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Education

2003 Ph.D., University of Oregon, Department of Anthropology
1997 M.S. Anthropology, University of Oregon
1994 M.Ed. Talented and Gifted Education, Oklahoma City University
1990 B.A. Communication, Cameron University, Lawton, OK

Positions Currently Held

Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Chair
Associate Professor of Anthropology (tenured 2010)
Assistant to the Provost for Native American Relations
Native American Future Stewards Program, Director
Association of Indigenous Anthropologists, President

Research Interests

Native North American cultural identity, change, and renewal
Memory and place relationships
Ethnographic elicitation methods
Cultural and natural resource management and historic preservation

Courses Taught

Native North Americans
Native Americans in Film
American Indian Education
Native Americans and Anthropologists
Reconstructing the American Indian
Museums, Collections, Technology and Community
Geographic Information System Applications
Cultural Resource Management and Historic Preservation
Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

Academic and Professional Positions

2004-P Rochester Institute of Technology, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, faculty
2011-P American Anthropological Association, Association of Indigenous Anthropologists, President
2004-P Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Rochester Institute of Technology
2008-P Native American Future Stewards Program, Director
2006-P Assistant to the Provost for Native American Relations, Rochester Institute of Technology
2009-11 Association of Indigenous Anthropologists, secretary/treasurer

2003-04 Visiting Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, University of
Oregon, Eugene,
2001-10 Coquille Cyberwire Corporation, Board of Directors
1999-08 Coquille Economic Development Corporation, Board of Directors

Bibliography of Scholarly Works and recently submitted

Sole author

Yunker, Jason

- In Press Lost Map, Lost Identity, and the Resilient Coquille Indians from the Southern Oregon Coast. In *Victims of a Map?: Cartography in Indian Affairs*, edited by Imre Sutton and Dan Cole. Smithsonian Institution Press.
- Submit "Through Treaties and Trickery: The Removal and Ethnocide of the Coquille Indian Tribe of Oregon." *Oregon Historical Quarterly* (submitted December 2013)
- 2011 "Nasomah Massacre of 1854" The Oregon Encyclopedia.
http://www.oregonencyclopedia.org/entry/view/nasomah_massacre_of_1854/
- 2009 Native American Perspectives of the Archaeology of the Northwest Coast and Southeastern Alaska. In *Archaeology in America: An Encyclopedia, West Coast and Arctic/Subarctic*, vol. 4, by Francis P. McManamon, general ed., pp. 189-194. Greenwood Publishing Group: Westport, Connecticut.
- 2008 How it is: The Native American Philosophy of V.F. Cordova, edited by Kathleen Moore, Kurt Peters, Ted Jojola, Amber Lacy, forward by Linda Hogan (The University of Arizona Press, Tuscon). *Oregon Historical Quarterly*, 107(4), pgs. 31-32.
- 2008 *Southwest Oregon Research Project: A Model for Large Scale Native American Archival Reconnaissance Missions*. Report to the Native American Program, National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC.
- 2007 Weaving Long Ropes: Oral Tradition and Understanding the Great Tide. *Oregon Historical Quarterly*, 108(2).
- 2006 Challenging Infallible Histories: Miraculous Revival of Dead Indians. In *Pedagogies of the Global: Knowledge in the Human Interest*, edited by Arif Dirlik. Paradigm Press: Chicago.
- 2006 "Our Heritage in Print: Coquille Bibliography" in *Coquille Tribal News*, July.
- 2005 The Southwest Oregon Research Project: Strengthening Coquille Sovereignty with Archival Research and Gift Giving. In *American Indian Culture and Research Journal*, 29:2, pp. 1-14.
- 2005 Excerpts from *Coquille/Kō'Kwel, A Southern Oregon Coast Indian Tribe*. "Body Piercing" in *Coquille Tribal News*, June.
- 2005 Never Far from Home. In *Anthropology at the University of Oregon*, Summer 2005 pp. 1-4.
- 2003 *Coquille/Kō'Kwel, A Southern Oregon Coast Indian Tribe: Revisiting History, Ingenuity, and Identity*. Ph.D. Dissertation on file, Department of Anthropology, University of Oregon, Eugene.
- 2002 Survival of a Potlatch Tradition: Coquille Giveaway in the 21st Century. In *Changing Landscapes: Sustaining Traditions. Proceedings of the Fifth and Sixth Annual Cultural Preservation Conference, 2001-2002*, R. Scott Byram and Donald Ivy, editors, pp. 25-41 Coquille Indian Tribe: North Bend, Oregon.
- 2001a *Nine Toes in the Grave: Commentary on Living as an Indian anthropologist*. American Anthropological Association, Presidential Series presentations, JoAllyn Archambault and George Abrams organizers, Washington, DC, December 1, 2001.
- 2001b Coquille History: The context for my ethnic identity. In *Changing Landscapes*, edited by Jason Yunker, et al., pp 105-114. Coquille Indian Tribe: North Bend, Oregon.
- 2000a *Historical, Botanical, and Geologic Resources and Cultural Public Land Survey System Sections on the Coquille River Estuary in Coos County, Oregon*. Color vector map (18" X 24") and working geographic information system on file at the Coos County Planning Department, Coquille, Oregon.

