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“Keepers of the Flame: The Importance of Indigenous Cultural Fire in Supporting California's Resilience to Climatic Change”

Dr. Beth Rose Middleton Manning, UC Davis & Tribal Chairman Ron W. Goode

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In person
attendance or by
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California's diverse landscapes were shaped by Indigenous-led fire. The careful application of fire by Native people kept forests open, provided forage for diverse species, maintained water quantity and quality, and provided food, tools, and basketry materials. The cultural use of fire is a central expression of human relationships and responsibilities to homeplaces. The combination of catastrophic wildfire fueled by exclusion of Indigenous burning and fire suppression, climate change, and growing Indigenous leadership in fire has led to a renaissance of interest in cultural fire. Our talk will focus on two recent collaborative projects in cultural fire: the Keepers of the Flame hands-on educational initiative, and the opportunities and challenges facing cultural burners working to put fire back on the land.

Dr. Beth Rose Middleton Manning is a UC Davis Professor of Native American Studies and Yocha Dehe Endowed Chair in California Indian Studies, with a PhD in Environmental Science and an undergraduate degree in Nature and Culture from UC Berkeley and UC Davis, respectively. She specializes in rural environmental justice, Indigenous leadership in climate adaptation, and environmental law and policy to support Indigenous land access, stewardship, and protection. She is the author of two books: *Trust in the Land*, which explores Native conservation easements, and *Upstream*, which examines the history of Indian allotment lands at the headwaters of the California State Water Project.



The Honorable Ron W. Goode is the Tribal Chairman of the North Fork Mono Tribe. He is a United States Army veteran and a retired community college professor in ethnic studies. He is the author of an ethnobotany book *Cultural Traditions Endangered* and the lead author for the *Tribal Indigenous Communities Climate Change Assessment* for the California 4th Climate Change Assessment. Ron and his tribal and ecological team have been conducting cultural burns with Sequoia Park, Bass Lake Ranger District – Sierra National Forest, Cold Springs Rancheria, and the Mariposa Miwok Tribe. Ron takes their practical work and presents it at universities and other public venues.



For questions contact Brooke Miller-Jacobs at (916) 445-5100 or UCCS-talks@ucdavis.edu

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