

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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Native American Studies  
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Date of Birth: December 24, 1956  
Place of Birth: Crow Agency, Montana  
Citizenships: United States of America  
Enrolled Member of the Northern Cheyenne Indian Tribe

### EDUCATION

1978-1982 University of Oregon School of Law, Eugene, Oregon  
Degree: Juris Doctorate  
Certifications: Certificate of Completion in Environmental and Natural Resource Law  
Relevant Coursework: Federal Indian Law, Water Resource Law, International Law, Administrative Law, Environmental Law, Ocean Resources Law, Public Land Law, Pollution Control Law, Contracts, Trusts and Estates, Legal Externship.

1974-1978 University of Montana, Missoula, Montana  
Degree: Bachelor's Degree in Sociology  
Relevant Coursework: Criminology, Environment, Ethnic Studies.

### POSITIONS HELD

2013-Present Assistant Professor, Native American Studies  
Montana State University, Bozeman, Montana  
Independently teach graduate and undergraduate courses in Native American Studies. Dual research focus in Indigenous land resources and climate justice; and, violence on Reservations.

1984-2013 Executive Director, Native Action, Inc.  
Lame Deer, Montana

Native Action is a non-profit organization located on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation in Montana that serves as an indigenous

“think tank” for Indian Tribes. Major responsibilities of Native Action’s Tribal Nation’s Work included:

- Researched and negotiated federal/tribal/state land and mineral exchanges; local/regional/national/international natural resource programs; and policy development.
- Coordinated major research, legislation, and litigation for N. Cheyenne Tribe on issues of cultural protection, education, coal, natural gas, air quality, wildlife migration, water rights, tribal historic preservation, and integrated resource management.
- Led high-level direct negotiations with U.S. Presidents, Secretaries of Interior, MT/WY Governors, Congressmen and Senators on energy issues of national significance.
- Researched and drafted Tribal laws and regulations: including Administrative Procedure Act, Uniform Commercial Code; Surface Mining Control and Regulation Act, Water Code, Uniform Commercial Code; Quality Assurance Plans, and Tribal Environmental Policy Act.
- Served as technical expert on the drafting, revision and amendment of Tribal Constitutions and Law and Order Codes.
- Research and writing testimony of expert witnesses and university representatives on education and natural resource issues relevant to Indian Trust Lands, and related policy/legislative development.
- Oral presenter before U.S. Congressional hearings and Law conferences; University lecturer; and international natural resource speaker in China, Puerto Rico, New Zealand, Canada, and the Dominican Republic.

2000-2004                      Natural Resource Advisor, N. Cheyenne Tribe, Lame Deer, MT. Tribal Presidential Appointee acting as lead negotiator with federal/state governments on energy and land resource issues.

1985-2010                      Adjunct Professor, Chief Dull Knife College, Lame Deer, MT. Taught courses independently in: Federal Indian Law; Contemporary Native American Issues: Natural Resource Issues;

Water Law; Environmental Law; Women's Studies; Tribal Government; Land and Natural Resource Seminars.

- 1991-1993 Adjunct Professor, Little Bighorn College, Crow Agency, MT. Taught courses independently in: Federal Indian Law; Natural Resource Law; Women's Studies Seminars.
- 1990-1992 Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council Representative, Lame Deer, MT. Served as an elected Tribal Legislator and elected by the Tribal Council to Chair the Natural Resource Committee and designated the Tribal Inter-Governmental Representative to testify at Congressional/State hearings; provide testimony to Congressional Sub-Committees; and negotiate with high level federal and state officials and agency representatives on the largest public coal sale in the history of this country, the Powder River Coal Sales.
- 1984-1999 Natural Resource Advisor, Northern Cheyenne Tribe. Tribal Presidential Appointee confirmed by Tribal Council, to advise and negotiate with governments and energy corporations to clear title to tribal lands clouded by fraudulent coal leases.
- 1984-1984 Legal Intern, Native American Rights Fund, Boulder, Colorado. Legal research and drafting of briefs, tribal codes (Tribal Environmental Policy Act and Tribal Administrative Procedures Act). Worked with Tribes and individual landowners on water rights; oil and gas leasing on tribal and allotted lands; and federal hydro-power permitting on Indian trust lands.
- 1982-1984 Reginald Heber Smith Fellow, California Indian Legal Services, Eureka, California. Performed legal research and drafted memoranda in regard to a U.S. Supreme Court case involving the American Indian Religious Freedom Act, and endangered species habitat issues. Served as Public Defender on Indian Fishing Rights in the Federal Court of Indian Offenses; negotiated with international fishery associations, Indian Tribes, sports fishermen, private landowners, salmon hatchery corporations, Department of Interior and State of California agencies. Performed research and field work on historical tribal water rights.
- 1982-1984 Adjunct Professor, Humboldt State University, Arcata, California. Taught undergraduate courses independently in the Native American Careers in Natural Resources Program (NACINR) at Humboldt State University, including Natural Resource Law; Federal Indian Law; and Water Resource Law. Advised Indian students in natural resource classes, including fieldwork on forestry, fisheries, water rights, and Hoopa-Yurok Settlement issues.