- 2000b Coquille River Archaeological Mapping Project. Series of ten color image maps (11" X 17") showing the cultural resources on the lower Coquille River. On file at the Coquille Indian Tribe, North Bend, Oregon.
- 2000c *Waterfront Development on Coos Bay, Oregon*. Color image map (24" X 24") showing cultural resources and economic development relationships on file at the Coquille Economic Development Corporation, North Bend, Oregon.
- 1999a *Historical, Botanical, and Geologic Resources and Cultural Public Land Survey System Sections in Coos County, Oregon*. Color vector map (36" X 48") showing cultural and archaeological resources on file with the Coos County Planning Department, Coquille, Oregon.
- 1999b *Geographic Information Science: Uses for Tribal and County Collaborative Resource Protection Efforts*. Third Annual Culture Preservation Conference, North Bend, Oregon.
- 1998a *Revival of a Potlatch Tradition: Coquille Giveaway*. Second Annual Culture Preservation Conference, North Bend, Oregon.
- 1998b *Bridging the Gaps in Government and Tribal Resource Protection Efforts*. Second Annual Cultural Preservation Conference, North Bend, Oregon.
- 1997a *A Gift of History: The Potlatch Returns*. Documentary film (37 minutes), on file at the Department of Anthropology, University of Oregon, Eugene.
- 1997b *Revival of a Potlatch Tradition: Coquille Giveaway*. M.S. paper on file, Department of Anthropology, University of Oregon, Eugene.
- 1996 *Coquille Indian Cultural and Archival Resources: Museum of Anthropology at Washington State University and the Burke Museum at the University of Washington*. Report on file at the Coquille Indian Tribe, North Bend, Oregon.
- 1995 South Slough and the Coquille Indian Tribe. In *Ethnohistoric and Archaeological Investigations of South Slough on Coos Bay*, by Denise Mitchell, et al. Report on File with the Coquille Economic Development Corporation, North Bend, Oregon.

Collaborative

Ivy, Donald and **Jason Younker**

- 1998a Tribal Management Direction for Coquille Cultural Resources. In *Coquille Forest Resource Management Plan*, pp. 74-81. On file with the Coquille Indian Tribe, North Bend, Oregon.
- 1998b Coquille Tribal History, Culture, and Modern Setting. In *Coquille Forest Resource Management Plan*, pp. A1-A13. On file with the Coquille Indian Tribe, North Bend, Oregon.
- 1997 *Coquille Indian Tribe Policy and Procedures for Cultural Preservation*. On file at Coquille Indian Tribe, North Bend, Oregon.

Erlandson, Jon, **Jason Younker** and George Wasson

- 1997 Revival of the Coquille Giveaway. *Anthropology Newsletter* 39(7):17-18. American Anthropological Association.

Tveskov, Mark, **Jason Younker**, Jon Erlandson, Madonna L. Moss, and Nicole Stutte

- 1997 *Return to the Bandon Sandspit Site: Settlement and Subsistence at a Proto-Historic Coquille Indian Village*. Report on file, Department of Anthropology, University of Oregon, Eugene.

Younker, Jason and David Lewis

- 2001 *The Southwest Oregon Research Project: Its Collections and Contribution to Tribal Sovereignty and Ethnological Research*. Department of Anthropology Colloquium Series. November 9th, 2001.

Younker, Jason and Denise Mitchell

- 1996 *Coquille Indian Cultural and Archival Resources: Whatcom Museum of History and Art, Bellingham, Washington*. Report on file at the Coquille Indian Tribe, North Bend, Oregon.

Younker, Jason, Denise Mitchell and George Wasson

- 1995 *Southwest Oregon Research Project: Archival Inventory and Report*. Report on file with the Coquille Indian Tribe, North Bend, Oregon.

Yunker, Jason, Jon Erlandson, and David Lewis

2002 University of Oregon Anthropology: Building Bridges with Pacific Northwest Tribes. In *Anthropology at the University of Oregon*, Summer 2002 pp. 2-3, 11.

