

Curriculum Vitae

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Education:

- PhD Union Institute & University, Cincinnati, OH,
(2014) Interdisciplinary Studies
Humanities & Culture/Public Policy & Social Change/ (Dual)
Dissertation: *Lumbee: Reinterpreting a Native American Identity through Peoplehood*
- M.L.S. University of Oklahoma College of Law (2017)
Master of Legal Studies in Indigenous Peoples Law
- M.A. California State University of Dominguez Hills, Carson, CA,
(2007) Humanities Dissertation: *The Decline of Islamic Intellectualism?*
- B.S. Magna Cum Laude, Excelsior College, Albany, NY, (2002)
History

Employment:

- Mar. 2020 – Pres. Master Naturalist Educator for Chipco Preserve
(National Geographic Certified Educator)
- Jan. 2020 – Pres. President, Chipco Preserve (501c3) UN Special Consultative status
- Jan. 2020 – Pres. Fellow, Policy Vets
- 2017 – Pres. Saint Leo University, Adjunct Faculty
- 2017 Member of the Board of Governors, Academy of United States Veterans
- 2015 – Sep. 2017 Member of the Board of Trustees, Union Institute & University
- 2011 – 2016 Staff Director, Subcommittee on Oversight & Investigations,
- 2007 – 2011 House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, House of Representatives
Military & Veteran Liaison for Congressional Representative
- 2008 Pensacola Junior College, Adjunct Faculty
- 2006 – 2007 Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency
- 2005 – 2006 Graceland University of Iowa, Adjunct Faculty
- 1985 – 2006 United States Marine Corps

Honors & Awards:

- Representing the Sioux Nation at the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII)
- Chipco Historical Marker, Historical Division, State of Florida (2019)
- Recipient, Marvin B. Sussman Dissertation Award, Union Institute & University (2014) SGC co-chair, Union Institute & University (2011-2012)
- Combat Action Ribbon
- Outstanding Volunteer Medal
- Meritorious Service Medal
- Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (2)
- Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (3)

Publications & Submitted Manuscripts:

“Stereotypical Indians: Misrepresenting Native Americans in Popular Literature.” McFarland & Co. Inc. 2025.

“Native American Advocacy.” *Community Partnering for the Advocacy of Mental Health*. Great River Learning, 2021.

“Veterans Advocacy.” *Community Partnering for the Advocacy of Mental Health*. Great River Learning, 2021.

“A Personal Memoir of the Power Dynamic.” *Rebus*, Vol. 1, Issue 6, Winter 2021.

“Amnesia, Anamnesis, and Myth-Making in Florida: A Case Study of Chipco.” *Florida Historical Quarterly*, Vol. 98, No.2, Fall 2019.

“The Mountain of SGaana” Educator’s Guide, *National Film Board of Canada*

“Employees worried VA used veterans as ‘cash cows’ to boost funding.” *Washington Examiner*. Sep 26, 2017.

“VA only filling half of its medical appointments while veterans wait for weeks.” *Washington Examiner*. Sep. 17, 2017.

“Whistleblower asks VA Secretary: Why is retaliation still allowed?” *Washington Examiner*. Aug. 22, 2017.

“Trapped in Time.” *Rebus*. Saint Leo University. Vol.1 Issue 3. Sep. 2017.

“CEDAW and engaging the International Community in Confronting Violence Against US Women.” *IndianCountryTodayMediaNetwork.com*. August 3, 2017.

“Skirting the Indian Child Welfare Act Is a Lucrative Business.” *IndianCountryTodayMediaNetwork.com*. March 10, 2017.

“Centuries Old Practice of Removing Indian Children from Their Homes Continues Despite ICWA.” *IndianCountryTodayMediaNetwork.com*. March 2, 2017.

“Political Deafness & ‘Crazy Indians.’” *IndianCountryTodayMediaNetwork.com*. August 14, 2016.

“The Thirty-Six Hour Patrol.” *Alive Day*. Gary Bloomfield, (2016).

“Gulf War Illness.” *The SAGE Encyclopedia of War*. Ed. Paul Joseph and J. Geoffrey Golson, Oct. 2016.

Reinterpreting a Native American Identity: Examining the Lumbee through the Peoplehood Model. Lexington Books. Oct. 9, 2015.

“The Arrival.” *As You Were: The Military Review*. Vol. 2, 2015.

Lumbee: Reinterpreting a Native American Identity through Peoplehood. ProQuest/UMI. 2014.

“Engine Trouble.” *Journal of Military Experience*. Vol. 3, 2013.

“Hounds of Hell.” *Journal of Military Experience*. Vol. 2, Issue 2. 2012.

“The Thirty-Six Hour Patrol.” *Journal of Military Experience*. Vol. 2, Issue 2. 2012.

“From Ships or Shore.” *Military Training Technology*. Vol. 8, Issue 5. 2003. Discussion with Patrick Chisholm regarding learning technology.

