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Education

University of Alaska Fairbanks, Current M.A Student in Department of Alaska Native Studies & Rural Development

Current GPA: 3.94

University of Washington, B.A in American Ethnic Studies

Cum Laude GPA 3.78 2013

Minor: Gender, Women & Sexuality Studies

Honors Thesis: *Storytelling is Healing*

North Seattle Community College, Associate of Arts 2010

Research Projects

Current MA project *resilient spirits*. Talking Circle & Photovoice project highlighting stories of healing, strength, and resiliency among Alaska Native survivors. Nome, AK

Current Research Assistant in UAF School of Fisheries & Ocean Sciences. *Leadership & Strength Project* in Barrow, AK.

Honors Capstone Thesis: *Storytelling is Healing*. Ethnographic Study exploring the possibilities of preventing and responding to violence in Alaska Native communities using Native cultural values. Inclusive of Critical Literature review and multi-level implications.

Independent Research Study abroad: *Their Lives, Their Voice*. Community based participation study Jharkhand, India. UN -Sponsored Adivasi Women's Network. Women-led mobilization to end violence in India's indigenous communities.

Environmental Science Research abroad: *Environmental Impacts on Local Cultural Practices*. Sustainable Development considering historical colonization, inter-tribal relations and various regional landscapes. Maasai Mara, Kenya.

Environmental Justice and Food Blog: Article posted, *An Indigenous Critique of Eco-tourism: Reflections of an Inupiat in Maasai Country*. Reflective article on research abroad in Kenya. Environmental and Food Justice: An Indigenous critique of eco-tourism: Reflections of an Iñupiat in Maasai country.

Lectures, Invitational Presentations and Conferences

Winter 2012 Environmental Impacts on Local Cultural Practices. Arocha Center, Kenya & University of Washington Tacoma campus

Spring 2012 Environmental Impacts on Local Cultural Practices. Presentation of research at request of Black Student Union. University of Washington Tacoma campus.

Fall 2012 Their Lives, Their Voice. Students for International Training. Research Presentation. New Delhi, India

Winter 2013 Part I: Adivasi: Indigenous People of India. Part II: Iñupiaq, The Real People. Lecturer in Indigenous Feminisms class at the University of Washington.

Spring 2013 Storytelling is Healing. Key Speaker. Interdisciplinary Research Presentation at UW Humanities Center.

Nov. 2013 PICA Pre-Conquest Indigenous Cultures and the Aftermath, Conference Speaker Nov. 8, 9, 10. Honoring Native American Heritage Month.

Fall 2014 Completion of Circumpolar Indigenous Leadership Symposium at UAF

Oct. 2014 Gender Equality in the Arctic Conference. Akureyri, Iceland

Oct. 2014 Arctic Council Forum. Reykjavik, Iceland

Nov. 2014 PICA Pre-Conquest Indigenous Cultures and the Aftermath, Conference Speaker. Nov. 6, 7, 8. Honoring Billy Frank Sr.

July 2015 Iñupiaq Language Summit. Barrow, AK

September 2015 Reducing the Incidence of Suicide in Indigenous Groups- Strengths United through Networks- RISING SUN. National Institute of Mental Health, Invite-only Participant

October 2015 Healthy Living Summit. Barrow, AK

February 2016 RISING SUN Scientific Advisory Group member. National Institute of Mental Health & Arctic Council.

April 2016 Alaska Native Studies Conference. Anchorage, AK. Presenter & Panelist

Scholarships and Grants

Winter 2013 Pilot Research Grant from AES Department Chair Lauro Flores. March 15-30 Field Study in Alaska

2012-present Bering Straits Foundation scholarship

2012-present Norton Sound Health Corporation scholarship

2010-present The CIRI Foundation scholarship

2016 Indigenous Fellowship Programme. United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Academic Honors and Awards

Baccalaureate Cum Laude

Bachelor of American Ethnic Studies with Honors

Dean's List: 2011- 2013

Golden Key Honor Society Member 2011-2013

Phi Theta Kappa 2007-2011

Volunteer Work

June 2015 Iñupiaq Culture and Traditions High School Camp Volunteer. Ilisagvik College, Barrow, AK

Feb. 2015-present Student Representative for American Society for Circumpolar Health

2014 Fall Girls on the Run Running Buddy

Snohomish County Domestic Violence Services volunteer

Anak Bayan Typhoon relief fundraiser for Starbucks Partners

API Asian Pacific Islander Chaya volunteer and trainee

OCA Organized Chinese Association Member and volunteer of greater Seattle

Alaska Native Day in Seattle annual volunteer 2010-2015

UDistrict Youth Center for homeless teens volunteer

Co-Founder and Vice President of Native American Student Organization at North Seattle Community College

Languages

Iñupiaq Language Learner

Intensive Hindi immersion, in-country India

Intensive Kiswahili immersion, in-country Kenya

I year college level Spanish

Other

High performing retail manager with 10 years experience in managing diverse personnel needs and business environments. Supervisor with interviewing, hiring and training skills as well as daily business operations.

References

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