Collaborative community engaged research processes have been encouraged within indigenous archaeologies for decades. While there has been some guidance in how to approach building respectful collaborative relationships, and the mechanics of what these relationships entail, there is still little to prepare students for the investments and upheavals inherent in collaborative processes. Not only does a practice of community engaged research change the process and objectives of research, it also, if done earnestly, transforms conceptions of subject and object, relationships to materials and ideas, and practices for creating archaeological texts. In this talk I will discuss how a close engagement with the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of the San Francisco Bay Area has transformed my engagements with archaeology, anthropology and history.

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