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Curriculum vitae

Department of American Indian Studies/
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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Coventry University (UK); Centre for Agroecology, Water and Resilience (Defense Scheduled: November 3, 2017). Dissertation: *'Thereby We Shall Live': Tohono O'odham Food Sovereignty and the Confluence of Quantum Leadership, Cultural Vitality, Public Health, and Economic Hybridity*. Advisor: Michel Pimbert.
- M.Div. Harvard University (1994). Theology.
- B.A. Swarthmore College (1989). Major: Philosophy; Minors: Political Science and Religion. (Highest Honors)

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2016-Present Assistant Professor of Practice. University of Arizona; Department of American Indian Studies/McGuire Center for Entrepreneurship (Joint Appointment).

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

- 2017 Reader, T. & Johnson, T. Fishing for Change: A Pedagogy of Native Food Sovereignty. In C. Etmanski, Ed., *Leadership, Learning and Food: Global Perspectives on Food Systems Transformation*. Boston, MA: Sense Publishers.
- 2016 Reader, T. & Johnson, T. Tohono O'odham *Himdag* and *Agri/culture*. In T. LeVasseur, P. Parajuli & N. Wirzba, Eds., *Religion and Sustainable*

Agriculture: World Spiritual Traditions and Food Ethics. Lexington, KY: University of Kentucky Press.

Journal Articles

2000 Reader, T. Singing Like We Mean It: Native Food Systems, Health and Culture. *Race, Poverty & the Environment* (Winter).

Research Reports

2005 Reader, T., Jagodinsky, K & Buseck, P. Improving Community Nutrition Through Traditional Tohono O'odham Foods. Research Innovation and Development Report. US Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service.

2003 Lopez, D., Reader, T. & Paganelli, M. Community Attitudes Toward Traditional Tohono O'odham Foods. Research Innovation and Development Report. US Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service.

2001 Lopez, D., Wyndham, K. & Reader, T. The Impact of Food Assistance Programs on the Tohono O'odham Food System: An Analysis and Recommendations. Research Innovation and Development Report. US Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service.

1997 Reader, T. Recontextualizing Culture: The Material Roots of Language and Culture. Lannan Foundation. Santa Fe, NM.

Manuscripts in Preparation

Reader, T. Re-Rooting Food Sovereignty Discourse in Praxis. To be submitted to *Journal of Peasant Studies* series on Food Sovereignty: A Critical Dialogue.

Reader, T. Indigenizing Food Sovereignty: Critical Distinctions

Other Publications

2013 Reader, T. Getting Traditional Foods on Your School Menu. In *Native Foodsways* Magazine (Winter 2013/14). Sells, AZ: TOCA.

2001 Reader, T. & Johnson, T. In *Hold Everything: Masterworks of Basketry and Pottery from the Heard Museum Collection*. Phoenix, AZ: Heard Museum.

- 1999 Reader, T. & Johnson, T. Native Baskets of the Southwest: Weaving Together Past and Future. In *Indian Artist* (Winter). Santa Fe, NM: Indian Artists, Inc.
- 1999 Reader, T. & Johnson, T. Tohono O’odham Community Food System. In *The Witness* (Jan/Feb). Detroit, MI: Episcopal Church Publishing Co.

AWARDS & HONORS

- 2011 WhyHunger. Harry Chapin Self Reliance Award. \$10,000.
- 2010 Goodmans Eye for the Good Guy Nonprofit Executive Award. \$20,000.
- 2002 Ford Foundation. Leadership for a Changing World Award. \$115,000.
- 2001 President’s Commission on Arts and Humanities. Coming Up Taller Award. \$10,000.
- 1989-90 Thomas J. Watson Fellowship. Thomas J. Watson Foundation. \$25,000.