1978-1979

Northern Cheyenne Research Department, Sociologist.  
Northern Cheyenne Indian Tribe, Lama Deer, Montana.  
Researched major sociological issues associated with the largest coal strip-mine that was surrounding the Northern Cheyenne people. Drafted numerous community surveys and documented findings into reports filed with administrative appeals for the tribal government. Served on the tribal water committee charged with negotiating a Water Compact with the State of Montana to quantify tribal water rights based on the *Winter's Doctrine*. Successfully petitioned for the first Class-1 Air Quality Designation by an Indian Tribe.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

**Small, G.** (2012). Northern Cheyenne Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for Surface Water Quality Data Collection. Northern Cheyenne Environmental Protection Department Publication.

Boggs, J.P., LaPoint, H., **Small, G.**, Spang Sr., A. (2010). Northern Cheyenne Ethno-Geography of the Tongue River / Powder River Plateau. A Cooperative Project of Native Action Institute, Chief Dull Knife College, The Northern Cheyenne Tribal Historic Preservation Office, and the U. S. Custer National Forest.

Arum, J., & **Small, G.** (2008). The Northern Cheyenne Tribe and Its Reservation: A Report to the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation for the Final Supplement to the Montana Statewide Oil and Gas Environmental Impact Statement and Proposed Amendment of the Powder River and Billings Resource Management Plans.

**Small, G.** (1994). The Search for Environmental Justice in Indian Country. *The Amicus Journal*, 16, 1, (Spring, 1994), pp. 38-41.

**Small, G.** (1982). Federal Quantification of Indian Water Rights. National Indian Law Library, Native American Rights Fund, Boulder, CO.

## **ARTICLES IN PREPARATION**

**Small, G.** (Est. 2015). Environmental Justice: A Case Study of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe.

**Small, G.** (Est. 2015). A Northern Cheyenne Cultural-Based Foundation for Geographical and Subsistence Use of Natural Resources in the Tongue River/Powder River Region.

**Small, G.** (Est. 2016). Stop The Killing of Our Children's Spirits: A Case Study of Sexual Abuse on the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation.

**Small, G.** (Est. 2016). Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Climate Justice.

### **BOOKS IN PREPARATION**

**Small, G.** (Est. 2017) MONTANA INDIANS. (Est. 2017)

**Small, G.** (Est 2018). NORTHERN CHEYENNE PEOPLE, Tsistsistsas/Suhtai: History and Contemporary Issues.

### **DOCUMENTARY FILM IN PREPARATION:**

**SMALL, G., LAFRANIER, J., SOOKTIS, R.** (Est. 2016). Northern Cheyenne Inter-generational Leadership.

### **CONFERENCES, PRESENTATIONS, GUEST LECTURES**

**Small, G.** (2015). Environment and Human Rights. Presentation at Stanford Law School Native American Law Conference. Palo Alto, CA

**Small, G.** (2015). Traditional Ecological Knowledge. Presentation at Joint Public Advisory Committee Regular Session, Commission for Environmental Cooperation.

**Small, G.** (2015). Environmental Science and Traditional Ecological Knowledge. Native Science Fellows Symposium, Hopa Mountain. Keynote Presentation.

**Small, G.** (2015). Land, Culture, Environment: Lessons from Indian Country. Presentation. International Conference on Arts and Humanities. Hawaii.

**Small, G.** (2015). Contemporary Issues on Montana Indian Reservations. Presentation to MSU President's Elder's Council Annual Meeting.

