

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

2001 Juris Doctor
 University of Washington School of Law
 Seattle, Washington

2010 Masters of Public Administration
 Institute of Public Service, Seattle University
 Seattle, Washington

1995 Bachelor of Arts, Art History
 University of Washington
 Seattle, Washington

1995 Bachelor of Arts, Studio Art
 University of Washington
 Seattle, Washington

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES/EMPLOYMENT

2018 - Present **Lecturer**

2013 – 2018 **Director, Parent Advocacy Project, Tribal Court Public Defense Clinic/Native American Law Center; University of Washington School of Law**

Provide parent advocacy public defense services in Muckleshoot Tribal Court; co-teach the Tribal Court Public Defense Clinic, supervise Clinic students, and assist in the management and development of the Tribal Clinic program.

Primary areas of teaching and supervision include dependency and Indian Child Welfare practice, Indian Child Welfare Act application, trial and advocacy skills, and tribal court practice.

Design, implement, and participate in trainings related to tribal court advocacy, tribal public defense, and systemic tribal justice issues. Participate in ongoing court improvement, access to justice, and tribal court justice projects with a variety of partners.

Program management, policy, and administrative duties.

2006 - 2013 **Director, Center for Professional Development, Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, Washington.**

Develop and implement training for law students committed to public service practice. Duties included assessment of professional development needs, resource development, session design, outreach, consultation on specific professional development issues, and materials development.

2001 - 2006 **Staff Attorney, The Defender Association, Seattle, Washington.**

Serve in a variety of capacities in different areas of criminal and child welfare practice at highly regarded Public Defender office. Practice areas included dependencies, BECCA Bill litigation, and misdemeanors. In addition to direct client representation, duties included the supervision of students.

AREAS OF INTEREST

Indian Child Welfare

Child Welfare

Public Defense

Tribal Courts and Justice Systems

Capacity Building in Courts

Wellness Courts

Cultural Competence

Comparative Law

Clinical Legal Education

BAR ADMISSIONS

- 2013 Muckleshoot Tribal Court
- 2009 Tulalip Bar Association
- 2001 Washington State Bar Association

PRO BONO ACTIVITIES

- 2013 – Pres. OneAmerica Legal Clinics
- 2009 - 2013 University of Washington Tribal Defense Clinic
- 2009 - 2010 King County Bar Association Housing Justice Project

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- 2014 – Pres. Muckleshoot Tribal Court Improvement Grant Committee
- 2013 - 2015 Board of Directors, Legal Counsel for Youth and Children
- 2012 - 2013 National Advisory Committee, Equal Justice Works

PUBLICATIONS

Indian Child Welfare Act Chapter, Juvenile Non-Offender Benchbook, Court Improvement Training Academy, Editor, available at <https://www.uwcita.org/benchbook/chapter-29-indian-child-welfare-act/>.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS (2014 – PRESENT)

Ethics and Returning to In-Person Practice: Has Anything Changed?, Indian Law Symposium, October 1, 2021

Ethics in the Time of Covid-19: Securing Your Legal (Remote) Practice, Indian Law Symposium, October 8, 2020

Lessons from ICWA Courts and Ideas for State and Tribal Court Collaboration; Court Improvement Training Academy: Dependency Court Practice for Judicial Officers, March 4, 2020

Tribal Sovereignty and Child Welfare: A Comparative Law Discussion; Presentation and Discussion Facilitation with Judicial and Court Personnel from Africa, in Cooperation with World Affairs Council, September 27, 2019

Trusting Technological Security: Ethical Quicksand for the Unsuspecting Lawyer, Indian Law Symposium, September 5, 2019

Ensuring the Protections of the Indian Child Welfare Act - Tips and Tricks for Dependency Proceedings in Washington State, Native American Task Force, Northwest Justice Project, May 13, 2019

ICWA: Law, Regulations, Policy, History, and Practice, Court Improvement Training Academy: Dependency Court Practice for Judicial Officers, March 6, 2019

The Indian Child Welfare Act and Litigating Child Welfare Cases in Tribal Courts, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM) Mexico, D.F., September 25, 2018

Ethical Issues in Tribal Court Practice, Indian Law Symposium, September 6, 2018

Family Law in Tribal Communities, for Limited License Legal Technician course, Washington State Bar Association, April 12, 2018

Family Law in Tribal Communities, for Limited License Legal Technician course, Washington State Bar Association, April 13, 2017

Indian Child Welfare Act and the 2016 Federal Regulations: The Promises of ICWA Applied, Child Abuse & Neglect Institute, March 8, 2017

Indian Child Welfare Act and the 2016 Federal Regulations: Fundamentals for Parent Legal Advocates, King County Department of Defense Training, December 7, 2016

The New ICWA Regulations: Making the Promise of ICWA a Reality for Native Families, Region X Parent Representation Leadership Forum, November 3, 2016

Panelist, Best Practices for Engaging Families in the Child Welfare Court System, Tribal Indian Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Conference, October 19, 2016

Access to Justice in Indian Country: Family Law and Child Welfare, Indian Law Symposium, September 9, 2016

Qualified Expert Witnesses: How to get them, their testimony, and navigate their relationship to the tribe, CAPACITY BUILDING CENTER FOR COURTS, June 22, 2016

The Indian Child Welfare Act Today, for Prof. Brenda Williams' Indian Law Class, May 5, 2016

Family Law in Tribal Communities, for Limited License Legal Technician course, Washington State Bar Association, April 21, 2016

Family and Dependency Law in Tribal Communities, to LESPA Afghan Legal Scholars, March 23, 2016

Ethics of Multijurisdictional Practice: A Family Law Lens: Child Welfare, Washington State Bar Association Legal Lunchbox, October 27, 2015

Muckleshoot Court Child Welfare System Overview: Procedural Analysis, September 18, 2015

Public Defense in Tribal Courts: Parent Advocacy and Criminal Defense, Indian Law Symposium, September 11, 2015

Muckleshoot Child and Family Services Training, for Muckleshoot service providers, November 15, 2014

Ethics: Scope of Representation for Pro Bono Attorneys, Representing Parents in Muckleshoot Youth in Need of Care Cases, February 14, 2014