GRANTS (ACADEMIC)

- 2017 Co-PI. National Science Foundation. Project Title: *Convergence NNA: Networking Indigenous Arctic and U.S. Southwest Communities on Food and Information Sovereignty for Climate Resilience*. (\$499,006)
- 2017 Confluentcenter for Creative Inquiry Director’s Discretionary Fund. Project Title: *Native Food Sovereignty Storytelling, Capacity-Building, and Best Practices Project*. (\$1,200)

GRANTS (NONPROFIT)

As Co-Founder and Co-Director of Tohono O’odham Community Action (TOCA), I obtained over \$10 million in grants from private foundations, federal and state agencies, and corporations between 1995 and 2014. Below are listed a sample of those grants that exceeded \$100,000. Dozens of medium-sized grants (\$5000-\$80,000) were also secured.

- 2014 Christensen Fund. \$100,000.
- 2013 U.S. Administration for Native Americans; Social and Economic Development Strategies (SEDS). \$309,900.
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; CED Healthy Foods Financing Initiative. \$300,000.

- 2012 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Community Transformation Grant. \$200,000.
- U.S. Department of Agriculture; Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers Program. \$231,450.
- Desert Diamond Casinos Foundation. \$200,000.
- 2011 Marguerite Casey Foundation. \$300,000.
- Christensen Fund. \$100,000.
- 2010 W.K. Kellogg Foundation. \$1,230,000.
- U.S. Department of Agriculture; Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program. \$747,200.
- Centers for Disease Control; Native Wellness and Diabetes Prevention Program. \$400,000.
- 2009 Christensen Fund. \$200,000.
- 2008 W.K. Kellogg Foundation. \$685,000.
- 2007 Ford Foundation. \$200,000.
- 2006 Christensen Fund. \$200,000.
- 2005 W.K. Kellogg Foundation. \$475,000.
- Ford Foundation; Asset Building & Community Development Program. \$150,000.

INVITED TALKS

- 2016 Moderator and Commentator for Artist Talk: Aranda/Lasch and Terrol Dew Johnson. Museum of Contemporary Art Tucson. Tucson, Arizona. (October 29)
- 2015 Indigenous and Activist Critiques of Food Sovereignty Discourse: The Tohono O’odham Way Forward. Oxford University Department of International Development. Oxford, England. (October 26)
- Indigenous and Activist Critiques of Food Sovereignty Discourse: A Way Forward. Coventry University; Centre for Agroecology, Water and Resilience. Coventry, England.

(October 27)

Tohono O’odham Food Sovereignty Over Two Decades: A Model of Indigenous Development and Research. Coventry University; Centre for Agroecology, Water and Resilience. Coventry, England. (October 29)

Tohono O’odham Food Sovereignty: Continuity, Adaption and Self-Determination in Native American Communities. University of Arizona; Native Nations Institute Research Group. Tucson, Arizona. (June 23)

- 2014 Panelist on Rural Strategies at National Conversation on Healthy Food Access. Hosted by PolicyLink, The Food Trust, and The Reinvestment Fund. Washington, DC. (March 21)
- 2013 Panelist on USDA.gov/Live Online Forum on Local and Regional Food Systems. (November 21)
- 2008 Panelist on Building a Healthier Indian Country. National Congress of the American Indian (NCAI) Annual Meeting. (October)
- 2006 Native American Foods: Lost Traditions - Found Opportunities. Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Baltimore, Maryland. (May 2)
- 2005 Tohono O’odham Food Sovereignty. Northern Arizona University; Program in Sustainable Communities. Flagstaff, Arizona. (February)

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY/PARTICIPATION

- 2017 Native American Food Systems & Food Sovereignty. Improving Indigenous Public Health Training Series. Western Region Public Health Training Center. Tucson, AZ (August 23)
- Program Planning and Evaluation. Improving Indigenous Public Health Training Series. Western Region Public Health Training Center. Tucson, AZ (February 15)
- 2015 Tohono O’odham Food Sovereignty and Resilience: Lessons from 20 Years of Work to Rebuild the Roots of Community. Resilient Places, Resilient Peoples: Elder Voices Summit. Victoria, BC, Canada. (September 19-22)
- 2010 Workshop Presenter. W.K. Kellogg Foundation Food & Community Conference.
- 2008 Workshop Presenter. W.K. Kellogg Foundation Food & Society Conference.

CAMPUS TALKS

2017 Why Food Sovereignty Matters: Reflections from Native America. Panel of the Native American Food Sovereignty Alliance.

