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EDUCATION

MA, Interdisciplinary Studies	2024
Power, Conflict, and Ideas	
University of British Columbia, Okanagan	
Supervisor: Dr. Ilya Parkins	
BA, Gender & Women's Studies	2022
Minor in Cultural Studies	
University of British Columbia, Okanagan	
Okanagan College	
Diploma, Arts & Entertainment Mgmt.	2018
Capilano University	

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Name	Institution	Year
Tuum Est Student Initiative Fund	UBC Okanagan	2024
FASS Graduate Student Travel Grant	UBC Okanagan	2024
Richard Garvin Graduate Student Travel Award	UBC Okanagan	2024
NIB Trust Fund	UBC Okanagan	2024
Graduate Research Scholarship	UBC Okanagan	2023
Indigenous Graduate Fellowship	UBC Okanagan	2023
Tuum Est Student Initiative Fund	UBC Okanagan	2023
SSHRC CGS-M	UBC Okanagan	2022
Graduate Research Scholarship	UBC Okanagan	2022
Indigenous Graduate Fellowship	UBC Okanagan	2022
Convocation Student Speaker	UBC Okanagan	2022
Dean's List	UBC Okanagan	2022
Pushor Mitchell LLP Award	Okanagan College	2020
OC Academic Scholarship	Okanagan College	2019
Dean's List	Okanagan College	2018-2020
Graduation with Distinction	Capilano University	2018
Fairfax Financial Entrance Award	Capilano University	2016

SCHOLARLY AND COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS

PUBLICATIONS

“Rest as Resistance: Visiting with Land as a Method of Rest.” Journal of Indigenous Social Development 2025. <https://doi.org/10.55016/ojs/jisd.v13i1.79267>.

“Restful Resistance: How I Use Rest to Dream Métis Futures.” Pawaatamihk: Journal of Métis Thinkers 2023. <https://doi.org/10.36939/pawaatamihk/vol1no1/art30>.

“Fringe Natures: Collaborative Reflections on Method.” Co-authored with Yazdan Gordanpour, Chhavi Mathur, Madeline Donald, Xiaoxuan Huang, Yujie Gao, Judee Burr, Juan Sotelo, Maria Sanchez, and Astrida Neimanis. DIY Methods Conference 2022. <https://doi.org/10.17613/dq0x-gs49>.

CONFERENCES

“Rest as Resistance: A Métis-Feminist Theory of the Relevance of Rest in Activism.”

Resistance Through Feminist Acts of Care: Crafting Restorative Spaces of Knowledge, Community, and Coalition Building Towards Liberation Conference. University of Ottawa and Carleton University; Ottawa. 26 March 2024.

“Restful Resistance: A Métis-Feminist Ruminations on Rest in Activism.” Indigenous Graduate Student Symposium. Simon Fraser University; Vancouver. 23 March 2024.

“Rest as Resistance: Métis Cultural Art Practices as a Meditative Anti-Colonial Resistance.” Performing Care and Carelessness: An Interdisciplinary Conference. University of Otago; Virtual. 14 February 2024.

“Befriending Fireweed: Visiting with Land as an Act of Restful Resistance.” Urban Indigenous Wellbeing Gathering. Kelowna, BC. 13 October 2023.

“Co-Creating Classroom Spaces to Support Indigenous Student Wellbeing.” Co-authored with Erin Delfs. Urban Indigenous Wellbeing Gathering. Kelowna, BC. 13 October 2023.

“Restful Reflection: Collaborative, Arts-Based Rest Practices as Decolonial Resistance.” Indigenous Graduate Student Symposium. University of British Columbia; Vancouver, BC. 18 March 2023.

“Fringe Natures: Collaborative Reflections on Method.” Co-authored with Yazdan Gordanpour, Chhavi Mathur, Madeline Donald, Xiaoxuan Huang, Yujie Gao, Judee Burr, Juan Sotelo, Maria Sanchez, and Astrida Neimanis. DIY Methods Conference. 19 September 2022.

