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EDUCATION

- PhD, Information Science, University of Washington, Seattle 2018
Dissertation title: "Let Me Tell You About Indian Libraries": Self-Determination, Leadership, and Vision---The Basis of Tribal Library Development in the United States
Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Cheryl A. Metoyer
- MS, Information Science. University of Washington, Seattle 2015
- MS, Information Studies University of Texas at Austin 2006
- MA, Curriculum and Instruction. New Mexico State University, Las Cruces 2004
- BS, Education. New Mexico State University, Las Cruces 2000
Distinction in University Honors

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Littletree, S. & Metoyer, C.A. (2015) Knowledge organization from an Indigenous perspective: The Mashantucket Pequot Thesaurus of American Indian Terminology Project. *Cataloging & Classification Quarterly*, 53(5-6), 640-657.
- Montiel-Overall, P. & Littletree, S. (2010). Knowledge River: A case study of a library and information science program focusing on Latino and Native American perspectives. *Library Trends*, 59 (1-2), 67-87.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Littletree, S. (2011). Advocacy and Marketing for the Tribal Library, In L. Roy A. Bhasin, and S.K. Arriaga, (Eds.) *Tribal libraries, archives, and museums: Preserving our language, memory, and lifeways* (pp.199-202). Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press.
- Chung, H. & Littletree, S. (2010). Communities of Practice in Residency Programs: The NCSU Libraries Fellows Program. In M. Perez & C. Gruwell (Eds.). *The New Graduate Experience: Post-MLS Residency Programs and Early Career Librarianship*. Santa Barbara, California: Libraries Unlimited.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "Message from AILA President." *American Indian Library Association Newsletter*, 35, 1. Spring 2012.
- "Message from AILA President." *American Indian Library Association Newsletter*, 34, 2. Fall 2011.
- Tribal Libraries Procedures Manual (TRAILS), 3rd Edition, American Library Association Office for Literacy and Outreach Services publication, 2008.
- Tribal Libraries Advocacy Guide, American Library Association Office for Literacy and Outreach Services publication, 2008.
- Littletree, S. (2006). Honoring Generations: Developing the Next Generation of Native Librarians. In *Proceedings of the First National Joint Conference of Librarians of Color* (pp. 293-304). Dallas, TX.

GRANTS AND SPONSORED PROJECTS

2011. University of Arizona's School of Information Resources and Library Science (SIRLS). Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program IMLS Grant (Institute for Museum and Library Services), \$844,965; Matching Amount: \$861,480
2010. University of Arizona Office for the Responsible Conduct of Research & Graduate College, Small Grants Program in Research Integrity. "Research with

Respect: Ethical Approaches to Native American Cultural Research and Archival Practices.” A collaborative grant with the University of Arizona Libraries, \$3,000
2010. Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grant, Arizona State Library, Archives, and Museums, “Stories of Arizona Tribal Libraries: An Oral History Project.” \$8,410

