

STEPHEN O'NEIL, MA

ETHNOHISTORIAN



EDUCATION

M.A. Anthropology CSU
Fullerton [emphasis
Ethnography], 2002

B.A. Anthropology Cal.
State Long Beach, 1979

A.A. Anthropology/
Psychology, Orange Coast
College, 1973

REGISTRATIONS & CERTIFICATES

Register of Professional
Archaeologists #16104

BLM Cultural Resource
Specialist Permit #CA-15-10

National Association of
Environmental Professions
Certificates:
2013- NEPA & CEQA
2012-Native American
Consultation

BSNF Contractor Safety
Training #BSNF-US-CA-
0814-02153

WORK HISTORY

SRScorp Ethnohistorian
2016-present

Ultrasystems, Inc.,
Cultural Resource Manager
2009-present

Goldenwest Environmental
2008

SWCA Environmental
2002-2007

Stan Tec & Chambers
Group
2007

SWCA
2002-2007

LSA Associates
2001

SRSinc, Bolsa Chica
Ethnohistorian
2000-2002

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Mr. O'Neil has over 30 years' experience as a California archaeologist and cultural anthropologist. He has extensive experience with the ethnohistory of Southern California tribal people. His work has entailed the use of directed and open-ended interviews with Native community members, as well as archival research. Mr. O'Neil has particular expertise in the use of mission records for the study of population and social networks. He is also familiar with ethnobotany, family reconstruction, and rock art. Among his work was a compilation of the ethnographic background of all Native American tribes along the QWest fiberoptic route through California, from the Oregon border to Arizona; this included modern history during the American period and current reservations. Mr. O'Neil recently completed cultural background updates to the ICRMP Management Plans of three U.S. Army bases in central California, providing prehistoric, ethnographic, and historic material (including present day status) of all the tribes in the greater San Francisco East Bay region.



SUMMARY PROJECT EXPERIENCE AND DESCRIPTIONS

Stephen O'Neil first began work in archaeology for SRSinc while he was simultaneously a Cultural Anthropology student at California State University Fullerton. For years, Stephen had an avid interest in Juaneno Ethnography and Ethohistory, collecting ethnographic information from early anthropologists and interviewing Juaneno Elders. His Master's thesis specifically dealt with Southern California Mission Records: "*The Acjachemen in the Franciscan Mission System: Demographic Collapse and Social Change.*"

Due to his extensive background, he was hired by SRSinc to look at Mission records and ethnographic works for the Bolsa Chica Mesa region of Orange County, an endeavor hoping to place Bolsa Chica ancient villages into this context. Much of this work contributed to *Bolsa Chica Technical Series, No. 2: "Ethnographic Overview: New Directions in South Coast Ethnography"* by Dr. Susan Lobo. In addition to his years-long emphasis on Mission Records and Ancient Village Sites, Stephen has been continually involved in Juaneno genealogical studies, researching family histories for many local Juaneno families.

Mr. O'Neil has contributed over 40 articles to *Malki Museum Press, Malki News, Pacific Coast Archaeological Society Quarterly and Newsletter, Catholic Historical Review, News from Native California, Coachella Valley Archaeological Society, Orange County Natural History Museum Newsletter, Memoirs of the Natural History Foundation, Proceedings of the Conference of Orange County History, Irvine Historical Society Newsletter, Society of California Archaeology Newsletter, Smoke Signals*, and with Ethnographer Nancy Evans in: *Journal of California and Great Basin Anthropology*.

Stephen O'Neil has now returned full circle and is an SRScorp Ethnohistorian. His most prestigious recent ethnohistoric contribution was in the Malki Press tribal series on the Juaneño:

2016 "*The Acjachemen (Juaneño) Indians of Coastal Southern California,*"
Malki Museum Brochure No. 5, Malka-Ballena Press.