

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Skilled multi-lingual professional with experience in diversity and leadership programming, team building and collaboration, tribal food sovereignty, cultural consultation, peaceful social justice action and instruction to learners of all ages.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Public Speaker/Cultural Consultant

Snow Cultural Consultation

- Inform and instruct schools, college and university classrooms, corporate entities and service agencies on the Native American experience including data and statistics, current events and history
- Research and present healing methods for individual and historical trauma
- Describe and perform culturally-based music and dance
- Guest speaker/presenter on various gender and ethnic subjects

21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant Program Manager

Meskwaki Settlement School District

- Collected and maintained data for quarterly, midyear and annual reports
- Recruited and supervised an average of 15 teachers per semester; 20 teachers during summer school
- Developed academic enrichment and social-emotional learning programming for students grades 1-12
- Participated in and coordinated with administrative team in weekly and specially scheduled meetings

Office Manager/Assistant to Superintendent

Meskwaki Settlement School District

- Maintained confidential staff and student records
- Researched and collected data to create reports and presentations
- Oversaw elementary and high school office work flow
- Managed documents and publications for School Board and Tribal community

Interim Assistant Director of Intercultural Affairs

Grinnell College Office of Intercultural Engagement & Leadership/Intercultural Affairs

- Provided, promoted and facilitated student-led programming around diversity & inclusion
- Built coalitions around progressive diversity agenda for entire campus
- Cultivated relationships and utilized community resources to expand diversity education
- Managed Multicultural Leadership Council comprised of 15 student organizations

Historical Preservation, Assistant to Director

Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa

- Aided in the procurement, preservation, care and use of cultural resources
- Launched tribal Food Sovereignty Initiative in collaboration with Economic Development Department
- Collaborated with partners to compose grant applications, develop projects, perform planning & implementation, and to accelerate tribal business diversification efforts
- Oversaw budget and performed functional supervisor duties as grant project director

Multilingual Program Coordinator, Administrative Assistant I

State of Iowa Workforce Development

- Provided direct services to students, jobseekers, new residents from over 100 countries
- Provided translation and interpretation services in Spanish, French, English and Meskwaki
- Coordinated and developed projects through Department of Labor, Census Bureau and State of Iowa
- Gave presentations and conducted workshops on diversity, cultural awareness, job seeking and more
- Supervised up to 3 individuals at a time as lead worker and coordinator

Employment Specialist

American Indian Council Employment & Training Program

- Provided academic and job counseling while managing two satellite offices
- Networked with State partners, employers, educational institutions and surrounding community
- Performed data collection and entry to track client services
- Prepared reports, speeches and presentations

EDUCATION

Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa, Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology

2003

Cultural Anthropology with a focus in Native American Cultures, Independent

Harvard edx

Leaders of Learning online course, Education

2019-2020

Health Effects of Climate Change

2020

LEADERSHIP

- Building A Movement Project: Leadership, Social Justice & Peaceful Action training and planning
- Co-chair of Grinnell College Faculty & Staff of Color Caucus
- Staff Advisor to Multicultural Leadership Council
- Meskwaki Settlement School Managers task force
- Core member of Tribal Farm-to-School Systems project and Community Garden project
- President of Grinnell College Native American Student Association
- Trainer/presenter at State of Iowa Mosaic Diversity Conference
- Speaker at Indian Hills Annual Diversity Conference
- Presenter at the Conference for Women in Sustainable Agriculture

MEMBERSHIPS

- Grinnell College Diversity Coalition
- Native American Nutrition, Healthy Foods Healthy Lives Institute
- To[Get]Her Art Project: Art in action on VAWA and Survivorship, 4 installations under Jessica Pleyel
- Meskwaki Nation Intertribal Food Summit Planning Committee
- First-Gen at Grinnell
- Amanecer Aztec Dance troupe
- Multicultural Leadership Council
- Nibi [Water] Walk, Mississippi route
- Tama County Diversity Committee
- Meskwaki Anthropology Symposium Committee
- Native American Dance Theater
- Native Pride Dancers
- Meskwaki Food Sovereignty Initiative
- Meskwaki Art Symposium Committee

PUBLICATIONS & PERFORMANCES

- *Americas 3*, Artes Latinas musical production
- *Alternating Currents*, *The Coil*, poetry journal
- *Yellow Medicine Review*, all-Native literature journal
- *From the Lodges of the Meskwaki: Love Songs and Lullabies*, Meskwaki Language Preservation Dept
- *Rootstalk: A Prairie Journal of Culture, Science and the Arts*
- *RedTale: Live at the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville*
- *Seymour-Snow: Homegrown*, Echo Entertainment
- *International Dance Festival*, Des Moines Diversity Coalition
- *Peace in the Heart; Tapestry*, Gateway Dance Theatre

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CERTIFICATIONS & AWARDS

- Girls Circle certified facilitator
- Native American Nutrition Conference certificate with credit hours
- Crucial Conversations certified: effective communication and moderation
- 21st Century Community Learning Center Symposium certification of attendance with credit hours
- Native American Music Award nominee: Best Folk Recording
- National Traditional Country Music Association: Headliner, Best Country & Folk Duo of the Year
- Rural Roots Music Commission: Best Native American Country CD of the Year
- National Country Music Festival: Top Professional Group of the Year, Top Duo of the Year, Top Female Artist of the Year

SKILLS

- Languages: Meskwaki (Native, first language), English (Fluent), Spanish (Fluent); French (Proficient)
- Computer: Social Media platforms, Microsoft Office Suite, Sharepoint, NASIS (Bureau of Indian Education), IWorks, IowaJobs, Beartracks, Board Docs, Access, Wordpress, GoogleDocs