

## EDUCATION

### 2019 M.A. | Anthropology | University of British Columbia, Vancouver BC

Concentration: Socio-cultural | Supervisors: Dr. Carole Blackburn, Dr. Wade Davis

**Thesis Subject:** Through an ethnography on Cheslatta T'En's forced displacement from their ancestral territory of the Nechako River region in British Columbia for Alcan's Kenney Dam, explored the questions: how are acts of resistance to displacement and dispossession informed by cultural meanings and memories of the land? How are communities engaging in their everyday amidst altered landscapes from development-forced displacement and extractivism?

### 2015 B.A. | Anthropology | Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO

Concentration: Socio-cultural and linguistic, GPA: 3.5

**Thesis Title:** *Schema Analysis of Popular Discourse on Indigenous Rights*

**Synopsis:** Analyzed popular discourse on Indigenous rights movements by observing potential conflicts in discourse themes and how popular opinion hinders movements and cross-cultural alliances.

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Community-Engaged and Investigative Research | Corporate Abuse | Indigenous and Environmental Rights | Ethnohistory and Ethnography | Climate Justice | Extractivism

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### 2019-Present Researcher and Impact Strategist | Remote/Alaska/Northern BC

*People of the Transboundary Salmon River*, is a cross-border performance tour and archival collection of salmon stories of First Nations and Alaska Indigenous peoples in the Alaska-BC transboundary region, who are and have been impacted by mining development in their traditional territories. This Indigenous-led project is a collaboration between Skeena Wild, Salmon Beyond Borders and Southeast Alaska Indigenous Transboundary Commission (SEITC) and local communities

### 2017-Present Research Assistant | Vancouver, BC

Assist Professor Wade Davis with the UBC undergraduate course, Anthropology 100, support Dr. Davis's advocacy on sacred geography and Indigenous rights

### 2017 Archival Researcher | Vancouver, BC

Conducted archival research on the Tahltan's forced displacement spurred by Tommy Walker's Outfitting Industry for the *Klabona Keepers* film

### 2017 Research Assistant | Vancouver, BC

Conducted research on Canada's pipeline developments for Professor Dr. Carole Blackburn

### 2015 Independent Researcher | Vancouver, BC

Implemented cognitive linguistic analysis of popular discourse on Indigenous rights, identified conflicts in cross-cultural communication for undergraduate thesis

### 2013 Research Assistant | Guanacaste, Costa Rica

Assisted in geophysical research, excavation and analysis of ceramic remains to evaluate migration episodes in Pre-Columbian communities

## RECENT PRESENTATIONS

### 2020 Panelist | Denver, Colorado

*"A Refuge at Risk: Fighting for Human Rights, Climate Justice and Unmatched Adventure in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, A presentation by Gwich'in Elder Lorraine Netro, climate justice organizer and writer Maia Wikler, and professional climber Tommy Caldwell"* Organized by The Conservation Alliance

### 2019 Radio Guest | CBC Radio

Interviewed by George Maratos for CBC Yukon about reporting on the Arctic Wildlife Refuge

### 2019 Radio Guest | Talking Radical Radio

Interviewed by Scott Neigh about the movement to fund First Nations' legal challenges to the Trans Mountain Pipeline and Tankers Expansion Project.

### 2019 Panelist | Seattle, Washington

*"Voices for the Wild"* Organized by Alaska Wilderness League

### 2019 Presenter | BC Studies Conference | Kamloops BC

*"Remembering Forward: Cheslatta Carrier Nation's Resilience to Alcan's Kenney Dam"*

### 2017 Presenter | (Un)Settling British Columbia, BC Studies Conference

*"Land in Tension: Indigenous Resistance to Ethnocidal Impacts from Dam Displacement"*

- 2017** **Presenter | 15th Annual Indigenous Graduate Student Symposium (IGSS)**  
*"Canada's Hydro-nationalism Negates Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action"*
- 2017** **Poster Session | On the Horizon: New Developments in Anthropology**  
*"Displacing Humanity: Canada's Hydronationalism"*
- 2017** **Keynote Speaker | Amnesty International UBC Conference**  
*"Healing the Divide: Environmental and Indigenous Health"*
- 2017** **Panelist | Amnesty International "No More Stolen Sisters", UBC**  
*"Critical Connections: A right to life through land and culture"*

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS

- 2019** **The Last Expanse** | Written by Maia Wikler, Photography by Aundre Larrow | The North Face
- 2019** **Why Feminism is Essential to Achieving Climate Justice** | Teen Vogue
- 2019** **11 Young Climate Justice Activists You Need to Pay Attention To** | VICE
- 2019** **I Traveled to the Arctic to Witness Climate Disaster Firsthand** | Teen Vogue
- 2019** **Migrant Justice and Climate Justice Are Inextricably Tied** | Teen Vogue
- 2019** **The Government is Leasing Fragile Public Lands to Oil Companies** | Teen Vogue
- 2018** **The Fossil Fuel Industry is Worsening the Global Plastics Crisis** | Teen Vogue
- 2018** **There's a Proposed Pipeline in Louisiana That You Need to Know About** | Teen Vogue
- 2018** **Activists Suspended from a Bridge to Block an Oil Tanker** | Teen Vogue
- 2018** **These Women Are Fighting a Proposed Oil Pipeline in Canada** | Teen Vogue
- 2018** **Colorado's Emerging Writers: An Anthology of Fiction** | Z Publishing
- 2017** **"Why I Disrupted the White House Panel at the UN Climate Talks"** | Teen Vogue
- 2017** **Coastal Life Blood** | Torrey House Press, Voices for the Land

## COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE

- December 2019-Present** **Film Director, Writer, Impact Strategist** | Arctic  
"The Sacred Place Where Life Begins" is a short documentary film that follows two powerful Gwich'in women; mother, Jody Potts, and her 17-year old daughter, Quannah Chasinghorse, who have dedicated their lives to defending their territory and way of life in the Arctic. In partnership with the Gwich'in Steering Committee, Alaska Wilderness League and The North Face.
- June-September 2019** **Explorer** | The North Face | Arctic, Washington DC  
Recruited as one of six on an expedition to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as a storyteller, activist and investigative researcher on issues of climate change and oil and gas drilling impacting the region. Presented research and published writing in Washington, D.C. along with lobbying to pass the bill H.R. 1146 on the Hill.
- 2019-Present** **Foodprints Ambassador for Earth Day Network** | Remote  
Recruited as a storyteller, youth activist and researcher to develop in-depth, investigative journalistic reporting on factory farms, human rights and climate change impacts driven by the factory meat industry
- 2018-Present** **Media and Communications Director** | SustainUS | Remote  
Coordinate, manage and create content for social media, press releases, story pitches, messaging, spokespersons, and mentored incoming youth delegates for COP24 on media related strategy to maximize impact on environmental justice issues.
- 2017-2018** **Official U.S. Youth Delegate** | SustainUS | Bonn, Germany  
Selected as 1 of 15 U.S youth to utilize storytelling, direct action, community building leading up to, during and after the U.N. Climate Talks (COP23) in Bonn, Germany. Organized social media, press releases, story pitches, videography and podcasts to engage in a dynamic, strategic media coverage while at COP23.
- 2017** **Assistant Director** | Community Eats | Vancouver, BC  
Organized weekly community lunches, managed volunteers and grocers' food donations to address food waste and food insecurity by providing by-donation meals from grocer surplus that would have otherwise been wasted.
- 2017** **Organizer** | Pull Together Campaign | Vancouver, BC  
Organized "Pints not Pipelines," for Pull Together, a campaign to raise legal funds to support First Nations' legal defense to uphold their rights with the construction of the Trans Mountain Pipeline and Tankers Expansion Project. Partnered with local breweries and businesses, raised over \$17,000 for Pull Together in one evening.
- 2016-17** **Indigenous Collective Member** | Unceded Airwaves | Vancouver, BC  
On-air and off-air contributor regarding Indigenous rights, allyship and Canadian politics. Segments include Million Women's March, reconciliation integrity, U.S. and Canadian politics.
- 2015** **Creator, Organizer** | "It's Not Radical to Oppose Stupidity" | Colorado College

Independently created and managed all logistics of two-day event with Beyond Boarding to raise awareness about Indigenous rights and environmental justice. Wrote several successful grant proposals, directed communications with 10 different academic departments. Created and executed successful publicity campaign. Event entailed a keynote address, film screening, class lecture and a non-profit tutorial workshop. All events were at maximum capacity.

**2015 Youth Fellow** | Global Population and Environment Program, Sierra Club | Washington, D.C. Selected to attend 3-day activism training, lobbied on Capitol Hill for Power Africa Initiatives and Global Sexual and Reproductive Health Act. Trained in communications, campaign outreach and lobbying. Awarded grant to screen *Mother: Caring for 7 Billion*. Interviewed in Resource Media Documentary on Women's Reproductive Rights in Colorado.

## EMPLOYMENT

**2019/6-Present** **Digital Communications Coordinator** | RAVEN Trust  
**2017- Present** **Freelance Writer** | Teen Vogue, Come to Life, VICE  
**2017/9-2019/12** **Senior Teaching Associate** | Cultural Anthropology with Dr. Wade Davis, UBC  
**2017/12-2018/8** **Writer, Story and Strategy Consultant for The Radicals film** | Beyond Boarding  
**2016/9-2017/1** **Teaching Assistant** | Cultural Anthropology with Dr. Wade Davis, UBC  
**2016/9-2016/2** **Teaching Assistant** | Cultural Anthropology with Dr. Wade Davis, UBC  
**2016/1-2016/4** **Intern** | Office of Native American Affairs, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation  
 Developed investigative report on Native youth cultural preservation for White House initiative, Generation Indigenous, presented to Department of Interior and White House Council on Native Affairs. Invited to continue role at the ACHP as an Advisor to the Director of the Office of Native Affairs on youth programming.  
**2015/11-2016/8** **Organizer** | Uplift Climate Conference, Grand Canyon Trust | Arizona  
 Organized 3-day outdoor conference to empower and amplify youth leadership on climate justice across the Colorado Plateau. Organized cross-regional town halls, workshops and conference programming.  
**2015/2-2015/9** **Global Leader Fellow** | US-Brazil Connect | Corumbá, Brazil  
**2012/10-2015/5** **Outreach and Program Assistant** | Southwest Studies Department | Colorado  
**2013/9-2015/5** **First Year Experience Mentor** | Colorado College  
**2013/1-2015/5** **Backcountry Service Leader** | Colorado College

## AWARDS/GRANTS

**2018** **Faces of Innovation** | Colorado College  
**2017** **Faculty of Arts Grant** | University of British Columbia  
**2016** **Working Effectively with Tribal Governance Certification** | U.S. Federal Government  
**2016** **Award for Youth Engagement** | SHiFT, Jackson, WY  
**2015** **Community Engaged Leadership Certification** | Colorado College  
**2015** **Cultural Attractions Fund Award** | Colorado College  
**2015** **Colorado College Student Association Grant** | Colorado College  
**2015** **Venture Grant Award** | Colorado College  
**2015** **President's Special Project Fund** | Colorado College  
**2015** **Benezet Research Grant** | Colorado College