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Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation - Pendleton, OR

06/1992 - 09/1992

Policy Analyst Special Sciences

- Provided detailed analysis on the effects of cesium, tritium and other nuclear contaminants on salmon and other species on and near the Hanford Nuclear reservation
- Produced the initial study regarding the U.S. Department of Energy's practices in discharging, maintaining, and storing nuclear by-products at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation in Washington State

MILITARY SERVICE

United States Navy

1988 - 1992

Intelligence Specialist - Attack Squadron 155

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United States Navy Reserves

1992 - 1995

Joint Intelligence Center Pacific 1489 and Defense Intelligence Agency Headquarters 055

EDUCATION

- Master of Legal Studies – Indigenous Peoples Law
University of Oklahoma School of Law
- Bachelor of Science - Business Administration - Concordia University
Management, Communications, and Leadership
- United States Navy Intelligence Training Center A School - Graduate with Honors
IS 3910 Photographic Interpreter - Soviet Studies, Anti-Terrorism, Middle Eastern Affairs, China Affairs

AWARDS

- Native American Journalist Association – National Native Media Awards 2019
2018 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013
- Ecotrust Indigenous Leadership Award Finalist – 2011
for services to Salmon Nation
- U.S. President's Service Medal for work in the Environmental Field – 2000
Points of Light Foundation
- U.S. President's Council on Sustainable Development – 1998
National & Regional Award for Environmental Achievement
- Peter F. Drucker Foundation Award – Special Recognition 1997
Outstanding management of a non-profit
- American Rivers Silver Medal – 1997
Environmental achievement for services to the Columbia River
- Navy Achievement Medal – 1991
Professional Achievement in Combat Operations- Persian Gulf War

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

- Chair - Cayuse Holding Company LLC 2018-present
- Chair - Oregon Cultural Trust 2014-present
- Vice Chair – Gray Family Foundation 2018-present
- Advisor - Confluence Project 2010-present
- Advisor - Columbia Land Trust 2014-present

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- Veterans of Foreign Wars 1992-present
- Naval Intelligence Professionals Association 2001-present
- River Network Board of Directors 2004-2011
- Center for Diversity and the Environment (founding member/former Chair) 2006-2012
- Tiicham Conservation District (former Chair) 2011-2013
- CTUIR Natural Resources Commission 2013-2017
- Nixyaawii Community School Board 2013-2017