Yunker, Jason and Marguerite Forest

2001 *Inter-Agency Cooperation with Geographic Information Science: Protecting Cultural and Natural Resources in Coos County, Oregon*. Oregon Planning Institute, Eugene, Oregon, October 5th, 2001.

1999 *Historical, Botanical, and Geologic Resources and Cultural Public Land Survey System Sections on the Coos River Estuary in Coos County, Oregon*. Color vector map (18" X 24") showing cultural and archaeological resources on file with the Coos County Planning Department, Coquille, Oregon.

Edited Volume

Yunker, Jason, Mark Tveskov and David Lewis, editors

2001 *Changing Landscapes: Proceedings of the Fourth Annual Coquille Cultural Preservation Conference*. Coquille Indian Tribe: North Bend, Oregon.

Manuscripts in work

Nd *Herding Ducks: Memories and Places on a Coquille Landscape*. Book manuscript, five chapters completed.

Nd *Places of Memory: Internment, Depression, and Filipino-American Culture*. 32 chapters handwritten, seven transcribed.

Professional Papers and Public Presentations

Yunker, Jason

2013 Treaties and Trickery: Reconstruction of Native American Place Identity After Ethnocide and Removal. Invited paper, Tracing the (Dis)Guises of American Indian Identity, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 21.

2013 Key Note Speaker. "Finding Your Path in Academia as a Professor of Color." Compact for Faculty Diversity's Institute on Teaching and Mentoring, Arlington, VA, November 1, 2013.

2011 Places We've Been, Stories We Tell. Invited lecture, "Science on the Edge" Rochester Museum and Science Center, April 20, 2011.

2010 Never Far From Home: Coquille In Situ Ethnography. American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Association of Indigenous Anthropologists Invited Session, November 16, 2010.

2009 Public Anthropology Among the Coquille: Archival Research and Geographic Information Systems in Cultural Resource Management. Roundtable for Indigenous Anthropologists: Public Anthropology. Invited Session at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Philadelphia, December 3, 2009.

2009 Haudenosaunee Contributions to the U.S. Constitution. New York State Bar Association, Summer Institute for Teachers K-12, Java Center, NY, July 27-29.

2008 Archival Research Methods at the National Anthropological Archives and the National Archives. Summer seminar taught at the Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History.

2008 Native American Stereotypes: Their Origins in Hollywood. Expressions of Diversity Conference, Rochester Institute of Technology.

2008 Native American Stereotypes: How Do You See Us? Rochester Area Native American Film Festival, Rochester, NY.

2007 Key Note Speaker. Genesee Community College Native American Graduation and Honoring Ceremony. "Finding Your Place in Native Communities as a College Graduate," May 15, 2007.

- 2007 Key Note Speaker. Experience the Culture: Native American Vision Quest in Academia. Seneca Nation's Native American Heritage Conferences, Buffalo, NY.
- 2004 Invited Paper. *Surviving the Second Year of Graduate School*, Institute for Teaching and Mentoring, Atlanta, Georgia, October 22.
- 2004 Eliminating Sovereignty with Self-Sufficiency: A New Termination. *Paper presented for Native North Americans of the Northwest: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow*. Invited paper, University of Oregon Knight Law Center, April 2004.
- 2003 Invited Paper. Dialogues Between Disciplines: History and Anthropology symposium, *Challenging Infallible Histories: A Miraculous Revival of Dead Indians*.
- 2003 *Strategies for Success Beyond the Second Year in Graduate School*. Tenth Annual Institute on Teaching and Mentoring, Compact for Faculty Diversity, Miami, Florida, Presenter.
- 2000 Session chair. *The Role of the Professional Societies in Student and Faculty Development*. Seventh Annual Institute on Teaching and Mentoring, Compact for Faculty Diversity, Orlando, Florida
- 1999 Archival Research. Southwest Oregon Research Project, Washington, DC, Director
- 1998 Archaeology. Excavation at Daisy Cave, San Miguel Island, Channel Island National Park
- 1998 Session chair. *Shattering the Silences: The Case for Minority Faculty*. Fifth Annual Institute on Teaching and Mentoring, Compact for Faculty Diversity, San Diego, California.
- 1998 Session chair. *Shattering the Silences: The Case for Minority Faculty*. Fifth Annual Institute on Teaching and Mentoring, Compact for Faculty Diversity, San Diego, California

Yunker, Jason and Paul A. Shipman

- 2009 *The Future Stewards Initiative: A Model Educational System for Indigenous National Government Organizations*. 5th International Conference on Environmental, Cultural, Economic and Social Sustainability. Mauritius, January 6, 2009.

