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Research Area:

Indigeneity; 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 Western 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*

Academic Positions

- 2021— **Institute of Asian Research Fellow**
Centre for Japanese Research, IAR, University of British Columbia
- 2021— **Teaching Assistant**
Department of Anthropology and Institute for Critical Indigenous Studies, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of British Columbia
- 2019—2021 **Teaching Assistant**
Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Simon Fraser University

Research and Professional Experience

- 2020— **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*.

- 2018— **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*.
- 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.
- 2021 **Graduate Academic Assistant**
 Canadian Journal of Native Education, Indigenous Education, University of British Columbia
- 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.
- 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

2022	Summer 2	U	Teaching Assistant	ANTH 378	Anthropology of Media		125
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	A-	(27)165
2022	Winter 2	U	Teaching Assistant	FNEL 180	Introduction to Endangered Language Documentation and Revitalization	B-	30
2021	Winter 1	U	Teaching Assistant	ANTH 202A	Introduction to Religion	B+	(120)192

Simon Fraser University

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

**Due to the impact of COVID-19, undergraduate students were given an opportunity to withdraw late with no penalties; receive a P/F mark instead of a final letter grade; or keep their final letter grade.*

Work and Volunteer Experience

- 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

Invited Speaker, Discussant, Presenter and Conferences

Invited Speaker

- 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.
- 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.

Publications and Creative Outputs

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*. 11.

Awards and Honours

- 2019 BA Thesis, Honours with Distinction
- 2019 President’s Honour Roll
- 2019 Dean’s Honour Roll

Grants and Fellowships (in CAD)

- 2022—2026 Aboriginal Graduate Fellowship PhD 4YR, UBC, \$72,800
- 2022 Wilson Duff Memorial Scholarship, UBC, \$1,300
- 2021—2025 PhD 4YR GSI Funding & Tuition, UBC, \$97,382 (replaced by AGF)
- 2021—2022 Institute of Asian Research Fellowship, UBC, \$500
- 2021 Irving K. Barber BC Indigenous Student Award (Doctoral level), \$5,000 (renewable)
- 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

Memberships/Affiliations

2019— **Association of Indigenous Anthropologists**
2019— **American Anthropological Association**
2019— **Canadian Anthropology Society**