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Education

| Southern Oregon University, Ashland, OR | September 2021 – Present |
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| Rogue Community College, Grants Pass, OR | January 2019 – June 2021 |

Major: Interdisciplinary Studies – Native American Studies, English, Gender Studies

Certificate(s): Ethnic and Racial Studies, Native American Studies  
Faculty Mentor(s): Dr. Brook Colley, Dr. Alma Rosa Alvarez  
Anticipating graduating magna cum laude in June 2024

Academic/Research Interests

* Settler Colonialism
* Indigenous/Native Studies
* Decolonizing Methodologies
* Disability Justice
* Trauma and Oppression

**Public Presentations**

“Indigenizing Classroom Community: Developing a Native Feminisms Course at Southern Oregon University” Holistic Teaching & Learning Conference, Ashland, OR, April 2024.

Poster presentation on Native feminisms curriculum and classroom environment that unsettles settler colonial pedagogies. This research is part of an undergraduate capstone, overseen by Dr. Alma Rosa Alvarez.

“Finding Ourselves in Rurality: Trans and Queer Student & Scholar Activist Positionalities in Rural Spaces” (with Dr. Carey Jean Sojka), National Women’s Studies Association Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN, November 12, 2022.

Presentation on research project done with Rogue Action Center, in collaboration with Dr. Carey Jean Sojka and other community members, assessing the needs of local LGBTQ+ communities. This presentation focused on the experience of doing that work and how it is shaped by one’s own positionalities.

“Native American Studies Alumni Project at Southern Oregon University” SOU McNair Summer Research Symposium, Ashland, OR, August 10, 2022.

Presentation on research done for the 2022 McNair summer internship; a smaller piece of research being overseen by Dr. Brook Colley, Chair & Associate Professor of the Native American Studies program at Southern Oregon University.

“Identifying Needs, Inspiring Solutions: Understanding Rural LGBTQ+ Experiences to Create Change” (with Ollie Harkola, Eliot Feenstra, Carey Jean Sojka, and Elanna Erhardt), Statewide Action Summit, Basic Rights Oregon, Online, October 2020.

Presentation on the LGBTQ+ Listening Project’s survey and how to create a community-centered needs assessment to serve a diverse population of rural/small town LGBTQ+ people.

**Panel Participation**

Panel organizer. “LGBTQIA2S+ History in Southern Oregon,” Rogue Action Center, June 2021.

Panel organizer, emcee. “LGBTQ+ Listening Project: How to be an ally to the QTBIPOC

Community,” Rogue Action Center, February 2021.

Panel organizer. “Real Solutions Candidate Forum,” Rogue Action Center, October 2020.

Panel organizer, emcee. “LGBTQ Health Care Forum,” Jackson County Democrats LGBTQ

Caucus, October 2019.

**Conferences Organized**

Southern Oregon LGBTQ+ Health & Wellness Summit, Southern Oregon Regional Health

Equity Coalition, May 2019.

Research Experience

“The Representation of Autism in *So Far from God*”, literary analysis, January 2023 – March 2023, under the supervision of Dr. Alma Rosa Alvarez, English, Southern Oregon University.

A research and literary analysis paper examining the unacknowledged representation of autism in Ana Castillo’s novel *So Far from God*.

“Native American Studies Alumni Project at Southern Oregon University” June 20, 2022 –

August 12, 2022, SOU Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program Summer Research Internship, under the supervision of Dr. Brook Colley, Chair and Associate Professor of Native American Studies, Southern Oregon University.

Research documenting the experiences of alumni of Southern Oregon University’s Native American Studies program, as well as how they have applied what they’ve learned to their education, careers, and lives.

“Rogue Action Center LGBTQ+ Community Survey”, mixed methods survey, April 2019 – June 2020, Rogue Action Center.

A community survey to collect both quantitative and qualitative data on the experiences of LGBTQ+ individuals in Jackson and Josephine counties, for the purpose of building support and improving services for the target population.

