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**Enrolled member of West Moberly First Nations (Dunne-Za and Cree)*

Research Area:

Indigeneity; language revitalization and reclamation; language ideologies; colonialism and decolonization; Indigenous livelihoods and cultural heritage; Canada; Japan

Education

2021—

PhD, Socio-Cultural Anthropology

University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada

Project: “*Naachin of Past and Present*”

Supervisor: Dr. Mark Turin

2021

MA, Anthropology

Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, BC, Canada

Thesis: “*Precarious Indigeneity: Ainu Identity-Making in [Digital] North America and its Rootedness in North American Indigenous Experience*”

Supervisor: Dr. Michael Hathaway

2019

BA (Honours with Distinction), Anthropology

Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, BC, Canada

Honours Thesis: “*Decolonizing Urban Indigenous Studies: Defining and Redefining Indigeneity*”

Supervisor: Dr. Michael Hathaway

Languages

English

Reading, speaking, and writing: *Fluent*

Japanese

Reading, speaking, and writing: *Beginner A1*

Academic Positions

2022—

Public Scholar

UBC Public Scholar Initiative, University of British Columbia

2021—2022

Teaching Assistant

Department of Anthropology and Institute for Critical Indigenous Studies, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of British Columbia

2021—2022

Institute of Asian Research Fellow

Centre for Japanese Research, IAR, University of British Columbia

2019—2021

Teaching Assistant

Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Simon Fraser University

Academic Associations, Affiliations, and Services

- 2023 **Student Representative for Faculty Search**
First Nations and Endangered Languages Program, Institute for Critical Indigenous Studies, University of British Columbia
- 2023— **Critical Urban Anthropology Association**
2023— **Society for Linguistic Anthropology**
2019— **Association of Indigenous Anthropologists**
2019— **American Anthropological Association**

Research and Professional Experience

- 2023— **Graduate Academic Assistant**
Department of Anthropology, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC
Responsible for conducting and writing workshop evaluations and end of program year departmental report for the Department of Anthropology's Teaching Assistant workshops.
- 2022— **Graduate Academic Assistant**
Dr. Amirpouyan Shiva, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC
Responsible for creating Climate Change module for Anthropology course curriculum, ANTH 378: Anthropology of Media.
- 2020—2023 **Research Assistant**
Dr. Aynur Kadir, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC
Responsible for information gathering and data collection, document analysis, and major grant writing for projects: *Indigenous Collaborative Digital Heritage Lab* and *Rise of the Indigenous Pacific Rim: Japan, Canada, and China*.
- 2022 **Research Assistant**
Dean Dokkie and Dr. Douglas Hudson, West Moberly First Nations, West Moberly, BC
West Moberly First Nations Historical Archive Project
Responsible for archival research, information gathering and data collection, and data organization.
- 2019—2022 **Editorial Assistant**
American Ethnologist, American Ethnological Society. Editors: Dr. Michael Hathaway and Dr. Stacy Pigg
Responsible for overseeing and managing the input of manuscripts, selecting and inviting reviewers for manuscripts, and assisting in the Editors organization and management of the journal.
- 2018—2022 **Research Assistant**
Dr. Michael Hathaway, David Lam Centre for the Asia-Pacific, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, BC
Responsible for information gathering and data collection, document analysis, communication liaison, geospatial data visualization, and major grant writing. Managed

three research projects focused on indigenous politics and history in North America and East Asia, including *Rise of the Indigenous Pacific Rim: Japan, Canada, and China* and *Reclaiming Indigenous Rights and Voice*.

2021 **Graduate Academic Assistant**
Canadian Journal of Native Education, Indigenous Education, University of British Columbia
Responsible for digitizing select volumes of academic journal.

2018 **Undergraduate Research Assistant**
Dr. Pamela Stern, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, BC
Created annotated bibliographies for letter correspondences, images, newspaper articles, and other documents pertaining to Inuit research project.

