

DANI PIERSON

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EDUCATION

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

WORK EXPERIENCE

Consultant ● 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)	12/2023 - Present
Sessional Indigenous Studies Instructor Northwestern Polytechnic	08/2025-12/2025 Grande Prairie, AB
● Develop and teach three Indigenous Studies courses. <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 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
● 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.	
Humanities Lab Administrator FEEEd Lab, Canada Research Chair Dr. Astrida Neimanis University of British Columbia, Okanagan	11/2021 – 06/2024 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.	
Research Assistantships Okanagan College & University of British Columbia, Okanagan	2019 – 2023 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.