Honors and Awards

| * Exceptional Undergraduate Student in Native American Studies, Southern Oregon University | Spring 2023 |
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| * President’s List, Southern Oregon University | Winter 2023 – Fall 2023 |
| * Provost’s List, Southern Oregon University | Fall 2022 |
| * Provost’s List, Southern Oregon University | Winter 2022 |
| * President’s List, Rogue Community College | Fall 2019 – Winter 2020, Fall 2020 – Spring 2021 |
| * Outstanding Student in Social Science, Rogue Community College | Spring 2020 |

Grants and Scholarships

| Diversity Scholarship, Southern Oregon University | 2023 – 2024 |
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| Peter D. Farber Memorial Scholarship for Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies | 2022 – 2023 |
| RCC - Southern Oregon University Matriculation/Transfer Scholarship | 2021 – 2022 |
| Raider Transfer Scholarship | 2021 – 2024 |
| Ernest Alan and Barbara Park Meyer Scholarship | 2021 – 2022 |
| James and Betty Akerill Memorial Scholarship | 2021 – 2022 |
| Coleman Family Fund Scholarship | 2020 – 2021 |
| Saff Family Foundation Scholarship | 2019 – 2021 |

Undergraduate Teaching Assistantships

| Introduction to Literature: Novel & Poetry, Southern Oregon University | September 2023 – December 2023 |
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| Queer Indigenous Studies, Southern Oregon University | January 2023 – March 2023 |

Work Experience

| Organizer, Rogue Action Center | June 2023 – Present |
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| NAS Alumni Project Lead, Native American Studies at SOU | October 2022 – June 2023 |
| Executive Administrative Assistant, NAMI Southern Oregon | March 2020 – April 2021 |
| Organizer, Rogue Action Center | June 2019 – February 2020 |
| Office Assistant, Rogue Retreat | July 2018 – January 2019 |
| Program Coordinator, Lotus Rising Project | January 2016 – May 2016 |

Internships

| Organizing Intern, Rogue Action Center & Rogue Climate | April 2019 – June 2019 |
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| Intern, ScienceWorks Hands-On Museum | January 2010 – August 2010 |

Community/Volunteer Service

| Member, LGBTQ+ Listening Project | July 2020 – January 2023 |
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| Member, Real Solutions Coalition | July 2020 – January 2022 |
| Volunteer, Southern Oregon Coalition for Racial Equity (aka SOEquity) | June 2020 – August 2021 |
| Volunteer, Rogue Climate | April 2019 – August 2021 |
| Planning Committee Member, LGBTQ+ Health & Wellness Summit | October 2018 – June 2019 |

Leadership Experiences

| Member, Gender, Sexuality & Women’s Studies Council at SOU | June 2022 – June 2023 |
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| Board Chair, Rogue Action Center | January 2021 – June 2023 |
| Internship Cohort Planning Member & Facilitator, Rogue Action Center & Rogue Climate | March 2021 – June 2021 |
| Board Member, Rogue Action Center | May 2020 – January 2021 |
| Board Member, Compass House | January 2020 – July 2020 |
| Board Member, Southern Oregon Health Equity Coalition (aka SO Health-E) | September 2019 – August 2021 |

Conference Attendance

| Creativity Conference, Southern Oregon University | May 2024 |
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| Holistic Teaching & Learning Conference, Southern Oregon University | April 2024 |
| Grand Ronde History & Cultural Summit | October 2023 |
| Decarceral Visions Conference, UCLA | September 2023 |
| Climate Justice Conference, Southern Oregon University | February 2023 |
| McNair Scholars Research Conference, Baylor University | August 2022 |
| Southern Oregon Queer Convergence | November 2021 |
| NAMI National Convention | July 2020 |
| Southern Oregon LGBTQ+ Health & Wellness Summit | May 2019 |

Professional Training and/or Workshops Attended

| Rise as Leaders: BIPOC Environmental Justice Training, Beyond Toxics | January 2021 – April 2021 |
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| Understanding Settler Colonialism, Indigenous Peoples Power Project | December 2020 – January 2021 |
| Land Use Leadership Initiative Cohort, 1000 Friends of Oregon & Rogue Action Center | March 2020 – January 2021 |
| Crafting An Equity Lens, Matthew Reynolds Consulting | August 2020 |
| Introduction to Systemic Racism, Crossroads Antiracism Organizing & Training | June 2019 |
| Internship Cohort, Rogue Action Center & Rogue Climate | April 2019 – June 2019 |
| The Audacity: A Queer Leadership Experience | April 2019 |