

REMEMBERING, RESTORYING, AND RECLAIMING IN THE WAKE OF ERASURE

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Doors open at 4:00 pm. Refreshments provided.



What becomes possible when remembering histories are led by Indigenous communities and accountable to Indigenous homelands? Drawing from California-based examples, this lecture offers a guide for how the decolonial practices of remembering, restorying, and reclaiming can reimagine archival work, institutional accountability, and public memory by centering Indigenous knowledge, sovereignty, and ceremonial care to construct prosperous Indigenous futures.



Theresa Jean Ambo & Kelly Leah Stewart

Theresa Jean Ambo is an Associate Professor at UCLA in the Departments of American Indian Studies and Education. Her primary research examines historical and contemporary relationships between Native Nations and public universities. She also collaborates with community members and colleagues to examine settler land acknowledgment statements and histories of universities. **Kelly Leah Stewart** is a Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellow in the American Indian Studies Center at UCLA and Assistant Professor at California State University, Long Beach in the American Indian Studies program. Her primary research examines the intergenerational legacy of Catholic-run mission boarding schools in California. In addition to being collaborators, Theresa and Kelly are sisters. They are the daughters of Lane and Dolores Stewart. Through their maternal lineage, they are Gabrielino/Tongva and Luiseno/Payómkawichum, descending from the villages of Wa'aachnga, Jaibepet, and Toibingna. Along with their older sister, Ramona Rodriguez, and younger brother, Lane "Buddy" Stewart, they were born and raised in Awiingna.

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