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EDUCATION

- M.S., American Studies, Utah State University, August 1993.
Areas of specialty: American Indian groups of the Great Basin, Northwestern Shoshone, Washakie, Utah, Colony; Western History, Folklore, Social and Cultural History.
- B.S., Family Life Education, Southern Utah University, 1983
History Minor, Southern Utah University, 1984.
Certificate: Secondary Education, Southern Utah University, 1984.
- A.S., Dixie College, 1981.
Certificate: Nursery Assistant, Dixie College, 1981.

MASTER'S THESIS TITLE

“Willie Ottogary: Northwestern Shoshone Journalist, 1906-1929”
Advisors: Barre Toelken, Professor
Clyde A. Milner II, Professor
Andrew Jeff Simmonds, Adjunct Professor

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION – PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR LICENSE

Area of concentration: Secondary Education (6–12)
Endorsements/Specialties:
Native American Studies
History
Library Media (K–12)
Family Consumer Sciences (CTE/General)
Journalism

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Accreditation Steering Committee Chair/Team Leader, Pine View High School (PVHS), St. George, Utah, 2007- 2015
- School Leadership Team Member (Department Heads), PVHS 2013-
- Library Media Specialist, (PVHS) 2004-
Technology Committee, 2001-
Academic Standards Committee, 1999-
School Community Council, 2000-2006, 2008-2011
- Library Media Specialist/Consultant, Cinnamon Hills Youth Crisis Center, St. George, Utah, 2008-2010
- Social Studies Department Chair, PVHS, St. George, Utah, 1998-2004

Adjunct Instructor: American Indian History, Dixie State College of Utah, St. George, Utah, 1994-2002

Pine View High School Social Studies Instructor, 1984-2004
Major classes taught: American Indian History/Studies, Honors World Civilizations, Modern World Civilizations, Life Management.
Journalism Instructor/Adviser, 2001- 2015

Consultant/historian on KBYU's (PBS) program: *Utah Storybook*: the segment titled, "The Dixie Cotton Mission" (program aired November 1995).

Consultant for the Brigham City, Utah, Museum-Gallery's October exhibit: "The Washakie Indian Artifact Collection of Judge Benjamin C. Call." 1993.

Veterans Oral History Project. Creator of an ongoing collection of oral histories of Veterans of foreign wars who now reside in Washington County, Utah. Over three hundred oral histories have been collected so far. 1991.

Close Up Foundation: Teacher coordinator. This program is designed to take high school students to Washington, D.C., to gain insight into the workings of our federal government. 1990-2000

History Fair Instructor: (PVHS) prepared students for Regional and State History Fairs, and for competition in the National History Day Contest held at the University of Maryland (near Washington, D.C.). 1986-

Competencies in traditional American Indian Life ways/crafts (taught to me by American Indians, and others), leather-work (including brain-tanning of animal hides), beadwork, flintknapping, moccasin making, etc. Dates vary--present.

INDIVIDUAL ACADEMIC HONORS, GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

Indigenous Month Mini-Grant, "Walking in Beauty: Following Lena Judee through her childhood on the Navajo Nation to University graduate, to Italy, to Higher Education and back to Naabeehó Bináhásdzo." The State Library and the Division of Indian Affairs, November 2014.

Washington County School District Award of Excellence: Language Arts PLC Collaborative Team, Pine View High School, October 2013.

NEH Summer Institute, "Seeking the Center Place: Continuity and Change in the Pueblo World," directed by M. Elaine Davis and Marjorie Connelly, Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, Cortez, Colorado, 26 June – 23 July 2005.

Lannan Summer Institute, "American Indian Political Activism Before WWII," directed by Dr. Frederick Hoxie, Newberry Library, Chicago, 23 June – 18 July 2003.

Utah Humanities Council Grant for lectures/discussions based on publication of *The Washakie Letters of Willie Ottogary, Northwestern Shoshone Journalist and Leader, 1906-1929*, Logan: Utah State University Press. Award won September 2000.

Utah State History Fair Merit Award for continued effort and success in working with high school students in the regional, state, and national History Day/Fairs, April 2004, April 2000.

Selected as a Fellow in the Council For Basic Education's Network of Fellows, (a branch of the National Endowment for the Humanities), 1995-1998.

Northern Life's *Education's Unsung Heroes* Award. One of 80 educators in the nation to receive this award, and the only recipient in Utah. The award recognized an innovative program I established in my American Indian Studies course--an American Indian Garden Project. See the following Award web site for more details:

<http://corporate.voya.com/corporate-responsibility/community-investment/childrens-education/voya-unsung-heroes/past-winners?> https://corporate.voya.com/corporate-responsibility/community-investment/childrens-education/voya-unsung-heroes/past-winners?field_ungung_hero_state_value=&field_ungung_hero_year_value=&title=kreitzer

BYU's Charles Redd Center for Western Studies Faculty Fellowship for 1996/97. This award was for continued research and writing on a book-length manuscript dealing with a Great Basin Shoshone Leader/Journalist named Willie Ottogary, 1996.

