



# ExperTalk Series

The ExperTalk Series is a great way for the community to learn more about topics related to Bolsa Chica, like local geology, history, and ecology, while also learning about current day issues relating to environmental conservation and other related fields.

## Where We Bow Our Heads by Joyce Stanfield Perry

### Date and Time

Saturday, October 23rd, 2021 1:30pm

### Location

Virtual — via Zoom

### Suggested Minimum Contribution\*

\$5.00 (per person)

### RSVP

<https://bolsachica.org/expertalk-series/>

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### Synopsis

Before homes, oil operations, duck hunting, or cattle ranching ever existed in and around Bolsa Chica, the area was inhabited—and cared for—by Native Americans. The Tongva and Acjachemen nations lived in balance with the ecosystems around them, but over the centuries, much of the history and culture of these nations was lost due to changes in use of the land. In this talk, Joyce Stanfield Perry will speak on the history and cultural significance of the sacred site that once existed at Bolsa Chica, and the experience of seeing it destroyed through the eyes of a Native woman. In addition, she will address how we can continue to live in areas like Bolsa Chica while also leading with respect for both the people that first inhabited those lands and the natural world as a whole.

### Speaker Biography

Joyce Stanfield Perry is of Acjachemen, Luiseno and Kumeyaay descent, a mother, a Tutu, a wife and an auntie, and her work in her community spans over 30 years. She is also an Acjachemen tribal scholar, founder and President of Payomkawichum Kaamalam—an American Indian non-profit organization founded in 2000, Founder and Executive Director of the Acjachemen Tongva Land Conservancy, Cultural Resource Director for the Juaneño Band of Mission Indians, Acjachemen Nation-Belardes, and former Board Member of the Blas Aguilar Adobe Museum/ Acjachemen Cultural Center. As an American Indian consultant for archaeological projects, she has negotiated with landowners for repatriation and reburial of ancestors and their belongings. In addition, she has been instrumental in developing and educating Native and non-Native personnel in forming policies for cultural and historical preservation. Previously, Joyce was a member of the Laguna Canyon Foundation Interpretive Exhibit Design Team for the James and Rosemary Nix Nature Center, member of the Putideum Park Project, Portola Springs Community Center Acjachemen Room Project, and has been instrumental in the Acjachemen Language Revitalization Movement.

