu Wakpa  
University of Utah
- 2019 *Sacred and Healing Waters: Fluid Memory in Orange County*  
Orange County Museum of Art  
Santa Ana, CA
- 2019 *Decolonizing the Pacific*  
Pomona College, California  
Paper: "Indigenous Nations v. Junípero Serra: Resisting the Spanish Imaginary"

- 2018 American Indian High School Conference  
University of Utah  
Keynote: "The University Needs You: This is Your Land!"
- 2018 *Gentrification, Indigeneity and Gender*  
California State University, Los Angeles  
Presentation: "Tongva and Pervasive Settler Colonialism"
- 2018 *Cultivating Consciousness and Environmental Justice in Acjachemen Homelands*  
University of California, Irvine  
Presenter
- 2017 Racial Violence Hub Annual Workshop  
University of California, Los Angeles; Gender Studies Department  
Presentation: "Tongva Historical Flashpoints"
- 2015 *Chamyúuy~wóoyilash: Where We Bow Our Heads Out of Respect; Cultivating Consciousness in Acjachemen Homelands*  
University of California, Irvine  
Paper: "Living through the Post-Apocalypse on the Settled Lands of Orange County"
- 2015 *California Indians, Canonization of Junípero Serra, and Consequences of Colonialism*  
University of California, Riverside  
Moderator
- 2014 *Water is LIFE: Indigenous Perspectives*  
Los Angeles Public Library, Mark Taper Auditorium  
Moderator
- 2013 *Settler Colonialism in U.S. History and Culture: A Graduate Student Workshop*, UC Irvine  
Paper: "Destruction of Native Sacred Spaces in Southern California"
- 2012 Lightning in a Bottle Festival  
Silverado Canyon, CA,  
Panel Presentation: "Positive, Respectful Engagement with Indigenous Peoples on Environmental Issues"
- 2012 *Policing and Protest: In the UC System and Beyond*  
University of California, Riverside  
Presentation: "Historical Discussion on Policing in California Post 1848, with a Focus on Indigenous Peoples of Southern California"



## AWARDS, GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS

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- 2022 – 2023 The Spencer Foundation Small Grants Program -- \$50,000.00  
 “Signs of Power and Dominance: The Role of Mathematics Curricula in U.S. Assimilationist Policies and Practices in Indian Boarding Schools, 1879-1932”  
 Co-PIs: José F. Gutiérrez, **Charles Sepulveda**, Kēhaulani Vaughn, Cynthia Benally
- 2021 – 2022 The Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship -- \$50,000.00
- 2020 Research Incentive Seed Grant -- \$12,000.00  
 University of Utah  
 “Mathematical Reservations: The Colonial Psychology of Math Education and its Role in Federal Assimilation Policies.”  
 Co-PIs: José F. Gutiérrez, **Charles Sepulveda**, Kēhaulani Vaughn, Cynthia Benally
- 2019 The Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship (Alternate / Honorable Mention)
- 2015 – 16 Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN) Fellowship in Native American Studies; Native American Studies Advisory Committee, University of California, Riverside -- \$17,191.00
- 2016 Ethnic Studies Advancement to Candidacy Grant; University of California, Riverside -- \$6,000.00
- 2015 Ethnic Studies Research Grant; University of California, Riverside -- \$397.91
- 2014 The Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellowship (Alternate / Honorable Mention)
- 2013 The Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellowship (Alternate / Honorable Mention)
- 2011 – 15 The Eugene Cota-Robles Fellowship Program; University of California, Riverside -- \$35,448.00
- 2010 Native Arts and Cultures Foundation Grant, Blas Aguilar Adobe Museum & Acjachemen Cultural Center, San Juan Capistrano, CA. “Acjachemen Cultural Revitalization and Youth Documentation Project” -- \$14,543.00

