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EDUCATION:

University of California, Berkeley May 2019
Ph.D. in Comparative Ethnic Studies

University of California, Berkeley 2015
Master's Degree in Comparative Ethnic Studies

University of Alaska, Southeast 2012
B.A. in English Literature and the Environment

Dissertation:

“Indeterminate Natures: Race and Indigeneity in Ice-Geographies”

Committee:

Shari Huhndorf (Chair), Ethnic Studies

Thomas Biolsi, Ethnic Studies

Jake Kosek, Geography

Beth Piatote, Ethnic Studies

Field exams:

Alaska Native Studies, Native American Literature and Literary Criticism, Human Geography

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Native American and Indigenous Studies, Critical Human Geography, Alaska Native Studies, American Studies, Native American Literature, Environmental Humanities, Cultural Anthropology, Arctic Studies, Critical Race Theory, Science and Technology Studies.

PUBLICATIONS:

Book Review of Joan Naviyuk Kane's *Milk Black Carbon*. *Native American and Indigenous Studies Journal*. Volume 5, Issue 1, Spring 2018, pp. 241-242. University of Minnesota Press.

“Eyak Lake, Alaska: GPR Survey and Landscape Protection Plan”, co-authored with David Guilfoyle, MA. *Past Horizons Adventures in Archaeology*. January 15, 2017. Not peer-reviewed.

Book Review of James Clifford's *Returns: Becoming Indigenous in the 21st Century*. *American Indian Culture and Research Journal*. Volume 39, Number 2. Spring 2015.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS:

Extramural Honors:

Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, 2018-19.

American Association of University Women Dissertation Fellowship, 2018-2019. Declined.

Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, 2015-18.

Intramural honors:

University of California Berkeley Dissertation-Year Fellowship, 2018-19. Declined.

Graduate Fellows Training Program. Joseph A. Myers Center for Research on Native American Issues, and the Institute for the Study of Societal Issues, University of California, Berkeley. 2016-2018.

Joseph A. Myers Center for Research on Native American Issues, Research Grant. University of California, Berkeley. Fall 2017.

Center for Race and Gender, Graduate Student Research Grant. University of California, Berkeley. Fall 2017.

Social Science Matrix Dissertation Fellowship. University of California, Berkeley. 2016-17.

University of California Berkeley Chancellor's Fellowship 2013-17.

PAPERS GIVEN:

Panelist, "Ice and Indeterminacy: Historical and Emergent Racializations." American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Panel "In the Water: Racial Capitalism and Environmental Justice." Atlanta, Georgia. November 2018.

Presenter, "Ice and Beringia in Joan Naviyuk Kane's Poetry." The Ford Foundation Annual Conference. Riverside, California. The National Academy of Sciences. October 2018.

Panelist, "Ice as Material Refusal." Center for Race and Gender Thursday Forum, Panel "What's New about New Materialism?: Black and Indigenous Scholars on Science, Technology, and Materiality." University of California, Berkeley. October 2018.

Panelist, Chair, and Panel Organizer, “Race and Land: Edward Curtis’ Landscape Photography of Alaska 1899.” Native American and Indigenous Studies Association Annual Meeting, Panel “Critical Alaskas: (Re)Reading and Translating Landscape, Language, and Identity.” Los Angeles, CA. May 2018.

Panelist, “Ice and Indeterminacy: Measuring Land and Race in Alaska.” American Association of Geographers Annual Conference, Session III “Geological Legacies” of panel “Political Geologies: Earth Sciences and Subterranean Territorialization,” with Dr. Bruce Braun as discussant. New Orleans, LA. April 2018.

Panelist “Race, Space, and Edward Curtis’ Photography.” Institute for the Study of Societal Issues. “North and South: Technologies of Order and Escape,” with Dr. Keith Feldman as discussant. University of Berkeley, California. April 2017.

Panelist, “Gender and Property: Producing Landscape in Louise Erdrich’s novel *Shadow Tag*.” American Literature Association 27th Annual Conference, panel organized by the Association for the Study of American Indian Literature, “Indigenous Borderlands.” San Francisco, CA. May 2016.

Panelist, “Space and Nourishment: The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and Subsistence Economies.” 4th Annual Native American Studies Graduate Student Symposium, Remaking the Indigenous Universe: Vision, Praxis, and Tradition. University of California, Davis. April 2015.

Panelist, “Critiquing Cultural Imaginings of the North: The Harriman Alaska Expedition of 1899 and the Harriman Retraced.” The Eccles Centre for American Studies, at The British Library. London, England. March 2015.

Panelist, “(Re)imagining Race, Nature, and the Colonial Frontier in Northern Spaces through the Harriman Alaska Expedition and the Harriman Retraced.” Center for Race and Gender, University of California, Berkeley. December 2014.

Presenter, “Space and Nourishment: The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and Subsistence Economies.” Crossing Paths: Undergraduate and Graduate Indigenous Research Colloquium, University of California, Berkeley. October 2014.

Presenter, “Locating Alaska in Ethnic Studies: A Case Study of Blood, Land, and Capitalism.” Native American Student Development Symposium on Contemporary Native American Issues: Perspectives on Native Landscapes. Native American Student Development, University of California, Berkeley. February 2014.

Presenter, “The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act: Native Blood and the Usurpation of Corporate Identity.” The Association for the Study of Literature and the Environment. Juneau, Alaska. June 2012.