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Indigenous Systems of Knowledge at the Intersections of the Information Science Field and Academia.” HASTAC 2019 Decolonizing Technologies, Reprogramming Education, Vancouver, British Columbia Canada. 2019.
- “Indigenous Systems of Knowledge at the Intersections of the LIS Field and Academia.” International Indigenous Librarians’ Forum, Auckland, New Zealand. 2019.
- “The History and Development of Tribal Libraries in the United States.” International Indigenous Librarians’ Forum, Auckland, New Zealand. 2019.
- “Relationality and Indigenous Systems of Knowledge: At the Heart of Indigenous Librarianship.” 3rd Joint Conference of Librarians of Color, Albuquerque, NM, 2018.
- “The History and Currency of Tribal Libraries: Sovereignty, Information, and Empowerment.” 3rd Joint Conference of Librarians of Color, Albuquerque, NM, 2018.
- “Indigenous Systems of Knowledge in the Library and Information Science (LIS) Curriculum.” Panel. Native American and Indigenous Studies Association Conference, Los Angeles, CA, 2018.
- “Sharing Stories of Tribal Libraries: History, Sovereignty, and Empowerment.” International Conference of Indigenous Archives, Libraries, and Museums, Albuquerque, NM. 2017.
- “Archival Education that Serves the Needs of Tribal Archivists and Communities: Three Perspectives.” Panel. Society of American Archivists, Portland, OR. 2017.
- “Tribal Library Stories.” Co-Presenter with Carlos Duarte and Aaron LaFromboise. Tribal College Librarians Professional Development Institute, Bozeman, MT. 2017.
- “Co-creating knowledge: Indigenous Systems of Knowledge and Information Institutions.” International Indigenous Librarians’ Forum, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada. 2015.
- “Indigenous Systems of Knowledge and Information Institutions: Intersections and Strategies.” Symposium of Native & Indigenous Scholarship, University of Washington. 2015.
- “Leaders Wanted: Is an LIS Doctoral Program Right for You?” Panel Presentation. American Library Association Annual Conference. San Francisco, CA. 2015.
- “Indigenous Knowledge Organization (IKO) Project: Knowledge Organization from an Indigenous Perspective.” Newberry Consortium in American Indian Studies, Graduate Student Conference, The Newberry Library, Chicago, IL. 2014.
- “Leaders Wanted: Cultivating Diversity in LIS Education.” Panel presentation. American Library Association Annual Conference. Las Vegas, NV. 2014.
- “Indigenous Librarianship: A Pathway to Revitalizing Culturally Informed Senses.” Symposium of Native & Indigenous Scholarship, University of Washington. 2013
- “Leaders Wanted: Cultivating Diversity in LIS Education.” Panel presentation. American Library Association Annual Conference. Chicago, IL. 2013.
- “Navigating Indian Country: Library Services to Indigenous Communities.” Panel. Joint Conference of Librarians of Color, Kansas City, MS. 2012.
- “Stories of Arizona’s Tribal Libraries: An Oral History Project.” Joint Conference of Librarians of Color, Kansas City, MS. Co-presenter with Jamie A. Lee and Melanie Toledo. 2012.
- “Stories of Arizona’s Tribal Libraries: The Value of Stories and Lived Perspectives.” Co-presenter with Jamie A. Lee. Arizona Centennial Conference, Phoenix, AZ. Session: *Reading the West: The Making of Libraries and Librarians in Arizona*. 2012.
- “Qualitative Data: Stories of Arizona’s Tribal Libraries.” Co-presenter with Jamie A. Lee. Arizona

- Archives Summit, Phoenix, AZ. 2012.
- “Digital Divide to Digital Inclusion: Increasing Access for Native and Latino Communities.” Co-presenter with Richard Chabran, Nancy Godoy, Berlin Loa, Sarah Tankersly. Arizona Library Association Pre-Conference, Tucson, AZ. 2011.
- “Emerging Best Practices for Latino/a Recruitment in Academic Librarianship.” Panel. REFORMA National Conference, Denver, CO. 2011.
- “The Diversity Imperative for Cultivating 21st Century Librarians: The Knowledge River Model.” Co-presenter with Jessica Hernandez. World Library and Information Congress, 77th IFLA General Conference and Council, New Professionals Special Interest Group session, San Juan, Puerto Rico. 2011.
- “What is Knowledge River?” Co-presenter with Kimberly Arthur, Maria Castillo, Shawna Thompson. Tribal College Librarians Professional Development Institute, Bozeman, MT. 2010.
- “Advocacy for Tribal Libraries.” National Institute for Tribal Libraries, Catoosa, OK. 2008.
- “IM a Native Librarian: The NCSU Fellow Experience as a Technology Bridge for Native American Librarians.” Co-presenter with Janelle Joseph. Southwest Texas Popular/American Culture Association, Albuquerque, NM. 2008.
- “The Tribal Library Procedures Manual (TRAILS).” National Conference of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums, Oklahoma City, OK. 2007.
- “Thinking Outside the Box: Librarians Outside the Library.” Panel presentation. Spectrum Leadership Institute, Washington, DC. 2007.
- “Expanding the Circle of Honoring Generations.” Co-presentation. Sequoyah Research Center Symposium, Little Rock, AR. 2006.
- “Honoring Generations: Developing the Next Generation of Native Librarians.” Co-presentation. Joint Conference of Librarians of Color, Dallas, TX. 2006.
- “Honoring Generations: Developing the Next Generation of Native Librarians.” Co-presentation. World Indigenous Peoples' Conference on Education, Hamilton, Aotearoa, New Zealand. 2005.
- “Honoring Generations: Developing the Next Generation of Native Librarians.” Co-presentation. Sequoyah Research Center Symposium, Little Rock, AR. 2005.
- “Honoring Generations and Services With Indigenous Peoples.” Co-presentation. International Indigenous Librarians' Forum, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. 2005.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- “A Brief History of Tribal Libraries.” Keynote address. American Indian Library Association 40th Anniversary Celebration. Washington, DC. 2019.
- “The Evolution of Library Services for Native People: A Timeline.” Keynote address. Tribal Libraries Convening: Guiding IMLS Funding to Meet the Needs of Tribal Librarians and Their Communities. Washington, DC. 2019.
- “Native American Library Services History: Stories from the Archives.” Tribal College Librarians Professional Development Institute, Bozeman, MT. 2019.
- “Honoring Relationality: Centering Indigenous Perspectives in Library Services.” Invited lecture. Mount Royal University Library. Calgary, Alberta, Canada. 2019.
- “Focusing on Indigenous Ontologies in LIS.” Library Internal Workshop. Mount Royal University Library, Calgary, Alberta, Canada. 2019.
- “The Things We Do: Indigenous Approaches to Knowledge and the Verbs that Drive Our Work.” Keynote address. Sorting Libraries Out: Decolonizing Classification and Indigenizing Description. Indigenous Metadata Symposium. Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. 2019.
- “Relationality. Reciprocity. Responsibility. Respect: Library Services Based on Indigenous Systems of Knowledge.” Keynote address. Puget Sound Educational Service District