Teaching Experience

University of British Columbia

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| 2022 | Winter 1 | U | Teaching Assistant | FNIS 220 | Representation and Indigenous Cultural Politics | 43 |
| 2022 | Winter 1 | U | Teaching Assistant | ANTH 215 | Japanese Culture and Society | 75(150) |
| 2022 | Winter 1 | U | Teaching Assistant | ANTH 317 | Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology | 80 |
| 2022 | Summer 2 | U | Teaching Assistant | ANTH 378 | Anthropology of Media | 60(120) |
| 2022 | Summer 1 | U | Teaching Assistant | FNEL 480 | Endangered Language Documentation and Revitalization | 16 |
| 2022 | Winter 2 | U | Teaching Assistant | ANTH 220 | First Nations of British Columbia | 27(165) |
| 2022 | Winter 2 | U | Teaching Assistant | FNEL 180 | Introduction to Endangered Language Documentation and Revitalization | 30 |
| 2021 | Winter 1 | U | Teaching Assistant | ANTH 202A | Introduction to Religion | 120(192) |

Simon Fraser University

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| 2021 | Summer | U | Tutor Marker | SA 316 | Tourism and Social Policy (S) | 52 |
| 2020 | Summer | U | Tutor Marker | SA 358 | The Philosophy of Social Sciences (S) | 20 |
| 2020 | Spring | U | Teaching Assistant | SA 101 | Introduction to Anthropology (A) | 45(91) |
| 2019 | Fall | U | Teaching Assistant | SA 101 | Introduction to Anthropology (A) | 45(130) |

Work and Volunteer Experience

2022— **Highschool Student Mentor**
As part of Department of Anthropology initiative, once a month, I meet with a select high school student, offering guidance in choosing, applying for, and navigating university programs.

2021 **Student Tutor**
Vancouver, BC
Provide mentoring, copyediting, and general assistance to undergraduate students.

2017—2019 **Shift Supervisor / Barista Trainer**
Starbucks Coffee, Vancouver, BC
Partner of the Quarter Award, Quarter 1, Fiscal Year 2017

2014—2016 **Aboriginal Student Services**
Douglas College, New Westminster, BC

Provided peer support and general assistance to Aboriginal student services student lounge.

2013—2017 **Store Manager**
Bean Around the World Coffee, Vancouver, BC

2011—2013 **Shift Supervisor / Barista Trainer**
Starbucks Coffee, Victoria, BC
Partner of the Quarter Award, Quarter 1, Fiscal Year 2013

Publications and Creative Outputs

Peer-Reviewed

2022 “Gendered disruptions in academic publishing during COVID-19: Uncovering invisible labor at an anthropology journal.” *American Ethnologist* 49.4 (November): 595-609.
Jelena Golubović, Kathleen Inglis, and **Cheyenne Connell**.

Cultural & Language Resources

2023 Indigenous Language Resources. First Voices, First Peoples Cultural Council.
Created 23 Digital Artworks for Indigenous Language Learning Resources for Indigenous Communities and Collaborators.

2022 *K'énéhch'eh*. Children's Indigenous Language Book. Doig River First Nation.
Created short language learning book and resource for community.

2022 *Dane* [Family]. Children's Indigenous Language Book. Doig River First Nation.
Created short language learning book and resource for community.

Creative Outputs

2020 “Colour Me Fungi: A Film by Morgaine Lee”. Directed and produced by Morgaine Lee.
Featuring art by Lola Brown, **Cheyenne Connell**, Kennedy Lindsay, Rachel Sault,
Mackenzie Watson. Film, 3.5 minutes.

2017 “Fat.” *Pearls 36: An Anthology of Work by Douglas College Creative Writing Students*.
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Invited Speaker, Discussant, Presenter and Conferences

Invited Speaker and Panelist

2023 *UBC Roundtable on Decolonization*. Roundtable with panelists (in speaking order)
Sharon Stein, **Cheyenne Connell**, Gage Averill, Amy Perreault, Rima Wilkes, and
Danielle Ignace. Organized and moderated by Charles Menzies. Green College and
Department of Anthropology, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada.
In-person.

2021 *Truth Before Reconciliation*. Conversation on Truth Before Reconciliation between
speakers Tsnomot, Brad Baker (Squamish Nation), Raiyana Alibhai, Nadia Walji and
Cheyenne Connell. The Ismaili Centre Vancouver and the University of British
Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada. Online.

Discussant and Invited Participant

- 2021 *Korean Diasporic Citizenship: Two Tales of Political Incorporation in Japan and the United States*. Presented by Dr. Erin Aeran Chung. Discussant Dr. Hyung-Gu Lynn with comments and questions by IAR Fellows: Brandon Hillier, **Cheyenne Connell**, and Christina Song. The Centre for Korean Research and School of Public Policy and Global Affairs, The University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada. Online.
- 2021 [*What does it mean to be Ainu in the twenty-first century? Ainu Authenticity*](#). Presented by Dr. Kanako Uzawa with comments by Dr. Scott Harrison and **Cheyenne Connell**. David Lam Centre at Simon Fraser University and the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada, Vancouver, BC, Canada. Online.

