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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Part-time Professor

- *Native American Studies Program*, Eastern Oregon University, One University Blvd. LaGrande, OR 97850 ~ Present – August 2022
 - Native American Literature courses:
 - Young Adult
 - American Indians in the horror genera
- *Special Topics in Literature and Art*, Whitman College, 345 Boyer Avenue, Walla Walla, WA -99362 ~ Begin August 2024
 - Introduction to Native American Literature

Acting First Foods Policy Program Manager (Nov. 2023)

- Develop program annual work plans in coordination with department director and fellow program managers
- Work with department administration on budget formation per leadership guidance
- Write job descriptions, complete annual evaluations, organize program meetings
- Communicate with outside departments on inter-governmental tasks like letters of comment and legislative language
- Understand and adhere to departmental and organizations policies, and communicate functions to staff accordingly
- Point of contact for media inquiries regarding program functions

Hanford Policy Analyst – First Foods Policy Program, Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR), Pendleton, OR ~ Present – September 2020

- Represent the CTUIR as the Primary/Technical on the Hanford Trustee Council, which is a Natural Resources Damage Assessment lawsuit that adheres to the 43 CFR 11 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response and Liability Act (CERCLA) process
- Cooperative Agreement experience includes drafting it for manager, monitoring spending, submitting quarterly budgets with a narrative and annual report to the Department of Energy
 - Research and draft Professional Service Agreements for contractors and report on deliverables in quarterly reports
 - Read and comply with federal guidance for cooperative agreements and grants issued by DOE on an annual basis
- Develop and conduct reports to committees and other public forums as assigned or tasked by manager

Summer Youth Employee Coordinator & GED Coach – *Higher Ed. Program*, Dept. of Education, CTUIR, Pendleton, OR March 2017 – August 2020

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYEE COORDINATOR

- Developed a job training program that incorporated training days to focus on health, scholastic and career planning and development
- Coordinated instructors for classes and assisted in curriculum development
- Recruited, developed application, coordinated and conducted interviews, and completed hiring process in accordance to CTUIR policies and partners
- Organized and hosted Summer Youth Orientation and Summer Youth Fair
- Hosted training and information sessions for youth site supervisors
- Wrote, published, and distributed Youth Employee Handbook, Site Supervisor Handbook and First Foods Journal
- Supervisor for all of youth employees
- Ensured services in job site training comply with tribal and federal regulations

GED COACH & INSTRUCTOR

- Recruited students and maintained communication with students who are active and inactive in the program
- Modified application for services in coordination with other tribal departments
- Established a student in-take process that includes pre-testing and study assessment
- Established academic terms for CTUIR GED services
- Developed curriculum, syllabus, and taught Language Arts, Math and Science courses

Outreach Coordinator – *Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE)*, CTUIR, Pendleton, OR May 2012 – February 2017

- Established, researched, wrote, edited, and published a quarterly Family Support Newsletter
- Developed content and outreach strategy across multimedia options
- Developed and researched educational presentations provided to community members, employers and the youth about OCSE services and mission
- Established and operated an outreach booth about OCSE services for local events
- Established and organized the Annual Halloween Costume Exchange

Elected Official –*General Council and Board of Trustees*, CTUIR, Pendleton, OR ~ November 2007-November 2011

Board of Trustees (BOT) Member At-Large, 2009-2011

- Appointed to Education and Training Committee
- Appointed to Science and Technology Committee (STC)
- Appointed to Pendleton Round-Up Centennial Planning Committee

Policy Reform

- Proposed policy changes and reform to the CTUIR BOT Procedures Code, and Executive Management Policy
- Researched, prepared presentations and delivered policy options for the BOT to review and consider

Unique Experience

- Experienced great recession, policy reaction was to amend Investment Policy
 - CTUIR Tribal Farm Enterprises saved CTUIR investments via BOT action
 - Learned investment diversification and strategy, as well as short-term and long-term fund and marginal-profit use parameters
- Experienced value of consensus decision-making but understand why democracy must continue to be a slow process
- Experienced loan negotiations for Wildhorse Cineplex Expansion
 - Capital improvement projects and investments had to be reorganized to accommodate WRC loan
 - Learned about loan dynamics and contingencies like depreciation value and tax incentive projects

General Council Vice-Chair, 2007-2009

- Drafted the first Procedures and Protocols for the General Council, laying out the process for approving meetings and travel, process of granting donations, stipulations for a stipend, etc.
- Organized lunchtime walks to promote attendance at General Council Meetings

Environmental Specialist – Department of Science and Engineering (DOSE), CTUIR, Pendleton, OR ~ *October 2003-July 2006*, Supervisor: Shirley Olinger, Office of River Protection (ORP) Manager, *2005-2006*

