

**Emeriti Lecture**

Speaker: Diane Gifford-Gonzalez

Time: 7:00-8:30pm

Title: Kicking the Prow: Reflections on a Life in Conversation with Past and Present People and Other Creatures

**Abstract**

My talk looks back on fifty-five years of doing zooarchaeology, which studies animal remains from archaeological sites to explore how past people and their kin interacted. While varying in geographical and theoretical foci, a common thread runs through what I believe are my most influential contributions to archaeology. Starting with a true story, I outline how these have “kicked the prow” of wider conversations in archaeology. I also share a few of my creative works.

**Bio**

Diane Gifford-Gonzalez received her degrees from UC Berkeley. Her first 22 years of zooarchaeological research focused on pastoralists in East Africa. The next 25 years center on precolonial Indigenous ecology around the Monterey Bay. She has published two books, 88 articles and chapters, a mystery novel, and some poetry. Recently, in collaboration with the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band and researchers from UC Santa Cruz and UC Berkeley, she’s investigated precolonial Native landscape management and diet.