Presenter

- 2021 *My Journey as an Indigenous Student*. Presenter at Student Stories. Indigenous Previous Day 2021. Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, BC, Canada. Online.
- 2021 *Indigenous Research Methods*. Invited presenter at Research Assistant Training Day. University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada.
- 2020 *Experiences of an Indigenous Graduate Student*. Invited presenter at Simon Fraser University for Graduate Seminar taught by Dr. Pamela Stern. Burnaby, BC, Canada.
- 2019 *Being Indigenous in Anthropology and Academia*. Presenter at Anthropologists Go Back to School. CASCA-AAA 2019 Conference. Burnaby Youth Custody Services, Burnaby, BC, Canada.
- 2019 *Urban Indigenous Research Methods and Considerations*. Invited presenter at Simon Fraser University for graduate course Advanced Qualitative Methods: Participatory and Decolonial Approaches taught by Tiffany Myrdahl. Burnaby, BC, Canada.
- 2019 *Decolonizing Urban Indigenous Studies: Defining and Redefining Indigeneity*. Invited presenter at Simon Fraser University for undergraduate course Indigenous Social Movements taught by Michael Hathaway. Burnaby, BC, Canada.
- 2019 *Urban Indigenous Place-Making and Belonging in Tokyo, Japan*. Presenter at Identifying Challenges and Potential Solutions in Protecting Indigenous Heritage in Japan and North America. International Research Network for Indigenous Studies and Cultural Diversity Workshop. Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, BC, Canada.

Conferences, Workshops, and Other

- 2021 **Moderator.** [*Invisible Indigenous Descendants in Hokkaido, Japan*](#). Presented by Dr. Mai Ishihara with comments by Dr. Scott Harrison. David Lam Centre at Simon Fraser University, the Centre for Ainu and Indigenous Studies at Hokkaido University, and the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada. Online.

Awards and Honours

- 2023 President's Academic Excellence Initiative PhD Award, \$405
- 2022 President's Academic Excellence Initiative PhD Award, \$940
- 2019 BA Thesis, Honours with Distinction

2019 President's Honour Roll
2019 Dean's Honour Roll

Grants, Scholarships, and Fellowships – total: \$239,078 CAD

2023—2026 Canada Graduate Scholarship, Doctoral (CGS-D) 3YR, SSHRC, \$105,000
2022—2026 Aboriginal Graduate Fellowship (AGF) PhD 4YR, UBC, \$75,802 [\$21,202]*

Paid via: 2023, Cordula and Gunter Paetzold Fellowship, UBC, \$6,000
2023, AGF Tuition Award, UBC, \$1,802
2022, Cordula and Gunter Paetzold Fellowship, UBC, \$12,000
2022, AGF, UBC, \$1,400

**Year 1 paid, then replaced by CGS-D for 2023—2026 academic years*

2022 Public Scholar, Public Scholar Initiative, UBC \$7,000

2022 Wilson Duff Memorial Scholarship, UBC, \$1,300

2021—2025 PhD 4YR GSI Funding & Tuition, UBC, \$97,382 [\$28,576]*

**Year 1 paid, then replaced by AGF for 2022—2025 academic years*

2021—2022 Institute of Asian Research Fellowship, UBC, \$500

2021—2022 Irving K. Barber BC Indigenous Student Award (Doctoral level), \$10,000

2021 Graduate Fellowship, Supplemental, SFU, \$7,000

2021 Graduate Fellowship, SFU, \$3,500

2020 David Lam Centre Research Award, \$1,500

2020—2021 IndSpire, Allan & Gill Gray Foundation Awards, \$20,000

2020 The Japan Foundation, Tanaka Fund Travel Program, \$9,520 (declined due to COVID-19 travel restrictions)

2019—2020 Irving K. Barber BC Indigenous Student Award (Master level), \$10,000

2020 Graduate Fellowship, Supplemental, SFU, \$7,000

2020 Graduate Fellowship, Supplemental, SFU, \$6,500

2020 Indigenous Grad Travel Award, \$1,000

2020 Graduate Fellowship, SFU, \$6,500

2019 Special Grad Entrance Scholarship, SFU, \$1,500

2018 Simon Fraser University Open Bursary Program

2018 Simon Fraser Student Society Undergraduate Bursary

2011 Dogwood Scholarship, \$1,000