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- 2018 – Introduction to Ethnic Studies; Environmental Racism and Resistance;  
 University of Utah Diversity Scholars; Settler Colonialism and AntiBlackness; American Indian Experience
- 2016 – 2018 Introduction to Ethnic Studies; Native American Experience  
 Cal Poly Pomona
- 2011 – 2015 Introduction to Native American Studies in Comparative Perspective;  
 UC Riverside Introduction to the Study of Race and Ethnicity; Introduction to Asian

American Studies; Introduction to Chicano Studies in Comparative  
Perspective; Introduction to Media and Cultural Studies

2011 – 2013 Introduction to Indigenous Studies  
Northern Arizona  
University

### **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

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2023 Article Peer Review  
*California History Journal*

2022 Article Peer Review  
*Native American and Indigenous Studies Journal*

2021 The Spencer Foundation: Indigenous Educational Research Convening

2020 – 2021 Acjachemen Review Board  
Book Peer Review: *A People's Guide to Orange County* (UC Press)

2020 Article Peer Review  
*William and Mary Quarterly*

2019 – 2022 Critical Mission Studies  
Advisory Board Member  
University of California

2019 External Review of Tenure Candidate  
Department of Education  
University of Minnesota Duluth

2017 – 18 Native American and Indigenous Studies Association  
Annual Meeting Host Committee  
University of California, Los Angeles  
May 17-19, 2018

2016 Manuscript Review of a chapter in *New Voices in California Indian Studies*, ed. by  
Beth Rose Middleton Manning and Cutcha Risling Baldy

### **DEPARTMENTAL & UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

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2022 Pacific Islands Studies Faculty Search Committee, University of Utah

2019 – Native American Scholarship Committee, University of Utah

2019 – 2020 Native American Land Use Committee, University of Utah

2018 – 2019 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ethnic Studies, University of Utah  
Planning Committee

- 2018 – Transform Teaching and Curriculum Committee  
School of Social Transformation, University of Utah
- 2018 – American Indian Resource Center, University of Utah  
Board Member
- 2018 Indigenous People’s Day Initiative to Replace Columbus Day and  
Repudiate the Doctrine of Discovery, Cal Poly Pomona  
A committee with the Academic Senate
- 2017 – 18 College of Education and Integrative Studies, Cal Poly Pomona  
Multicultural/Diversity Affinity Group – Strategic Planning  
Chair
- 2017 – 18 Ethnic and Women’s Studies, Cal Poly Pomona  
Scholarship Committee  
Co-Chair
- 2017 Inter-Tribal Educational Consortium (ITEC)  
Native American College Day  
Steering Committee

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**SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE and SERVICE to the COMMUNITY**

- 2022 – Sacred Places Institute for Indigenous Peoples  
Board Member
- 2020 – Tongva Taraaxat Paxavxa Land Conservancy  
Founding Board Member
- 2020 – Acjachemen Tongva Land Conservancy  
Founding Board Member
- 2019 – 2020 The State of Native California Report  
Committee Member
- 2019 Indigenous Land Co-Management (workshop)  
Steering Committee  
University of California, Irvine
- 2017 Sherman Indian School  
Earth Day Celebration Presentation
- 2016 World Indigenous Law Conference; Irvine, California  
Presentation: *Welcome and Historical Overview of Acjachemen and Tongva Lands*
- 2015 – 2016 California Indian Nations College  
Board of Trustees – Founding Member

- 2015 UC Irvine School of Law  
Symposium: *Chamyúuy~wóoyilash: Where We Bow Our Heads Out of Respect;  
Cultivating Consciousness in Acjachemen Homelands*  
Co-Organizer and Presenter
- 2012 Southern California Tribal Listening & Strategy Session on Environmental Issues  
Sacred Places Institute  
University of California, Irvine  
Co-Organizer

#### **ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

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- California Indian Scholars and Studies Association
- American Studies Association
- Native American and Indigenous Studies Association
- Pacific Coast Branch – American History Association
- American Educational Research Association