- (PSESD) Teacher Librarian Institute, Seattle, WA. 2018.
- "Relationality and Indigenous Systems of Knowledge: At the Heart of an LIS Pedagogy." Colloquia Series, School of Library, Archival and Information Studies, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C., Canada. 2018.
- "Indigenous Systems of Knowledge." Tribal College Librarians Professional Development Institute, Bozeman, MT. 2017.
- "We are All Related: Relationality and Cultivating Communities of Practice for Indigenous Librarians." Alaska Native Libraries Archives Museums Summit, Anchorage, AK. 2013.
- "Advocacy for Tribal Libraries." Keynote address. Gathering of Arizona Tribal Libraries, Salt River, AZ. 2008.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

- "The Indigenous Information Research Group: Rebuilding Nations, Empowering Communities." International Conference of Indigenous Archives, Libraries, and Museums, Phoenix, AZ. 2016.
- "Rebuilding Nations: Empowering Communities". With the Indigenous Information Research Group (IIRG). iSchool Research Fair, University of Washington. 2015.
- "Native Systems of Knowledge" International Indigenous Librarians' Forum. University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada. 2015.
- "Native Systems of Knowledge." Poster presentation with the Indigenous Information Research Group (IIRG). iSchool Research Fair, University of Washington. 2014.
- "Indigenous Knowledge Organization Project: Knowledge Organization from an Indigenous Perspective." With the Indigenous Information Research Group (IIRG). iSchool Research Fair, University of Washington. 2013.
- "Bringing Our Children Home: Co-Creating a Knowledge Management System with the National Indian Child Welfare Association" With the Indigenous Information Research Group (IIRG). iSchool Research Fair, University of Washington. 2012.
- "What's New with the IFLA Indigenous Matters Special Interest Group," With Stephen Stratton. Joint Conference of Librarians of Color, Kansas City, MS. 2012.
- "10 Years of Knowledge River at the University of Arizona: Graduates Reflect on Latino and Native American Library Services in LIS Education and in the Field." With Jessica Hernandez. Joint Conference of Librarians of Color, Kansas City, MS. 2012.
- "Celebrating 10 Years of Knowledge River at the University of Arizona: Perspectives of Indigenous Students and Alumni." With Shawna Thompson and Donovan Pete. IFLA Presidential Programme: Indigenous Knowledges. Local Priorities, Global Contexts. Vancouver, B.C., Canada. 2012.
- "Knowledge River." Association of Tribal Libraries, Archives, and Museums, Honolulu, HI. 2011.
- "Tribal Library Advocacy Resources @ the American Library Association." National Conference of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums, Oklahoma City, OK. 2007.
- "Honoring Generations: Developing the Next Generation of Indigenous Librarians." World Library and Information Congress, 72nd IFLA General Conference and Council, Seoul, Korea. 2006. [in absentia]
- "Honoring Generations: Developing the Next Generation of Indigenous Librarians." American Library Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA. 2006.

