

UC SANTA BARBARA

Environmental Studies Program

2024 Darcy Aston Lecture Presents: WATER THAT CONNECTS: CULTURES, ECOSYSTEMS, PLACES, PEOPLE

Join our talk, where we will learn about local tribal history, Indigenous practices regarding water, and current efforts to celebrate and embrace Tribal knowledge, language and stewardship of both fresh and ocean waters in our state and region!



ANECITA AGUSTINEZ

Tribal Policy advisor for California Department of Water Resources

Anecita is an enrolled citizen of the Dine (Navajo) Nation. She is born to the Tó dích'íinii (Bitter Water Clan) and born for the Ilocano Clan. An alumnus of Stanford University, her area of expertise is in water policy and legislative advocacy on behalf of Tribal governments in California. She provides support, recommendations, and direction in the areas of policy and project implementation concerning environmental justice issues, regional water planning, flood management, climate change, drought, ecosystem restoration, sustainable groundwater management, water bond grant funding, energy and underrepresented community engagement. She coordinates inter-agency Tribal engagement and training; and is DWR lead for Tribal Consultation and Tribal engagement.

SPENSER JAIMES

Founder and CEO of Limuw Productions

Spenser Jaimes is Coastal Chumash, affiliated with Šmuwič & Island Chumash, living in the village of Syuxtun which is now commonly known as Santa Barbara. He serves his community as a caretaker of two tomols the 'Xax 'Alolk'oy and 'Elye'wun. He is the Founder and CEO of Limuw Productions, an independent film production company documenting Chumash cultural knowledge and history, making it more accessible to our tribal citizens and the general public. Recently he shot and directed a short film, *The Indian's Reply*, which is a part of The Autry Museum's "Reclaiming El Camino: Native Resistance in the Missions and Beyond" exhibition and will be playing until Summer 2025. He also helped create the feature documentary *WAYS OF OUR WATER*, premiering in 2024.



Tuesday, May 7th

5:00 PM

UCSB Interactive Learning Pavilion
(ILP) Rm: 1302

Lecture will be broadcast live via Zoom:
meeting ID: 817 7307 7990
([click here to register for Zoom access](#))

Following the event there will be a reception with pizza and beverages, hosted by the *Friends of Darcy*, in the UCSB Environmental Studies Seminar room (**Bren Hall 4016**) from **6:30-8:00pm**.

The Darcy Aston Memorial Lecture is in memory of Darcy Aston, a 1981 ES Alum and beloved member of Santa Barbara's community. Learn more on our webpage: [The Darcy Aston Memorial Lecture](#)