Papers/Presentations:

United Nations Food Systems Dialogue. *Saint Leo University*. November 2023.

“Transformative Collaborations: A Case Study Between UN-Consultative 501C3s, Indian Health and Education, and American Universities.” *Florida College English Association*. Dade City, Fl. October 2023. Presenter.

“Constitution Day.” *Saint Leo University*. Invited Speaker. September 2023.

“Myth and Reality: Buffalo Bill and his Indigenous Actors.” *The Imagined West*. Saint Leo University. San Antonio, Fl. February 2021. Guest Lecturer.

“Yellow Journalism: Indian Uprisings & 19th Century Media.” *The Imagined West*. Saint Leo University. San Antonio, Fl. February 2021. Guest Lecturer.

“A Sustaining Bridge: Haida Survivance in The Mountain of SGaana.” South Atlantic Modern Language Association. Atlanta, Ga. November 2019. Presenter.

“The Seventh Generation and the Analysis of Indigenous Prophecy, Resistance, and Success.” Association of Interdisciplinary Studies, University of Amsterdam. October 2019. Presenter.

“Chipco.” *Seminole Tribe of Florida*. Invited Presenter. February 2018.

“The Legacy of Chief Chipco: From ‘Savage’ to ‘Friend of the Whites.’” Saint Leo University. San Antonio, Fl. February 2018. Guest Lecturer.

“The Colonizing Gaze: Critiquing Mono-Cultural Portrayals of the Native American ‘Savage’ in Popular Culture.” *Southern Humanities Council*. February 2018. Presenter.

“Contemporary Depictions of Native Americans in Fiction and Politics.” Saint Leo University. San Antonio, Fl. November 2018. Guest Lecturer.

“Manufacturing the Savage Romantic: Portrayals of Native American Heroes in Romance Novels.” *South Atlantic Modern Language Association*. November 2017. Presenter.

“Amnesia, Anamnesis, and Myth-Making in Florida: A Case Study of Chief Chipco.” *Florida College English Association*. Melbourne, Fl. October 2017. Presenter.

“The American Indian Movement.” Saint Leo University. San Antonio, Fl. August 2017. Guest Lecturer.

“From Archetypes to Stereotypes: Depictions of the Seminoles in 19th & 20th Century Dime Store Novels.” *Florida College English Association*. St. Petersburg, Fl. October 2016. Presenter.

“Savage Lore: The Native American Swain in Contemporary Romance Novels.” *College English Association*. Denver, Co. March 2016. Presenter.

“From Resistance to Decimation: The Western Colonial Model and Its Impact on Florida’s Apalachee Tribe.” *Florida College English Association*. St. Petersburg, Fl. October 2015. Presenter.

“Happiness & Wellbeing from a non-Western Worldview.” Saint Leo University. San Antonio, Fl. October 2015. Guest Lecturer.

“Understanding the Role of Media in a Congressional Investigation.” U.S. House of Representatives. September 2015. Creator and Facilitator.

“Conducting a Congressional Investigation.” U.S. House of Representatives. August 2015. Creator and Facilitator.

“Social Justice and Indigeneity.” *Union Institute & University*. July 2015. Keynote.

“Recovering Indigenous Political Voices.” Native American and Indigenous Studies

Association. Hyatt Regency, Washington, D.C. June 2015. Moderator.

“The Lumbee Response to a Call for Action.” Association for the Study of Literature and Environment. University of Idaho, Moscow, ID. June 2015. Presenter.

“Developing Whistleblowers in Congressional Investigations.” U.S. House of Representatives, Senior Investigator Training. Washington, D.C. May 2015. Lecture.

“Reform and The Department of Veterans Affairs.” *American Legion National Convention*. August 2014. Speaker.

“The Role of Congressional Oversight in a Democracy.” *House of Representative Democracy Partnership*. International audience. June 2014. Speaker.

“Challenges within the Department of Veterans Affairs.” *Professional Services Council’s Veterans Affairs Task Force*. June 2014. Speaker.

“Conducting Exceptional Congressional Oversight.” *Project on Government Oversight*. August 2013. Speaker.

“Leveraging Health Data to Empower the Patient and Practitioner Care.” *Executive Leadership Conference, American Council for Technology-Industry Advisory Council*. October 2013. Speaker.

“Department of Defense/Department of Veterans Affairs integrated Electronic Health Record.” *Military Electronic Health Record Symposium*. September 2013. Keynote Speaker.

“Conducting Congressional Oversight.” *Watchdog Caucus of the House of Representatives*. July 2013. Speaker.

“Employee Empowerment and the Department of Veterans Affairs.” *American Federation of Government Employees*. Summer, 2012. Speaker.

“Information Technology in the Department of Veterans Affairs.” *Information Technology Acquisition Advisory Council (ITAAC)*. June 2011. Keynote Speaker.

“Embodiment of Ambiguity.” *Union Institute & University Residency Conference*. July 2011. Presenter.