WORKSHOPS, PANELS, TALKS

FEELers Camp. Pod Lead. FEELed Lab at University of British Columbia Okanagan, 2-8 June 2025.

Indigenous-Led Health Research: Fostering Wellness, Strengthening Knowledge. Panelist. Five Days in May, BC Health. 30 May 2025.

Rest as Resistance. Workshop. UBC Okanagan Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Office, Sexual Assault Awareness Month. 30 January 2024.

Rest as Resistance. Workshop. Ojibiikaan Indigenous Cultural Network. 15 December 2023.

Shakhi Ki Nishtawaymiht: A 2Spirit & LGBTQ Celebration. Panelist. Métis Community Services BC. 17 November 2023.

Very Important Meeting: Creative and Collaborative Experimentations in Rest. Workshop. FEELed Lab at University of British Columbia. 6 November 2023.

Rest as Resistance. Talk. Mamawi Project Gathering. 20 August 2023.

Fringe Natures #11: Resting Together. Workshop. FEELed Lab at University of British Columbia, 12 May 2023.

Rest as Resistance. Workshop. Graduate Student Committee of the Students’ Union Okanagan of UBC. 31 March 2023.

Rest as Resistance Part Two: Enacting Thoughtful Rest in Our Lives (with Dani Pierson) Workshop. UBC Okanagan Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Office, Sexual Assault Awareness Month, 27 January 2023.

Rest as Resistance Part One: Reflecting on Tricia Hersey’s Rest is Resistance and Other Theorizing on Rest (with Dani Pierson). Workshop. UBC Okanagan Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Office, Sexual Assault Awareness Month, 13 January 2023.

RESEARCH AND ARCHIVES EXPERIENCE

Sessional Indigenous Studies Instructor Northwest Polytechnic	08/2025-12/2025 Grande Prairie, AB
• Develop and teach three Indigenous Studies courses. o Land-Based Learning; Indigenous Ways of Knowing; Indigenous Governance.	
Projects and Communications Coordinator Fort Nelson First Nation Lands Department	07/2024 - 08/2025 Fort Nelson First Nation, BC
• Oversee and track progress and completion of project deliverables. • Generates high-quality grant proposals, narratives, applications, and supporting documents in line with the funding application requirements. • Oversee and complete community and external funding reports. • Oversee communications development for department events and projects.	
Humanities Lab Administrator FEELed Lab, Canada Research Chair Astrida Neimanis University of British Columbia, Okanagan	11/2021 – 06/2024 Kelowna, BC
• Support and lead organization and implementation of research creation and knowledge dissemination events. • Lead communications including website, social media, & email newsletter.	
Graduate Research Assistant University of British Columbia, Okanagan Supervisor: Dr. Roberto Filippello	04/2023 – 06/2023 Kelowna, BC
• Compile a comprehensive literature review on Indigenous Environmental Justice and its intersections with queer-feminist theory.	
Graduate Research Assistant University of British Columbia, Okanagan Supervisor: Dr. Ilya Parkins, (Re)Dressing Weddings	09/2022 – 04/2023 Kelowna, BC
• Review interview transcripts to find relevant quotations based on pre-selected themes. • Compile comprehensive literature reviews on counter-sentimentalism and recognition.	
Archives Assistant Summer Student South Peace Regional Archives	05/2020 – 08/2020 Grande Prairie, AB
• Digitize archival materials & Indigenous reference files with archival quality standards. • Capture metadata about digitized items.	
Research Assistant Sociology Dept., Okanagan College	01/2020 – 08/2020 Kelowna, BC
• Compile a comprehensive literature review on the sociology of cannabis. • Compile a comprehensive literature review on the sociology of education.	
Archives Assistant Summer Student South Peace Regional Archives	05/2019 – 08/2019 Grande Prairie, AB
• Digitize archival materials & Indigenous reference files with archival quality standards. • Write and edit short articles for community member newsletter and blog. • Participate in Indigenous History Committee meetings and initiatives.	