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## Education

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Ph.D. English, University of Arizona, May 2007  
Specializations: Native American Literature, Early to Nineteenth-Century  
American Literature, Postcolonial Theory  
Dissertation: "The Truth to Be Told: Trauma and Healing in Selected Writings by  
Contemporary North American Indigenous Women"

M.A.  
Service-Learning Faculty Fellow, Seattle University, 2009-2010 Academic Year  
College of Arts and Sciences Student Executive Council Teacher of the Year Award, Seattle  
University, Spring 2009

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~~Arizona Scholars Fellowship, University of Arizona, Spring 2007~~

Women's Caucus of the Modern Language Association Annette Kolodny Award, December 2006

Centennial Achievement Graduate Student Award, University of Arizona, December 2006

Graduate and Professional Student Council Travel Award, University of Arizona, Fall 2006

Women's Studies Advisory Council Graduate Student Travel Award, University of  
Arizona, Spring 2006

Arizona Scholars Fellowship, University of Arizona, Spring 2006

Native American Outstanding Graduate Service Award, University of Arizona, May 2005

## **Publications**

Articles:

“Narrative Heatrati



“Native American Cultural Identity & Femininity: An Exploration of Contemporary Native American Women’s Literature.” *Crossing Borders Conference*. Vancouver, British Columbia. March 2001.





Research Assistant, University of Arizona, December 2005 – April 2006

Volunteered to assist J. David Betts from the Language, Reading and Culture Program with grant writing and project administration. Assisted in the development of an Art and Technology Writing Workshop (ATWW) series at the House of Neighborly Service in South Tucson, a community organization founded in 1946 and dedicated to helping Native American youth with nutrition, exercise, and education. The ATWW program was designed specifically for Native American youth and incorporated writing, technology, and performing arts elements.

Research Assistant, University of Arizona, January 2005 – May 2005

Selected to conduct research with Dr. Larry Evers, Chair of the English Department. Focused research on the writings of Native American youth who resided within the boarding school system. Examined works published by the Phoenix Indian School and the Institute of American Indian Arts, including *Spawning the Medicine River* and *The New Trail*.

Co-editor, Technology-Enhanced Language Revitalization, 2004

Assisted Dr. Susan Penfield and Phillip Cash M.A. with the development of the first volume in the Indigenous Languages and Technology Series. Prepared diagrams of computer hardware and instructions on various software use, including Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, FrontPage, and MaxAuthor, a program intended to aid in the creation of language instruction courseware. Designed activities specifically for tribal communities and prepared a comprehensive glossary for inclusion in the volume.

### **Academic Service**

Advisory Board, Seattle University's Office of Multicultural Affairs – Spring 2009 to present  
Asked to serve as a faculty representative on the advisory board for Seattle University's Office of Multicultural Affairs. The board meetings quarterly and assists the director, Monica Nixon, with planning and development.

Advisory Board, Seattle University's Center for the Study of Justice in Society –

Advisory Board, Seattle University's Women Studies Program – Fall 2007 to present  
 Volunteered to serve on the advisory board for the Women Studies Program at Seattle University. The advisory board helps to define the future of the Women Studies Program and works closely with the director of the program on special events, course offerings, program visibility, and student recruitment.

Faculty Advisor, Seattle University's First Nations Club – Fall 2007 to present  
 Asked to serve as faculty advisor to the First Nations Club at Seattle University. The faculty advisor assists the president(s) with determining activities for the First Nations Club and acts as a faculty liaison.

Environmental Advisory Committee, Seattle University – Spring 2008 to Spring 2009  
 Nominated to serve on the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) for Seattle University. The EAC was responsible for guiding the university in its sustainability efforts and for helping to design and create academic offerings and community service projects.

Secretary, *Association for the Study of American Indian Literatures* – 2007-2009  
 Elected to serve as secretary for the executive committee for the *Association for the Study of American Indian Literatures*. Duties include taking meeting notes, assisting in the organization of conference panels, frequent email correspondence, and working with other executive committee members on events and issues relevant to the organization.

### **Professional Affiliations and Organizations**

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Modern Language Association  
 Society of Early Americanists  
 Association for the Study of American Indian Literatures  
 Society for the Study of American Women Writers  
 Western Literature Association

### **Languages**

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French (moderate reading and writing proficiency, basic speaking proficiency)

### **References**

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References are available upon request.