Phillips Fund Grant for Native American Research (American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia, PA). To fund Willie Ottogary research. This grant also involved the collection of oral histories of Ottogary's grandson, Clyde S. Ottogary, 1995.

Utah Rural Schools Association's "Exemplary Program Award" for my class: History of the American Indian. Curriculum focused on American Indians in both historical and cultural contexts. An integral part of our curriculum was an American Indian Garden which we patterned after Pueblo gardens we studied. 1995.

PUBLICATIONS

"Diamonds, Ovals, and Rings: Northwestern Shoshone Sports at the Washakie Colony of Northern Utah, 1906-1929." *The International Journal of the History of Sport*. Routledge, part of the Taylor & Francis Group. Vol. 23, No. 2, March 2006, 232 – 246.

Book review of *Utah Historians and the Reconstruction of Western History*, Gary Topping, *Journal of the West*. [2006 Vol./issue unknown at present].

Online biographical publication, with selected documents, on Willie Ottogary, Northwestern Shoshone Political Activist. Newberry Library, Chicago, IL, web site. Forthcoming.

The Washakie Letters of Willie Ottogary, Northwestern Shoshone Journalist and Leader, 1906-1929, Logan: Utah State University Press, October 2000.

Book review of *The gathering place: An Illustrated History of Salt Lake City*, by John S. McCormick, *Journal of the West*, Manhattan, KS, 2000.

Book review of *Roadside history of Utah*, Cynthia Larsen Bennett, *Journal of the West*, Manhattan, KS, 1999.

CONFERENCE PAPERS, LECTURES, AND PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

"Native Studies" presentation for students of Karl G. Maeser Preparatory Academy, Lindon, Utah. Paper and PowerPoint presentation given at Pine View High School, St. George, Utah 9 January 2018.

"Viva il Libro" (Long Live the Book): A St. Patrick's Day Concert Celebrating the Music of Literature and the Literature of Music. Emcee/Performer/Organizer, Music and Literature Benefit Concert, Pine View High School, St. George, Utah 17 March 2012.

"I Spy . . . What's in your library?" Paper and PowerPoint presentation for Utah Educational Library Media Association's (UELMA) Southern Utah Regional Workshop, SUU, Cedar City, Utah, 13 September 2007.

“Voices out of the Dust: The Lives and Literatures of Washakie, Utah—A Northwestern Shoshone Colony.” Paper presented at PCA/ACA (Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association) National Conference, Atlanta, GA, 12–15 April 2006. Session: “American Indian Literatures & Cultures II: Native History and Literature.” Chair: Elizabeth Hoffman Nelson, Emporia State University, KS.

Willie Ottogary: Shoshone Journalist, Leader, Family Man, and Mormon. Paper presented at the Mormon History Association’s 36th Annual Meeting, Cedar City, Utah—May 17–21 2001. Session: “Twentieth Century Native Americans in Mormon Culture.”

Willie Ottogary and his Washakie Letters: Lectures and Presentations.
American West Heritage Center, Wellsville, Utah, 5 October 2000.
Friends of the Native Americans of Northern Utah, Tremonton, Utah,
4 November 2000.
Washington City Historical Society, Washington, Utah, 8 November 2000.
Dixie State College of Utah, St. George, Utah, 5 December 2000.

“Native Peoples of the Great Basin,” lecture/presentation at the St. George, Utah, Tabernacle’s *History and Music Series*, June 1999.

“The Washakie Letters of Willie Ottogary: Northwestern Shoshone Journalist and Leader, 1906-1929,” Annual meeting of the Conference of Inter-Mountain Archivists, Pocatello, Idaho, May 1998.

“Navajo Blankets and Rocking Chairs: The Beauty and Significance of Folklore or, more specifically, The Beauty and Significance of our Material Culture,” forum address for Annual Native American Days, Dixie College, St. George, Utah, May 1997.

“The Indians of Washington County, Utah,” presentation for January’s meeting of the Washington City Historical Society, 1994.

“The Northwestern Bands of Shoshone and the Mormons: Cultural Exchange in Washakie, Utah, the First Forty Years,” Presentation in Folklore Colloquium, Utah State University, 1993.

PEER REVIEWED MANUSCRIPT FOR PUBLICATION

Sacajawea’s People: The Lemhi Shoshones and the Salmon River County, by John W. Mann.
University of Nebraska Press, 2004

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Library Association (ALA) 2004-2009, Institutional membership 2013-
American Studies Association (ASA) 1993-2007
National Education Association (NEA) 1984-present
Washington County Education Association (WCEA) 1984-present