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EDUCATION

- May 2015** **University of Arizona**, Tucson, AZ
Doctor of Philosophy (**Ph.D.**), American Indian Studies
- Dual Concentration: Law & Policy/Higher Education
 - Certificate in American Indian Higher Education
 - Dissertation- *Taking the Next Step: Promoting Native American Student Success in American Indian/Native American Studies Graduate Programs*
- May 2008** **University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law**, Tucson, AZ
Master of Laws (**LL.M.**), Indigenous Peoples Law & Policy Program
- May 2007** Juris Doctor (**J.D.**), *Dean's List* Fall 2006, Spring 2007
- *Arizona Journal of International and Comparative Law*, Note Comment Editor, Asst. Business Editor
 - Arizona Minority Bar Association Scholarship, Native American Law Student Association
 - Law Journal Note- *Native Self-Government: Approaches in Alaska and Nunavut*
- May 2004** **Saint Leo University**, Saint Leo, FL
Master of Business Administration (**M.B.A.**), Management
- June 1994** **Dartmouth College**, Hanover, NH
Bachelor of Arts (**A.B.**), Anthropology, Minor in Native American Studies
- Endowed Scholar Dartmouth Alumni Association, Mellon Minority Fellow
 - President Native American Students at Dartmouth, Captain Men's Varsity Gymnastics

EXPERIENCE

- August 2016 **Lecturer**
- Present *American Indian Studies Department – University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ*
- Courses: AIS 200 (in person and online)– Intro to American Indian Studies (3 units)
 - AIS 220 (in person and online) – Contemp. Issues in AIS (3 units)
 - AIS 403/503 – Globalization and Indigenous Peoples (3 units)
 - AIS 415/516 – American Indians and the Urban Experience (3 units)
 - AIS 434 – Tribal Governments (3 units)
 - AIS 485/585 (online) – American Indian Gaming (3 units)
 - AIS 584 – Development of American Indian Federal Policy (3 units)
- August 2015 **Director of Graduate Studies (DGS)**
- August 2016 *American Indian Studies GIDP– University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ*
- Direct and oversee administration of graduate academic degree programs, recruitment, admissions process, and orientation of new students.
 - Responsible for ensuring that all faculty and students are familiar with best practices in graduate education and that these best practices are fully integrated into the daily operation of the program.
- August 2012 **Program Coordinator, Sr.**
- August 2016 *American Indian Studies Dept./GIDP – University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ*
- Graduate Program Coordinator and Undergraduate Minor Advisor
 - Plan and oversee administration of academic degree programs, recruitment, admissions process, and orientation of new students.
 - Advise continuing graduate students; track progress toward degree; present and interpret Graduate College and Department policies including GradPath and UAccess to faculty, students, and staff.
 - Teach AIS 197A&B – Native American Student Success

- August 2009 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**
 - May 2012 *American Indian Studies – University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ*
- Taught AIS 197A&B – Native American Student Success
- January 2009 **Adjunct Instructor**
 - Present *Pima Community College, Tucson, AZ*
- Taught ANT 112 – Exploration of Non-Western Cultures (3 units)
 - Taught AIS 101 – Introduction to American Indian Studies I (3 units)
 - Taught ANT/HIS 148 – History of Indians of North America (3 units)
 - Certified to teach in six different subject areas
- November 2007 **Advising Specialist**
 - August 2009 *University College – University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ*
- Advised undecided and undeclared students at the University.
 - Taught UNVR 197P Major Exploration Workshop (2 units), UNVR 197L Learning in a Challenging Intellectual Environment (3 units), UNVR 197M Success Starts here (1 unit)
- Spring 2006 **Graduate Research Associate**
 - Spring 2007 *Native Nations Institute – Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy, Tucson, AZ*
- Assisted with projects in the areas of case studies in indigenous governance, tribal issues (political, legal, social, environmental) along the US/Mexico and US/Canada borders, and other topics in Native governance and economic development
- Summer 2006 **Legal Intern**
Municipality of Anchorage – Criminal Division, Anchorage, AK
- Argued misdemeanor change of plea and bail review hearings for City Prosecutor's Office
 - Screened new cases and conducted interviews of witnesses and victims
 - Performed research and prepared motions for attorneys in Prosecutor's Office
- Fall 2005 **Legal Clerk**
Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, Washington, DC
- Performed research and prepared motions for the Senators and the Committee on Indian Affairs
 - Worked closely with supervising attorney to ensure success of committee hearings
 - Provided legal clerk services to the majority members of the committee
- Summer 2005/06 **Summer Intern and Residence Hall Director**
Tuck LEAD Program in Business at Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH
- Oversaw the residential side of summer business program for high school students
 - Collaborated with the office of Equity and Diversity, the department of Residence Life and the business school to provide proper role modeling, mentoring, tutoring and advising for students
- Aug 2002 **Resident Director and Area Coordinator**
 - July 2004 *University of Alaska Fairbanks, Fairbanks, AK*
- Selected, trained, and supervised staff of 10-15
 - Counseled over 300 students regarding personal and academic concerns
 - Adjudicated student discipline and maintained residence hall records
 - Advised and supported diversity and student government within the community
- February 2001 **Assistant Director Student Involvement/Resident Director**
 - July 2002 *Saint Leo University, Saint Leo, FL*
- Directed student activities and provided cultural and educational programming for over 900 students.
 - Coordinated new student orientation and advised the Campus Activities Board.
 - Managed two residence halls with over 150 students.
- February 1999 **Coordinator/Acting Director Upward Bound**

- January 2001 *University of Alaska Anchorage, Anchorage, AK*
- Directed every phase of \$200,000 Department of Education grant including budget and grant reporting
 - Coordinated six-week summer enrichment program for local high school students
 - Taught and advised on college skills and preparation to over 40 students

June 1998 - **Assistant Director American Indian Program**

January 1999 *Cornell University, Ithaca, NY*

- Managed daily operation of multi-department academic and student support program for 100 Native American students on campus
- Wrote grants and advocated for and mentored Native American students and community members

OTHER

- Outstanding Service Award-UA American Indian Studies 2015
- Outstanding Service Award-UA American Indian Studies 2014
- Conflucenter for Creative Inquiry (UA) Graduate Fellow 2012
- Junius Hoffman "Beyond the J.D." Scholarship 2007
- Spring-Law School Dean's List (UA) 2007
- Fall-Law School Dean's List (UA) 2006
- Arizona Minority Bar Association Scholarship 2005-2007
- Finalist for UA Law first year small section moot court competition 2004
- Residence Hall Director of the Year (UAF) 2003
- Sequoyah Fellow and lifetime member of the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES)
- Served on the Board of Directors of AISES 1997-1998, AISES Region 1 Conference Chair 1996
- EPA Tribal Lands Scholarship 1996
- LEAD program in Business participant at the University of Michigan School of Business 1989
- INROADS Metropolitan Detroit 1990-1991
- 40+ Graduate credits in Cultural Anthropology from the University of Alaska Fairbanks
- Finalist for UA Law first year small section moot court competition
- Vice-President Phi Tau Coeducational Fraternity 1993
- Dartmouth Pow Wow Committee Chair 1992-1993

