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Education

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

PhD, Department of American Culture, August 2020.

Dissertation: "The Indians of California versus The United States of America: California Dreaming in the Land of Lost Treaties, 1900-1975."

Committee: Phil Deloria, Greg Dowd, Maria Cotera, Anthony Mora

University of Michigan

MA, Department of American Culture, May 2016

University of California, Berkeley

BA, Native American Studies & Ethnic Studies, May 2014

Academic Appointments:

July 2021- Assistant Professor, Department of Native American Studies, University of California, Davis.

2020-2021 University of California President's Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Ethnic Studies, University of California, Berkeley. Advisor Shari Huhndorf

Research and Teaching Interests

- California Indian History, Native American History, Women and Gender Studies, American Indian Law, American Studies

Publications

Review Essays

- "Douk, Directed by Michelle Hernandez (Wiyot)," News from Native California, Winter 2021- 2022.
- "Marie Mason Potts: The Lettered Life of a California Indian Activist. By Terri A. Castaneda." Western Historical Quarterly, Spring 2021.

Works In-Progress

Journal Articles

- "Nancy Spear: Wiyot Survival on the Lost Coast" (Article in Preparation)
 - Nancy Spear (1840-1884) was my 3rd-great-grandmother. I am related to her by her youngest daughter, Flora L. Spear (1879-1969, born in Freshwater, CA), who was my 2nd-great-grandmother. Flora's son, Eugene McLean (1898-1954, born in Eureka), was my great-grandfather. My grandfather was an enrolled member of the Wiyot Tribe, Wayne T. McLean (1926-2003, born in Eureka).

Collaborative Grants

- “Sustainable Futures for California’s Indigenous Languages: Resource Development, Training, and Visibility,” Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Higher Learning Program, 2022-2025.
 - Principal Investigator Justin Spence. Co-Investigator Elisabeth Middleton.
 - Co-Investigator, UC Davis.
- “Centering Tribal Stories of Cultural Preservation in Difficult Times,” University of California Multicampus Research Programs and Initiatives Grant, 2021-2023.
 - Principal Investigator Mishuana Goeman (UCLA). UC Davis Principal Investigator Elisabeth Middleton. Co-Investigator Hulleah J. Tsinhnahjinnie.
 - Co-Investigator, UC Davis.
 - Project Title: Tuluwat Returned
 - Description: This multimedia project will feature five interviews with Wiyot Tribal leaders and community members to trace the intergenerational political activism and environmental cleanup to reclaim the village of Tuluwat in Eureka, California.
 - Approved by the Wiyot Tribal Council May 10, 2021.
 - Directed by Michelle Hernandez (Wiyot)
 - (Upcoming) Interviews scheduled September 8- 15, 2022.

Presentations

- (Upcoming) “Petitioning for The California Indians Jurisdictional Act of 1928,” Western History Association, San Antonio, Texas, October 14, 2022.
- “California Indian Studies and the Archive,” California Indian Studies and Scholars Association Symposium (Hybrid), University of California, Riverside, June 3rd, 2022.
- “The 1862 Morrill Land-Grant Act in Northern California,” American Association of Geographers (Online), April 7, 2021.
- “California Nightmares: ‘Lost’ Treaties, Native Nazis, and the Political battle for Stolen Lands,” Western History Association, Albuquerque (Online), October 15, 2020.
- “The Eighteen Unratified Treaties of California,” UC Berkeley Center for Educational Justice and Community Engagement. The University of California Land Grab. Part 1: Unearthing Indigenous Land Dispossession in the Founding of the University of California (Online), September 25, 2020.
 - YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/6z0QbDz3KDE>
- “Lost Treaties, Tribal Sovereignty and the Political Battle for Stolen California Indian Lands,” Harvard University, Native Cultures Seminar, January 28, 2020.
- “The 1928 California Indian Jurisdictional Act and the Formation of the ‘Indians of California,’” Western History Association, San Antonio, Texas, 2018.
- “Exploring Indigenous Testimony during the 1966 California Indian Judgement Fund Hearings,” Native American and Indigenous Studies Association, Los Angeles, 2018.

Fellowships

- UC Davis Center for the Advancement of Multicultural Perspectives on Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities (CAMPSSAH), Fall 2020 Cohort.
- Harvard University, Visiting Fellow, Department of History, Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, Fall 2019-2020.
- The Newberry Library, Susan Kelly Power and Helen Hornbeck Tanner Fellowship, July 2019.

- National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Summer Institute: The Native American West—A Case Study of the Columbia Plateau, June 2018.

Service and Leadership

- The Newberry Library, Newberry Consortium in American Indian Studies, Faculty Liaison, Fall 2021-present.
- UC Davis Native American Studies, Department Colloquium, Committee Member, 2021-present.
- UC Davis Mellon Public Scholars Program, Summer Faculty Mentor, August 2021.
- Western History Association, Membership Committee, Graduate Student/ Postdoctoral Representative, Fall 2018- Spring 2021.