Food Sovereignty and Public Health. Winter Training Institute. Native American Resource and Training Center (March 1)

Digital Access, Inclusivity, and Indigenous Populations. McGuire Innovation Talks @ iSpace. (February 23)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Many Nations of Native America (Undergraduate Intro/General Education)	Fall 2017
Indigenous & Participatory Action Research Methods (Graduate)	Spring 2017
Indigenous Food Sovereignty (Advanced Undergraduate/Graduate)	Spring 2017
Innovating: Creating the Future (Undergraduate Senior Capstone)	Spring 2017 Fall 2017
Native American Social Innovation & Entrepreneurship	Spring 2018 (Scheduled)

DEPARTMENTAL/UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Affiliated Faculty; Food Studies BA Program. (2017-present)

Chair; By-Laws Review Committee; Department of American Indian Studies. (2017-present)

Member; UA Partnerships for Indigenous Environmental Strategies (2017-present)

Member; American Indian Studies Graduate Interdisciplinary Program. (2017-present)

Member; Departmental Anniversary Committee; Department of American Indian Studies. (2017-present)

SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE AND ACADEMIC INTERVIEWS

2016 Markowitz, L. Feed Our Future: Putting Native Foods Back on the Plate. Arizona Public Media (NPR Radio). (September 23)

Planting Seeds. *Swarthmore College Bulletin*. (Fall 2016; Issue IV, Vol. CXII)

- 2015 Korgen, J.O., *Beyond Empowerment: A Pilgrimage with the Catholic Campaign for Human Development*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books.
- 2014 Native American Farmers Band Together to Distribute Remaining \$380M of Keepseagle in *Indian Country Today* (September 19) (Newspaper).
- 2012 Salmón, E. *Eating the Landscape: American Indian Stories of Food, Identity, and Resilience (First Peoples: New Directions in Indigenous Studies)* University of Arizona Press.
- Cohen, R. J. C.. Rebuilding the Himidag: The Fall and Rise of Tohono O'odham Agriculture and Foodways, 1936-2012. (Honors Thesis, Harvard College).
- 2009 Arizona Café Makes Healthy Fare for Native Americans. *All Things Considered*. National Public Radio (June 19).
- Native American Tribe Has Highest Rate of Adult Onset Diabetes in the World. Voice of America (TV).
- 2008 *Unnatural Causes: Is Inequality Making Us Sick?; Bad Sugar* episode. PBS (TV).
- Fazzino, D. Traditional Food Security: Tohono O'odham Traditional Foods in Transition. (PhD Dissertation, University of Florida).
- 2006 Seasoned with Spirit: A Native Cook's Journey. PBS (TV).
- Enjoying a Low-fat Desert in *Cultural Survival Quarterly* (Fall) (Magazine).
- 2004 Why is America So Fat? *60 Minutes*. CBS (TV)
- 2003 Buseck, P. M. Tohono O'odham Agriculture and Traditional Foods: Revitalizing a Community Food System to Help Prevent and Treat Diabetes. (Masters Thesis, University of California, Davis).
- 2001 Nabhan, G.P., *Coming Home to Eat: The Pleasure and Politics of Local Foods*. New York: W.W. Norton & Co.
- Scientific American Frontiers. PBS (TV).
- 2000 Finding Desert Blooms That Heal in *New York Times* (March 30) (Newspaper).

NON-ACADEMIC WORK

- 1996–2015 Co-Founder & Co-Director. Tohono O'odham Community Action. Sells, Arizona.

SERVICE & BOARD LEADERSHIP

- 2014 Lead Organizer. Native American Farm, Ranch and Food Fund.
- 2013-
Present Board Member. Native American Food Sovereignty Alliance.
- 2012 Co-Founder and Managing Editor. *Native Foodways Magazine*.
- 1998 Founding Board Member. *Ha:san* Preparatory Leadership School.

LANGUAGES

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| Spanish | Full Professional Proficiency (ILR Level 3) |
| Tohono O'odham | Limited Working Competence (ILR Level 2) |

REFERENCES

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