

# Kathleen Whiteley

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## Education

- Ph.D. American Culture University of Michigan, Ann Arbor  
Dissertation: “*The Indians of California versus The United States of America: California Dreaming in the Land of Lost Treaties, 1900-1975*”  
Committee: Phil Deloria, Greg Dowd, Maria Cotera, Anthony Mora
- M.A. American Culture University of Michigan, Ann Arbor  
May 2016
- B.A. Native American Studies & Ethnic Studies University of California, Berkeley  
May 2014

## Academic Appointments:

- July 2021- *Assistant Professor*, Department of Native American Studies,  
University of California, Davis (on leave 2020-2021)
- 2020-2021 *President's Postdoctoral Fellow*, Department of Ethnic Studies,  
University of California, Berkeley

## Works In-Progress

### Journal Articles

- “Nancy Spear: Wiyot Survival on the Lost Coast” (Article in Preparation)  
\*Nancy Spear (1840-1884) was my 3<sup>rd</sup>-great-grandmother. I am related to her by her youngest daughter, Flora L. Spear (1879-1969, born in Freshwater, CA), who was my 2<sup>nd</sup>-great-grandmother. Flora’s son, Eugene McLean (1898-1954, born in Eureka), was my great-grandfather. My grandfather was an enrolled member of the Wiyot Tribe, Wayne T. McLean (1926-2003, born in Eureka).
- “California Nightmares: ‘Lost’ Treaties, Native Nazis, and the Political battle for Stolen Lands” (Article in Preparation)

## Collaborative Grants

- “Centering Tribal Stories of Cultural Preservation in Difficult Times,” University of California Multicampus Research Programs and Initiatives Grant, led by Dr. Mishuana Goeman (UCLA)  
Co-Investigator, UC Davis  
Description: This multimedia project will feature five interviews with Wiyot Tribal leaders and community members to trace the intergenerational political activism and environmental cleanup to reclaim the village of Tuluwat in Eureka, California.  
Approved by the Wiyot Tribal Council May 10, 2021.

## Presentations

- “The 1862 Morrill Land-Grant Act in northern California,” American Association of Geographers (Online), April 7, 2021.
- “California Nightmares: ‘Lost’ Treaties, Native Nazis, and the Political battle for Stolen Lands,” Western History Association, Albuquerque (Online), October 15, 2020.

- “The Eighteen Unratified Treaties of California,” UC Berkeley Center for Educational Justice and Community Engagement. The University of California Land Grab. Part 1: Unearthing Indigenous Land Dispossession in the Founding of the University of California. September 25, 2020.  
YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/6z0QbDz3KDE>
- “Lost Treaties, Tribal Sovereignty and the Political Battle for Stolen California Indian Lands,” Harvard University, Native Cultures Seminar, January 28, 2020
- “The 1928 California Indian Jurisdictional Act and the Formation of the ‘Indian of California,’” Western History Association, San Antonio, Texas, 2018
- “Exploring Indigenous Testimony during the 1966 California Indian Judgement Fund Hearings,” Native American and Indigenous Studies Association, Los Angeles, 2018

### **Fellowships**

- UC Davis Center for the Advancement of Multicultural Perspectives on Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities (CAMPSSAH), Fall 2020 Cohort
- Harvard University, Visiting Fellow, Department of History, Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, Fall 2019-2020
- The Newberry Library, Susan Kelly Power and Helen Hornbeck Tanner Fellowship, July 2019
- National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Summer Institute: The Native American West—A Case Study of the Columbia Plateau, June 2018

### **Service and Leadership**

- Western History Association, Membership Committee, Graduate Student/ Postdoctoral Representative, Fall 2018- Spring 2021

### **Research and Teaching Interests**

California Indian History, Native American History, Women and Gender Studies, American Indian Law, American Studies