**Small, G.** (2015). Climate Change in Indian Country. Presentation at Montana State University's Research Celebration sponsored by the Vice President for Research, Dr. Renee Reijo Pera, and Dr. Walter Fleming, Chair of Native American Studies.

**Small, G.** (2014). Contemporary Issues of Montana Indian Tribes. Keynote Speaker at Native American Heritage Day, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT

**Small, G.** (2014). Montana State University: A Land Grant Institution and its Relevance to Montana Indian Tribes. Presentation to MSU President's Elder's Council Annual Meeting. Bozeman, MT

**Small, G.** (2014). Carving Out a Non-Profit Sector on Indian Reservations. Keynote Speaker at Hopa Mountain's Strengthening the Circle Conference, Bozeman, Montana.

**Small, G.** (2013). Climate Change and American Indian Tribes. Keynote Speaker at Seventh Generation Fund Conference, Bozeman, MT

**Small, G.** (2013). Reservation-Based Research: A Contemporary Challenge. Presentation for Montana State University Faculty Candidate Talk. Bozeman, MT

**Small, G.** (2012). Indian Land Management and Environmental Conflict Resolution. Presentation at University of Oregon School of Law Environmental and Natural Resource Law Program. Eugene, OR

**Small, G.** (2011). Climate Change and Indian Tribes. Keynote Speaker at Montana State University. Billings, MT

**Small, G.** (2010). Energy Issues on Tribal Lands. Presentation at Environmental Journalists' 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. Missoula, Mt.

**Small, G.** (2007). Tribal Water Rights and Land. Keynote at Southern Oregon University Native American Ecological Education Symposium.

**Small, G.** (2007). Rocky Mountain Energy Leadership: The Role of American Indian Tribes. Panel Presentation at University of Montana School of Law. Public Land and Resources Law Review Annual Conference.

**Small, G.** (2007). Indian Reservations: Homelands or Real Estate? Keynote Speaker at Montana State University College of Letters and Science Landscapes Speaker Series, Inheriting Indian Land and Indian Land Tenure Symposium.

**Small, G.** (2006). Rebuilding Indian Nations: A New Paradigm. Keynote Speaker at the National Museum of the American Indian, Smithsonian Museum of the American Indian. New York, NY.

**Small, G.** (1995). American Indian Environmental Opportunities and Challenges. Keynote Speaker at the Environment Protection Agency American Indian Month Celebration, Washington, DC

**Small, G.** (1994). The Legal and Political Status of Indigenous Tribes in the United States. Keynote Speaker at International Leadership Conference. San Juan, Puerto Rico.

**Small, G.** (1994). Indigenous Land Mapping. Panel Presentation at International Leadership Conference. Vieques, Puerto Rico

**Small, G.** (1994). Contemporary Issues of American Indian Tribes. Panel Presentation at International Leadership Conference. Santa Domingo, Dominican Republic

**Small, G.** (1995). Issues of American Indian Women. Keynote Speaker at Fourth World Conference on Women. Beijing, China.

**Small, G.** (1992). Issues of the American West. Invited to provide testimony before a Congressional Subcommittee on the issues confronting Indian Tribes in the Western United States.

### **AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, & GRANTS**

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| 2015      | Designated Expert on Traditional Ecological Knowledge Representing the United States to Advise the Commission for Trilateral Environmental Cooperation and the Joint Public Advisory Committee; Montreal, Quebec, Canada |
| 2015      | Leopold Leadership Fellow, Stanford University Woods Institute for the Environment, Palo Alto, CA  |
| 2014      | Native Action Women's Leadership Award, Seattle, WA  |
| 2012.     | Indigenous Leadership Award, EcoTrust Awardee. Portland, OR  |
| 2001-2003 | Rockefeller Foundation Next Generation Fellowship, New York NY   |
| 1994-1997 | W.K. Kellogg National Leadership Fellowship, Battle Creek, MI  |
| 1997      | Jeanette Rankin Award, A Territory Resource Fdn., Seattle, WA  |
| 1995      | Gloria Steinem Woman of Vision, Ms. Magazine, New York, NY   |

### **MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

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| 2015      | Search Committee, Assistant Professor of Native American Studies                             |
| 2014-2015 | Native American Studies Representative, Montana State University President's Elder's Council |
| 2014-2015 | Graduate Committee Representative, Marsha Small (MA Native American Studies)                 |
| 2014-2015 | Graduate Committee Representative, Cecilia Osborne (MA Native American Studies)              |