CAMPUS PRESENTATIONS

- "Stories of Arizona's Tribal Libraries: The Value of Stories and Lived Perspectives." Co-presenter with Jamie A. Lee. University of AZ School of Information Resources and Library Science. Tucson, AZ. 2012.
- "Managing Digital Archives: What Does Cultural Competence Have to Do With It?" Panel. University of AZ School of Information Resources and Library Science. Tucson, AZ.

2011.

“Library Services to Native American Populations.” University of AZ School of Information Resources and Library Science Graduate Student Symposium. Tucson, AZ. 2011.

“The Future of Libraries and Library Education: Panel.” University of AZ School of Information Resources and Library Science. Tucson, AZ. 2010.

“IM a Native Librarian: The NCSU Fellow Experience as a Technology Bridge for Native American Librarians.” Co-presenter with Janelle Joseph. Issues in Libraries and Higher Education, NCSU Libraries Internal Presentation. 2008.

CONVENED/MODERATED PANELS

“A Conversation with Distinguished Guests Camila Alire and Cheryl Metoyer on Leadership.” Knowledge River 10 Year Reunion, Knowledge River Leadership: Perspectives from Students, Alumni, and Distinguished Guests, Tucson, AZ. 2011.

“Knowledge River Scholars, Where are They Now?” Arizona Library Association, Fort McDowell, AZ. 2010.

“Reinvent Your Professional Identity: How to maximize job opportunities during a downturned economy.” American Library Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. 2009.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Washington iSchool, Graduate MLIS Program: Instructor of Record

Indigenous Systems of Knowledge (Online: Spring 2014 & Spring 2016; Residential: Spring 2015)

Cross Cultural Approaches to Leadership (Residential: Winter 2016)

The Question of Information (Online: Autumn 2015)

University of Washington iSchool, Graduate MLIS Program: Teaching Assistant

Public Libraries and Advocacy (Online: Spring 2018 & Spring 2017)

Community Engagement in Libraries and Information Centers (Residential: Winter 2018)

Information Services, Services and Collections (Online: Winter 2015)

Information and Society (Online: Autumn 2014)

Management of Information Organizations (Online: Winter 2014)

Reader/Grader: Graduate MLIS Program

Instruction and Training Strategies for Information Professionals (Online: Autumn 2013)

University of Arizona School of Information Resources and Library Science: Co-Instructor

Information Environments from Hispanic and Native American Perspectives (Fall 2009)

North Carolina State University Libraries, 2007-2009

Information literacy instruction for social sciences

Library Online Basic Orientation (LOBO)

Shiprock High School, Shiprock, New Mexico

Student Teacher, Language Arts (Spring 2004)

Special Education Assistant (2002)

New Mexico State University

Graduate Assistant Department of Curriculum & Instruction

Multicultural Education (Fall 2003; Spring 2004)

Doña Ana Branch Community College Adult Basic Education

Tutorial Assistant (Fall 2002; Spring 2003; Summer 2003)

AmeriCorps

San Juan Service Corps: Project READ Adult Literacy Tutor; Kirtland After School Tutoring Program development and tutor (October 2000-October 2001)

PROFESSIONAL AND LIBRARY EXPERIENCE

Knowledge River Program Manager 2009 – 2012
University of Arizona School of Information Resources and Library Science

Librarian, NCSU Libraries Fellow 2007 – 2009
North Carolina State University Libraries, Raleigh, North Carolina

Independent Contractor Summer 2008
Greenwood Publishing Group

Independent Contractor 2007-2008
American Library Association, Office for Literacy and Outreach Services, Committee on Rural, Native, and Tribal Libraries of All Kinds

Library Assistant 2006 - 2007
Austin Community College, Austin, Texas

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Peer Reviewer: Society of American Archivists Case Study Series *Protocols for Native American Archival Materials*. 2019.