Service as Peer Reviewer

- 2009 Our Ancestors Paddle With Us: Chumash and Makah Indian Canoe Culture. *American Indian Culture and Research Journal*.
- 2009 The Conquest of the Peri-Urban: Sustainability and Post-colonialism. *The International Journal of Environmental, Cultural, Economic and Social Sustainability*.
- 2009 The Power of Belonging and Identity in Cultural Tourism: A resource for Mature Tourism Destinations for Image Re-creation. *The International Journal of Environmental, Cultural, Economic and Social Sustainability*.
- 2006 *Culture and the Real World: Core Concepts of Cultural Anthropology Applied to Contemporary World Issues* by David Eller. Thomas Wadsworth: Belmont, CA.

Grants

- 2013 "Seneca Language Revitalization Project." Seneca Nation of Indians (PI, \$200,000).
- 2011 "NY State Education Collegiate Science Technology Entry Program." NY State Education Department (PI, \$534,756).
- 2011 "Seneca Language Revitalization Project: Phase II." Seneca Nation of Indians (PI, \$18,000)
- 2010 "Haudenosaunee White Corn Project." RIT internal award to Ganondagan State Historic Site (PI, \$25,000).
- 2009 Seneca Language Revitalization Project: English-to-Seneca Language Conversion." Seneca Nation of Indians (PI, \$16,999).
- 2008 "Southwest Oregon Research Project: Transcription of the J.P. Harrington Voice Recordings." University of Oregon, (PI, \$7,512).
- 2008 "Native Science and Technology—Creating Terra Preta do Indio." Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation in the STEM Disciplines—Upstate Alliance, (co-PI, \$4,500).
- 2007 "Haudenosaunee Archival Research Project." Smithsonian Institution (PI, \$4,500).

- 2005 "Integrating Geographic Information Systems into RIT's Curriculum." RIT internal award from Provost's Learning Initiative Grant (co-PI, \$23,970).
- 2005 "NatureSpy Automated Wildlife Survey System." RIT internal award from College of Science, (co-PI, \$20,000)
- 2001-05 "Southwest Oregon Research Project Curriculum Implementation Program." Center for Indigenous Cultural Survival, (PI, \$34,000)
- 2002 American Philosophical Society, Native American Ethnographic Research Grant, (PI, \$2400)
- 2002 University Club of Portland, (\$5000, graduate student award)

Graduate Student Thesis Committees

- 2009-10 Da Deng, College of Imaging Arts and Sciences, School of Design. "Instructionless Design: Unconscious Instruction Helping Build Rules and Order in Human Behavior." Dr. Stan Rickel, committee chair.
- 2008-09 Sheetal Alreja, College of Imaging Arts and Sciences, School of Design. "Simplifying Complex Information Structures: The Application of Archiving and Mapping Strategies in Unconventional Contexts. Dr. Deborah Beardslee, committee chair.

Honors and Awards

- 2013 Isaac L. Jordan Excellence in Diversity Award
- 2002 University of Oregon Graduate Student Service Award
- 2002 Multicultural Affairs Excellence Award, University of Oregon
- 2001-02 Theodore Stern Fellow, University of Oregon, Department of Anthropology
- 1996-02 Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education Doctoral Scholar Fellow
- 1996 Smithsonian Institution, American Indian Museum Studies Program, Center for Museum Studies: Planning and Managing Museums for Public Audiences grant
- 1995 Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History American Indian Program Research Fellowship/grant. Southwest Oregon Research Project
- 1995 Target of Opportunity Laurel Award, University of Oregon
- 1995 Multicultural Affairs Excellence Award, University of Oregon
- 1995 Dean of Students Fellowship, University of Oregon Graduate School
- 1994 Target of Opportunity Laurel Award, University of Oregon
- 1994 Outstanding Educator Award, Oklahoma City University
- 1993 American Indian Teacher Training Program Fellow

Institutional and Academic Community Service

- 2011 AALANA Faculty Advisory Council (Provost appointment)
- 2011 Department Curriculum Committee, chair
- 2010 President's Commission for Promoting Pluralism, co-Chair
- 2010 College of Liberal Arts, RIT Promotion Committee
- 2009-10 Global Village Planning Team, co-chair
- 2009 Assessment Management System Selection committee member
- 2009 Chief Diversity Officer search committee member
- 2008-10 Association of Indigenous Anthropologists, secretary-treasurer, American Anthropological Association.
- 2008 Chief Diversity Officer assessment committee, President Destler appointment, RIT
- 2007-12 The National Academies, Ford Foundation Diversity Fellowships Program, Anthropology panelist
- 2007-P Faculty and Academic Advisor, Pi Delta Psi
- 2006-P Assistant to the Provost for Native American Relations
- 2006-P American Indian Science and Engineering Society, regional chapter advisor