“Storytelling and Society.” *Union Institute & University Residency Conference*. July 2010. Presenter.

“A Simple Point of View: The Radiological Threat.” FEMA Headquarters. August 2007. Paper.

“Ethics on the Battlefield.” Creator and moderator. March 2005. Presenter.

“Fort Pickens – Professional Military Education,” researched, wrote, and taught using the lecture, video presentation, period uniform (Union Marine) and Staff Ride method, Pensacola, Florida. September 2004. Presenter.

“Fort Barrancas and Pensacola– Professional Military Education,” researched, wrote, and taught using the lecture, video presentation, period uniform (Union Marine) and Staff Ride method, Pensacola, Florida. September 2004. Presenter.

“Leadership.” Corry Station. May 2004. Keynote Speaker.

“A Message to Garcia.” Moderator. April 2004. Keynote Speaker.

“Lessons of History.” Corry Station, March 2004. Keynote Speaker.

“Be a Rhino.” Corry Station. April 2003. Keynote Speaker.

Book Reviews:

- Adese, Jennifer. *Aboriginal TM*. Vol. 61. No. 3. Nov. 2023.
- Burtin, Olivier. *A Nation of Veterans*. Vol. 61. No. 1. Sep. 2023.
- Green, Daniel R. *Front Toward Enemy*. Vol. 60. No. 5. Jan. 2023.
- Denton-Borhaug, Kelly. *And then your soul is gone*. Vol.59. No.11. Jul 2022.
- Messner, Michael A. *Unconventional combat*. Choice Vol. 59. No. 8, Apr 2022.
- Nesper, Larry. *Our relations...the mixed bloods*. Choice Vol. 59 No. 5, Jan 2022.
- Crotty, Martin. *The politics of veteran benefits*. Choice Vol. 58, Issue 8, Apr 2021.
- Killsback, Leo. *A Sovereign People*. Choice Vol. 58, Issue 4, Dec 2020.
- Killsback, Leo. *A Sacred People*. Choice Vol. 58, Issue 4, Dec 2020.
- Burns, Eric. *The Politics of Fame*. Choice Vol. 56, Issue 8, Jan 2019.
- Denison, Brandi. *Ute land religion in the American West, 1879–2009*. Vol. 55, Issue 6, Feb 2018.

Teaching Experience:

Saint Leo University

- Honors Course, Nature
- Criminal Justice Ethics
- Legal Issues in Counter Terrorism
- Native American History & Life
- Immigration
- The American Indian Movement in the 60's. First-Year Experience Students. Guest Lecturer.

Emerald Coast Honor Flight (2008-2009)

- Course Developer and Instructor for all Guardian Training pertaining to escorts of World War II Veterans visiting their monument in Washington, D.C.

Pensacola State College (2008)

- Adjunct Faculty for “Logic” and “Philosophy of World Religions.”

Federal Emergency Management Agency (2006–2007)

- Created and taught “Methamphetamines Laboratory Recognition,” “Workplace Violence,” and the “Security Specialist Certification Course” through the Emergency Management Institute. Also, taught detailed Security topics to Security professionals, as well as numerous topics to non-security employees.

Graceland University of Lamoni, Iowa (2006)

- Created and taught orthodox and online Civil War Humanities Course: “The Civil War in Literature and Film.”

Recruiting Staff Non-Commissioned Officer-In-Charge (1995-1997)

- Trained and educated recruiting staff in all facets of recruiting, Marine Corps opportunities, public speaking and career development.

Certifications:

- Certified Interpretive Guide, Aug. 2020
- Florida Advanced Master Naturalist, 2021
- National Geographic Certified Educator, Nov. 2020
- “Motion Graphics for Educators,” Dec. 2018 using Adobe Illustrator and Adobe After Effects
- “3d Design for Educators,” Nov. 2018 using Adobe Dimension
- “Documentaries in the Classroom,” Nov. 2018 using Adobe Premier Rush CC
- “Digital Storytelling in the Classroom,” Sep. 2018 using Adobe Spark
- “Making Things Move,” Dec. 2018 using Adobe Animate and Adobe Photoshop

Community Service:

- *Leo’s Lions*. Feeding program for feral cats. (2017-Pres).
- Marine Corps Hurricane Ivan Recovery Team (2004).
- Pace High School, Pace, Fl. In-Line Hockey Coach.
- City of Milton, Fl. In-Line Hockey Coach (City Champions-Winter 2004).
- City of Oceanside, Ca. In-Line Hockey Coach (numerous championships – 1998 – 2003). City of Oceanside, Ca. Basketball Coach (County Champions-All girls,

numerous

- Championships for co-ed and all girls' teams 1997 - 2003).

Professional Organizations:

- South Atlantic Modern Language Association
- Humanities Education and Resource Association
- Native American and Indigenous Studies Association
- Association for Interdisciplinary Studies
- Veterans of Foreign Wars