

# DANI PIERSON

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## EDUCATION

<b>MA, Interdisciplinary Studies</b>	2024
Power, Conflict, and Ideas	
University of British Columbia, Okanagan	
<b>BA, Gender &amp; Women's Studies</b>	2022
Minor in Cultural Studies	
University of British Columbia, Okanagan	
Okanagan College	
<b>Diploma, Arts &amp; Entertainment Mgmt.</b>	2018
Capilano University	

## WORK EXPERIENCE

<b>Consultant</b>	12/2023 - Present
• Develop and lead workplace wellness workshops for Indigenous communities and organizations (Council of Yukon First Nations, Métis Community Services BC, Ojibiikaan Indigenous Cultural Network)	
• Lead course and curriculum development for introductory Indigenous studies learning at post-secondary level (Northwestern Polytechnic; Fort Nelson First Nation)	
• Lead external financial reporting (Fort Nelson First Nation)	
<b>Sessional Indigenous Studies Instructor</b>	08/2025-12/2025
Northwestern Polytechnic	Grande Prairie, AB
• Develop and teach three Indigenous Studies courses.	
○ Land-Based Learning; Indigenous Ways of Knowing; Indigenous Governance.	
<b>Projects and Communications Coordinator</b>	07/2024 - 08/2025
Fort Nelson First Nation Lands Department	Fort Nelson First Nation, BC
• Develop, implement, and collaborate on communications strategies to increase community engagement and knowledge of the Lands department.	
• Develop clear, impactful, and community-oriented reports on department research and restoration projects.	
• Coordinate external stakeholders, project managers, and staff to track progress and completion of projects and their deliverables.	
• Oversee and complete external funding activity and financial reports for twenty projects.	
<b>Humanities Lab Administrator</b>	11/2021 – 06/2024
FEELED Lab, Canada Research Chair Dr. Astrida Neimanis	
University of British Columbia, Okanagan	Kelowna, BC
• Lead communications including website, social media, & email newsletter.	
• Collaborate and implement communication strategies to support research creation and knowledge dissemination publications and events.	
• Coordinate lab projects and team members.	
<b>Research Assistantships</b>	2019 – 2023
Okanagan College & University of British Columbia, Okanagan	Kelowna, BC

- Maintain high attention to detail to review, analyze, and summarize qualitative data and literature
- Graduate level: Indigenous environmental justice with Dr. Roberto Filippello; queer and feminist studies of weddings with Dr. Ilya Parkins.
- Undergraduate level: sociology of education and sociology of cannabis with Dr. Shelley Ikebuchi.

**Archives Assistant Summer Student**

2019 - 2020

South Peace Regional Archives

Grande Prairie, AB

- Digitize archival materials & Indigenous reference files with archival quality standards.
- Capture metadata about digitized items.
- Process archival materials to make available for consultation.

**Library Page**

09/2019 - 04/2020

Okanagan College Library

Kelowna, BC

- Maintain organization of library with high attention to detail.

**VOLUNTEERING**

Troyanda Society of Ukrainian Culture and Heritage

2011-Present

- Lead and support event planning, organizing, and implementation.
- Lead and support communications through social media and website.

**Graduate Student Advisor & Editorial board Member**

2022-2024

*That's What We Said Journal*, UBC Okanagan, Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies

- Mentor new members to provide guidance and training for editorial tasks.
- Collaborate on the creative direction of the journal, including issue theme, graphic design, and publication selection process..
- Establish and support the recruitment and onboarding processes for new journal members
- Develop and maintain terms of reference and engagement protocols.