- 2005-2006 was awarded two \$10,000.00 grants to be trained in the federal budget process, contracting and management at the U.S. Department of Energy, ORP
- Organized, coordinated and facilitated two workshops at the Hanford Site for Hanford Treaty Tribes; Understanding the Federal Budget Process and Native American Small Business Workshop
- Worked with numerous CTUIR committees and commissions, and their assigned staff to ensure all levels of the CTUIR government were involved with DOSE projects
- Worked with numerous public boards including, Oregon Hanford Waste Board, Hanford Advisory Board, and Hanford Reach CCP Workgroup
- Wrote, researched and incorporated tribal policies for numerous letters of comment to the USDOE, USFWS and State of Oregon for the CTUIR BOT Chair's signature regarding Environmental Impact Statements and Environmental Assessments
- Completed National Environmental Policy Act training for Superfund, RCRA, and CERCLA

EDUCATION

Master of Fine Arts, Non-Fiction Creative Writing, Eastern Oregon University (EOU), LaGrande, Oregon ~ Fall 2016

Bachelor of Arts, English with a Writing focus, EOU, La Grande, Oregon ~ 2003

- 2006-2007; Public Policy, Public Administration, Economics, and Statistics

Associated of Arts Oregon Transfer Degree, Blue Mountain Community College, Pendleton, Oregon ~ 1999

High School Diploma, Pendleton High School, Pendleton, Oregon ~ 1996

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND MEMBERSHIPS

- 1) Present-August 2019, CTUIR Health Commission,
Reappointed a second time until 2026
Elected to Chair in February 2022 and then again December 2023
 - a) Commission serves as oversight to Yellowhawk Tribal Health Clinic Administration, amends policies and procedures as authorized by the CTUIR BOT, and maintain partnerships with Portland Indian Area Health Board, Oregon Health Authority, Healing Lodge, and Native American Rehabilitation Association (NARA) Northwest office
 - b) Supported Yellowhawk funds for a Wellness Center feasibility study include Yellowhawk staff to ensure billable services are considered as plans are drawn
 - c) Promoted and commission-supported development of a Woman's Health Proclamation, establish a Weavers Group (plateau-style basket weaving), and advocated health care services be promoted and expanded for families with special needs individuals
 - d) Advocated improved partnership with CTUIR Family Violence Services to address health care needs, safety and confidentiality for victims and survivors of violence
- 2) Present-2023, Whitman College, Pasxapa Powwow Committee member
- 3) Present-1988, Cultural Artist in natural and synthetic fiber arts fashion and attire, beadwork, weaving and culinary skills
- 4) Present-1985, Cultural Foods Gatherer and Preserver
- 5) Present-2006, regular volunteer with Family Violence Services; focused on Adam-Walsh Act and Violence Against Women Act, current member of Sexual Assault in Tribal Community Survey Project Advisory Committee
- 6) Present-2014, Association of Writers & Writing Programs
- 7) 2021-2014, certified Master Preserver (WSU/OSU); canning, drying, smoking, and freezing
- 8) CTUIR General Council Member, wrote, presented, and got to ballot Constitutional Amendments, one in 2015 and two in 2021 that passed
- 9) Present-2016, Defenders of Wildlife
- 10) Present-2016, American Indian Science & Engineering Society (AISES)
- 11) 2007, Co-organizer with Angela Newell, The Vagina Monologues play at the CTUIR with a cast primarily made up of CTUIR women
- 12) 2009-2007, CTUIR Fish & Wildlife Commission and Columbia River Inter Tribal Fish Commission member
- 13) 2002 and 2016, CTUIR Constitution Amendment Committee, Member and Chair
- 14) 1999-1997, CTUIR Community Service Commission
- 15) 1999-1997, CTUIR Natural Resources Commission Alternate Member

TRAININGS

Grant Writing 2-day Training, Seminole Training Center, July 2022
Natural Resources Damage Assessment 2-Day Training, January 2022
Tribal Human Resources Professionals Certification, June 2019
Oregon State University SMILE Teachers trainings, 2019-2018
Special Education & Instruction Training, May 2019

Indian Country Supervisor Training, Falmouth Institute, November 2018 Youth Camps
Organizing, Falmouth Institute, October 2017
EOU BlackBoard, Summer 2016
OMB Circulars and Purchasing Fundamentals: new proposed uniform guidelines, 2014 Excel

PUBLICATIONS

CTUIR Climate Adaptation Plan, contributor, 2023
Misfits Manifesto, *a contributing author*, TED Books; Simon & Schuster Inc. © 2017
Shikit, poem, Oregon East, EOU © 2016
Blood Portraits, EOU Thesis, EOU Pierce Library 2016

REFERENCES

1. Linda Jerofke, PhD Anthropology, EOU Professor, ljerofke@eou.edu
2. David Gallaher, CTUIR Adjunct Judge, DavidGallaher@ctuir.org ~ (541) 276-3165
3. Angela Newell, Faculty at University of Texas at Austin, Angela.Newell@mcombs.utexas.edu (512) 608-7318
4. Aaron Hines, Yellowhawk Clinic CEO, Aaron.Hines@yellowhawk.org (541) 379-3200