INVITED LECTURES:

“Indeterminate Natures: Ice, Race, and Indigeneity in Alaska and the Arctic.” Yi-Fu Tuan Lecture Series, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Geography. December 2018.

Guest Lecture, “Climate Justice, Digital Activism and Gender in Louisiana (Comm 3814)” with Frances Roberts-Gregory. “Decolonizing the Anthropocene” Tulane University. October 2018

Panelist, Native American and Indigenous Studies Panel. Ethnic Studies and Historical Social-Science Project, Summer Institute. University of California, Berkeley. June 2018.

Guest lecture, “Theories and Concepts in Ethnic Studies (11AC ES)” with Dr. Keith Feldman. “Alaska Native racialization and the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.” University of California, Berkeley. February 2018.

Guest lecture, Federal Indian Law (AMIND 485) undergraduate course with Dr. Olivia Chilcote. “The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act: Law and Land.” San Diego State University. December 2017.

Guest lecture, Native American literature undergraduate course on introductory writing. “The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act: Land and Literature.” University of California, Berkeley. October 2016.

Guest lecture, “Seeing the Indigenous” undergraduate course on Writing and Composition. “The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act: Land and Literature.” California College of Arts. October 2015.

Guest lecture, Native American literature undergraduate course on introductory writing. “The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act: Land and Literature.” University of California, Berkeley. October 2014.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

Main Researcher for book and website *Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act Historical Project*. Funded by the Southcentral Foundation. 2016-ongoing.

Ethnographic Fieldwork, 2012-18 summers in Cordova, Alaska at tribal gatherings for language revitalization, salmon and plant harvesting, and heritage and landscape protection initiatives.

Archival research, 2017 at the Alaska Pacific University Special Collections in the Alice Brown Papers.

Archival research, 2012-18 at the Bancroft Library in the Harriman Alaska Expedition materials.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Instructor

Ethnic Studies 103A “Climate Fictions: Land and Race in the Apocalypse.” University of California, Berkeley, Spring 2019.

Graduate Student Instructor

Native American Studies 120AC; Photography and the American Indian: Manifest Destiny, the American Frontier, and the Images of American Indians and Black Indians; Dr. Diane Pearson (instructor of record). University of California, Berkeley. 2017.

Graduate Student Instructor

Native American Theme Program Seminar “Indigenous Identities in North America.” Native American Student Development, University of California, Berkeley. 2014-2015.

AFFILIATIONS:

Association of American Geographers.

American Studies Association.

Native American and Indigenous Studies Association.

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS:

Co-chair, search committee for American Indian Graduate Program Director. University of California, Berkeley 2018-2019.

Graduate Student Coordinator, Indigenous Americas Working Group. Center for Race and Gender, and Townsend Center for the Humanities. University of California, Berkeley 2017-2018.

Co-chair of the American Indian Graduate Student Association (AIGSA). University of California, Berkeley. 2015-2016.

Graduate Student Representative Alternate for the Chancellor's Council of Students of Color and Multicultural Engagements. University of California, Berkeley. 2015-2016.

AIGSA representative, American Indian Graduate Program Advisory Committee. University of California, Berkeley. 2015-2016.

Graduate Student Representative and Liaison for University of California Berkeley, Ethnic Studies Department Faculty Meetings. 2014-2015.

Native American Theme Program Advisory Board, Native American Studies/Ethnic Studies Graduate Student Representative. 2014-2015.

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP POSITIONS:

Advisory Committee Member for the Eyak Cultural Foundation, tribally affiliated non-profit organization for language and cultural revitalization. 2016-ongoing.

Participant and Organizer, Eyak Language Revitalization Culture Camp. Organized by the Eyak Preservation Council and Eyak Corporation. Cordova, Alaska. August 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018.

Participant, Alaskan Plants as Food and Medicine Symposium. Organized by the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium. Anchorage, Alaska. May 2015.

EVENTS COORDINATED AND ORGANIZED:

Co-coordinator, Poet Speaker Event: Tommy Pico. American Indian Graduate Student Association. University of California, Berkeley, March 2018.

Head Coordinator and Creator, Native American Graduate Student Orientation. University of California, Berkeley. March 2017.

Co-coordinator, Archivophilia: A Symposium. University of California, Berkeley, April 2017.

Head Coordinator, Alaska Native History and Language Revitalization Presentation by David Robert Boxley. University of California, Berkeley. November 2014.

MENTORSHIP POSITIONS:

Mentor, Getting into Graduate School (GiGS). Graduate Diversity Program. University of California, Berkeley. 2015-2016.

Coordinator, Cal Day for prospective Native American students. University of California, Berkeley. April, 2014.

OTHER CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT:

Participant, Native American Studies: Politics of Identity Reading Group. Townsend Center for the Humanities. University of California, Berkeley. 2013-2016.

Participant, 'Alaska & Arctic Articulations' Working Group. Facilitated by Dr. Donald Moore, Anthropology. University of California, Berkeley. Spring 2015.

Workshop Panelist, Empowering Women of Color Conference. "Writing Back! The Possibilities of Creative Writing in Combating and Condemning Violence." University of California, Berkeley. March 2014.

Workshop Participant, "Resources and the more-than-human: Researching Indigenous and post-colonial environmental governance". Organized by Dr. Jessica Weir. University of California, Berkeley. March 2014.

Volunteer, American Society for Environmental History Conference, "Crossing Divides." San Francisco, CA. March 2014

REFERENCES:

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