- 2006-P Faculty Advisor, Native American Student Association
- 2005-P Commission for Promoting Pluralism (Funding and Development sub-committee; Diversity Assessment sub-committee; Community Affairs sub-committee), Rochester Institute of Technology
- 2005-P Council on Diversity and Inclusion, RIT
- 2006-P Council on Diversity and Inclusion, Diversity Assessment Subcommittee
- 2005-P Rochester Institute of Technology North Star Center Coalition for a Better World, faculty elder
- 2005-P Morris K. Udall Foundation, RIT Faculty representative for Udall Fellowship
- 2004-P Environmental Science Program Committee, Rochester Institute of Technology
- 2004-P GIS Users Group Committee, Rochester Institute of Technology
- 2005-P Oregon Historical Society, Member
- 2004 University of Oregon Museum of Natural History, Exhibit Education Consultant and committee member
- 2004 Morse Center Indigenous Planning Committee, University of Oregon Knight Law Center, committee member
- 2001-04 University of Oregon President's Native American Advisory Board participant
- 1998-P American Anthropological Association, Member
- 1997-2004 Coquille Indian Tribe Liaison to the University of Oregon
- 1994-2004 University of Oregon Many Nations Longhouse planning committee

Non-Academe Community Experience

- 2001-10 Coquille Cyberwire Corporation, Board of Directors
- 1999-2009 Coquille Economic Development Corporation, Board of Directors
- 1999-2003 Coquille Forest InterDisciplinary Team, since 1999.
- 1998-2003 Cultural Preservation Conference, held annually at North Bend, Oregon, coordinator since 1998.
- 1995-2002 Coquille Culture Committee, member since 1995, chair 1997-1998.
- 2000-04 State Advisory Commission on Historic Preservation, State of Oregon.
- 2000 Intertribal Agricultural Council, Coquille Indian Tribe, delegate
- 2001 Coquille Potlatch, event coordinator involving 44 Tribal Nations and 450 guests at the University of Oregon, June 9th, 2001.
- 2000 Archival research, design, and production of Coquille dugout canoe at Coquille Indian Tribe, North Bend, Oregon.
- 2000 Intertribal Timber Council, Coquille Indian Tribe, delegate
- 1999 InterTribal Youth Camp, coordinator. Campers included youth from Coquille, Warm Springs, Grand Ronde, Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Tribes.
- 1998-99 Winter Solstice Coyote Stories, coordinator, at Coquille Indian Tribe, North Bend, Oregon
- 1998-01 Coquille Forest Blessing ceremony, coordinator
- 1998-99 Coquille Organic Cranberry Harvest Ceremony, coordinator
- 1997 Coquille Potlatch at University of Oregon, coordinator. First public potlatch in 150 years involving 7 tribes from western Oregon and northern California

Professional Experience in Anthropology and Education

- 2011 Guest on WXXI Bob Smith Show (Public Radio), "Places, Stories, and Identities," April 20, 2011
- 2008 Guest on nationally syndicated radio, *Native America Calling* with host Harlan McKosato. Topic: Native American Research at the National Archives and the National Anthropological Archives.
- 1999 Archival Research. Southwest Oregon Research Project, Washington, DC, director
- 1998 Archaeology. Excavation at Daisy Cave, San Miguel Island, Channel Island National Park.

- 1996 Museum. Smithsonian Institution Planning and Managing Museums for Public Audiences, Mashantucket, Connecticut
- 1995 Archival Research. Southwest Oregon Research Project, researcher/coordinator, Smithsonian Institution, National Anthropological Archives, National Archives, Washington, DC
- 1995 Archaeology. Evaluation of Bandon Sandspit site, Coquille, Oregon
- 1995 Archaeology. Coquille point surface evaluation, Coos County, Oregon
- 1995 Archaeology. Grave Cove excavation, Coos Bay, Oregon
- 1995 Archaeology. Indian Bay site evaluation, Coos Bay, Oregon

Fellowships and Internships

- 2007 Visiting Scientist, National Museum of Natural History, American Indian Program, "Haudenosaunee Archival Research Project" August 7-17, 2007
- 1995 Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History. Southwest Oregon Research Project, April 1st -June 10th, 1995.