## **OTHER SERVICE**

- 2012-Present Board of Regents, Chair, Chief Dull Knife College. Lame Deer, MT
- 2012-Present Grant Committee, Threshold Foundation, San Francisco, CA
- 2012-Present National Advisory Committee member to the U.S. Representative to the Commission for Environmental Cooperation. U.S. EPA National Advisory Committee on issues related to the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation.
- 2008 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency delegate to facilitate International Indigenous Conference in Chiapas, Mexico
- 2002-Present Volunteer, Boys and Girls Club of the Northern Cheyenne Nation, Lame Deer, MT. Program evaluator, fundraiser, and youth mentor.
- 1997-1999 Federal appointment to Federal Reserve Board of Governor's Consumer Advisory Committee, confirmed by U.S. Senate.
- 1994-1995 Charter member of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Environmental Justice Advisory Council.

## **SELECT PROFILES**

- 2005 Blood Struggle, The Rise of Modern Indian Nations. Wilkinson, Charles. (pg. 322)
- 2004 Homeland: Four Portraits of Native Action. Documentary, produced by Katahdin Productions.
- 2004 Every Day is a Good Day. Mankiller, Wilma. (cover of book/pg.205)
- 2003 A Breath of Fresh Air: The Northern Cheyenne Tribe Defends its Homeland from Massive Industrial Development. January, 2003. High Country News.
- 1999 All Our Relations: Native Struggles for Land and Life. LaDuke, Winona. (page 75)
- 1998 Ain't Nothing But a She Thing, MTV Profile.
- 1995 Montana Magazine Profile of Most Influential Leaders of the Decade.



## **TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **Graduate Courses**

Fall Semester, 2013. Tribal Government: Yesterday and Today. (NASX 521-001). Native American Studies Department, Montana State University, 9 students, 16 weeks, 3 hour lecture. Sole professor.

### **Undergraduate Courses**

Spring Semester, 2015. Montana Indian Culture, History, Current Issues. (NASX 232 D-001). Native American Studies Department, Montana State University, 48 students, 16 weeks, 3 hour lecture. Sole professor.

Spring Semester, 2015. Montana Indian Culture, History, Current Issues. (NASX 232 D-002). Native American Studies Department, Montana State University, 56 students, 16 weeks, 3 hour lecture. Sole professor.

Spring Semester, 2015. Indigenous Land, Culture & Environment. (NASX 491-001). Native American Studies Department, Montana State University, 12 students, 16 weeks, 3 hour lecture. Sole professor.

Spring Semester, 2014. Montana Indian Culture, History, Current Issues (NASX 232D-001). Native American Studies Department, Montana State University, 48 students, 16 weeks, 3 hour lecture. Sole professor.

Spring Semester, 2014. Montana Indian Culture, History, Current Issues (NASX 232 D-002). Native American Studies Department, Montana State University, 60 students, 16 weeks, 3 hour lecture. Sole professor.

Spring Semester, 2014. Tribal Government: Yesterday and Today. (NASX 521-001). Native American Studies Department, Montana State University, 9 students, 16 weeks, 3 hour lecture. Sole professor.

Fall Semester, 2014. Montana Indian Culture, History, Current Issues. (NASX 232 D-001). Native American Studies Department, Montana State University, 65 students, 16 weeks, 3 hour lecture. Sole professor.

Fall Semester, 2014. Montana Indian Culture, History, Current Issues. (NASX-232 D-002). Native American Studies Department, Montana State University, 47 students, 16 weeks, 3 hour lecture. Sole professor.

Fall Semester, 2013. Montana Indian Culture, History, Current Issues (NASX 232D-001). Native American Studies Department, Montana State University, 71 students, 16 weeks, 3 hour lecture. Sole professor.

Fall Semester, 2013. Montana Indian Culture, History, Current Issues (NASX 232D-002). Native American Studies Department, Montana State University, 44 students, 16 weeks, 3 hour lecture. Sole professor.

### **MENTORSHIP AND SUPERVISION**

Undergraduate Student Mentoring and Supervision:

Lane Spotted Elk, BS Student

Zane Not Afraid, BS Student

Teanna Limpy, BS Student

Lane Knowshisgun, BS Student

Graduate Student Mentoring and Supervision:

Cecilia Osborne, MA Student

Marsha Small, MA Student