

McKayla Dumore

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Education

Southern Oregon University, Ashland, OR

Sept. 2020 – Present

Major: Sociology and Anthropology

Minor: Native American Studies

Mentor: Dr. Chance White Eyes

Anticipating graduating Magna Cum Laude June 2024

Academic/Research Interests

- Cultural Biases in the United States
- Institutionalized Racism
- Tribal Sovereignty
- Cross-Culture Interactions
- Mental Health in Marginalized Communities

Public Presentations: Interviews

“SOU weighs in-state tuition for tribal members” Mail Tribune, Ashland, OR, August 2022.
Interview in which I advocate for accessible education for Indigenous students.

“Rosebud Superstars: Klamath Native Kayla Dumore” Mail Tribune, Ashland, OR, September 2021. Interview highlighting my experience as an Indigenous Honors Scholar.

Course Presentations

“Klamath Language Presentation” HON 315: The Nature of Language, October 2022. A presentation of a term-long project, in which I began learning and translating my Native language.

“Protect ICWA: Art Presentation” NAS 301: Tribal Critical Race Theory, March 2022. A group art presentation used in order to spread awareness of the Indian Child Welfare Act.

“Water Protector Project: The Klamath C’waam” NAS 201: Introduction to Native American Studies, December 2021. A powerpoint lecture on the Klamath c’waam, an endangered species.

Research Experience

“Examining effectiveness of tribal forest management at reducing wildfire severity on the Colville Reservation, Washington” Wildland survey research. June - October 2022, led by Turtle May, University of Washington School of Environmental and Forest Sciences. The main objective of the study was to determine the effect of fuel treatments on burn

severity across the treated portions of the Colville reservation. Research resulted in one MS Thesis Proposal Defense.

“How the College Experience Affects Southern Oregon Universities Students' Sleep” survey research. October 2022 - November 2022, Under the supervision of Dr. Alison Burke, Criminology Department. Research is aimed at discovering how students’ sleep is affected by their experiences at Southern Oregon University. Research resulted in one PowerPoint course presentation.

“Native American Studies/ Southern Oregon University Laboratory of Anthropology Fellowship: Shasta/Takelma Learning Garden” Archival research. March 2023 - Present. Under the Supervision of Dr. Chelsea Rose and Dr. Anna Sloan. Research is required in order to meet archeological compliances before beginning garden construction. Research will result in one timeline outlining the history of the space around Southern Oregon Universities Science building and the construction of the Shasta/Takelma Learning Garden.

Honors and Awards

- SOU Provost’s List Fall 2021-Fall 2022
- 2021 Exceptional Undergraduate Award Spring 2021
- Tribal Nations Honors Scholar Fall 2020-Spring 2021
- Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program Jan. 2023-Present

Grants and Scholarships

- Oregon Tribal Scholar Grant Sept. 2022 - Present
- Honors Merit Scholarship Sept. 2021 - Present
- Native American Grant Sept. 2020 - Present
- Freshman Laurels Scholarship Sept. 2020 - Present
- Honors College Foundation Grant Sept. 2020 - Present
- Federal Pell Grant Sept. 2020 - June 2021

Related Work Experience

Research Assistant/Field Worker, University of Washington Jun. 2022 - Jul. 2022
 Tribal Nations Assistant Feb. 2021 - Oct. 2022
 Native American Studies/Southern Oregon University Laboratory of Anthropology Fellow Mar. 2023 - Present

Community/Volunteer Service

Vaccine Clinic Volunteer, SOU Native American Programs Mar. 2022, Apr. 2022
 Acorn Camp Volunteer, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians and the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Oct. 2022
 Southern Oregon University Spring Powwow Apr. 2021, Mar 2022, Apr. 2023

Leadership Experiences

Native American Student Union Co-Chair, Southern Oregon University Sept. 2020 - Apr. 2023

Special Skills and Abilities

- Excels in Essay Writing
- Excels in Leadership
- Proficient in Event Organization
- Proficient in Microsoft Excel
- Proficient in Public Speaking
- Developing Skills in Research
- Developing Skills in Project Proposals
- Bilingual (English, Spanish)