“Reading Nation: Libraries Serving Native American Children, Youth, and Families,” IMLS Grant, National Advisory Board member, 2017-present

First Nations Concentration, University of British Columbia School of Libraries, Archives, and Information Studies, Advisory Board Member, 2012-present

Tribal Digital Stewardship Cohort Program Advisory Board member, Washington State University, 2017-present

Tribal College Librarians Institute, Consultant, 2017-present

Dean Search Committee, iSchool University of Washington, 2017

Peer Reviewer: *Collection Management*, 2016

Digital Atlas of Native American Intellectual Traditions, Planning meeting, 2016

Doctoral Student Association, iSchool University of Washington, Treasurer, 2014-2015

“Circle of Learning,” San Jose State University School of Library and Information Science, Advisory Board Member, 2010-2014

International Indigenous Librarians Forum, 2013 Forum Planning Committee

Joint Conference of Librarians of Color, Scholarship and Awards Committee, 2012

Mukurtu Content Management System Project, Advisor, 2012-present

IFLA SIG on Indigenous Matters, Co-chair, 2012 Session Planning Committee; Member Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums (ATALM), Board Member, 2011- 2012

Institute of Museum and Library Services Native American Grant Reviewer, 2010-2012; 2018

North Carolina State University Librarians Association, Steering Committee Member, 2008-2009

Staff to the NCSU Libraries Diversity Committee, 2007-2008

Gathering of Arizona Tribal Libraries, Secretary, 2010-2012

REFORMA Tucson Chapter, LiSLaS Conference Committee Member, 2010

American Indian Library Association

- Ad Hoc Committee to Defend IMLS-LSTA Funding, 2017
- Nominations Committee, 2013, 2016
- Immediate Past President, 2012-2013
- President, 2011-2012
- Vice President/President Elect, 2010-2011
- Convener, AZ Chapter of AILA, 2010
- Liaison to the Committee on Rural, Native, and Tribal Libraries of All Kinds, 2008-2010
- Tribal Libraries Task Force, 2011

American Library Association

- Spectrum Scholars Interest Group (2008-2010)
- Committee on Rural, Native, and Tribal Libraries of All Kinds, member 2008-2010
- Discovering Librarianship (an IMLS grant through the ALA Office for Diversity), Advisor

SELECTED HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

<i>American Libraries Magazine</i> 2019 Notable Dissertations	2019
New Zealand National Commission for UNESCO, International Indigenous Librarians' Forum Support	2019
Cobell Summer Graduate Research Fellowship	2017
GO-MAP Dissertation Fellowship, University of Washington	2016-2017
American Indian Graduate Center Fellowship	2013-2014, 2016-18
NCAIS Summer Institute, Newberry Library, Chicago	2014
Jeanette Elmer Scholarship, American Indian Graduate Center	2013-2014
GO-MAP Presidential Fellowship, University of Washington	2012
Nominee, Outstanding Professional Staff Member, University of AZ Accolades	2012
Nominee, Outstanding Mentor of Graduate Students, University of AZ Graduate and Professional Student Council Achievement Awards	2011
Minnesota Institute for Early Career Librarians Participant	2008
Intern, Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian	2006
Spectrum Scholar, American Library Association	2005
Highest Graduate Grade Point Average, New Mexico State University	Fall 2004
Golden Apple Scholar, The Golden Apple Foundation of New Mexico	2004
Distinction in University Honors Graduate, New Mexico State University	2000
Crimson Scholar Graduate, New Mexico State University	2000
Udall Scholar, Morris K. Udall Foundation	1999
Chief Manuelito Scholar, Navajo Nation	1996-2000

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- iNative, University of Washington Information School, Founding member, 2018-present
- Indigenous Information Research Group, University of Washington Information School, member 2012-2018
- Association for Library and Information Science Education, member 2017-present
- Native American and Indigenous Studies Association, member 2017-present
- Society of American Archivists, member 2017-present
 - Native American Archives Section
- Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums, Founding Member, 2016-present
- American Library Association, member 2005-present
- American Indian Library Association, member 2005-present