

A photograph of a forest fire. In the foreground, four firefighters in yellow gear and helmets are walking away from the camera on a dirt path. In the background, a large pile of brush is on fire, with bright orange flames and thick white smoke rising into the air. The surrounding forest consists of tall, thin trees, some of which are partially obscured by the smoke. The overall scene is one of active fire management in a natural setting.

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About Me

- **Grew up on Muwekma Ohlone Land (East Bay Area)**
- **University of California, Los Angeles, B.S**
 - Geography/Environmental Studies
 - Conservation Biology
- **University of Michigan, M.S**
 - Environmental Justice
 - Behavior, Education, and Communication
 - Ecosystem Science Management

Focused Research and Areas of Experience:

- Indigenous rights and self determination
- Tribal and data sovereignty
- Community-based participatory research
- Environmental Justice
- Fire history and ecology
- Fire suppression policies
- Climate adaptation and resilience
- CEQA/NEPA planning
- Biological monitoring



Program Goals and Objectives

Goal: Support Tribal communities in building a more fire resilient ecosystem that aligns with their social, economic, and cultural priorities

Objectives:

1. Establish Relationships/Introductions
2. Develop a Needs Assessment
3. Foster Reciprocal Partnerships
4. Organize Educational Workshops and Community Events
5. Pre/Post-Fire Monitoring and Research supporting culturally significant species or other Tribal stewardship priorities