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CURRICULUM VITAE

PROFILE SUMMARY

A community scholar and educator experienced in collaborating with others to plan and implement community-based learning. Knowledgeable in adult learning styles that encourage community education, mobilization, advocacy, field research, and capacity building.

CORE LEARNING COMPETENCIES

1. Aptitude to understand and promote mutually enhancing approaches to learning
2. Ability to create in-person and virtual spaces of encounter for learners from diverse backgrounds that offer opportunities to generate respectful relationships
3. Capacity for leadership and facilitation in adult learning environments

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Areas of Academic Interest: Ethics of Mutuality, Reconciliation, Indigenous- Settler Relations in Canada

Saint Paul University, Ottawa, Canada

Ph.D. (Christian Ethics)

September 2016

Thesis: *Beyond Protection: Responding to the Problem of Trafficking in Aboriginal Women and Girls in Canada Through the Lens of Paul Ricoeur's Ethics of Human Capability and Mutual Recognition*

Saint Paul University, Ottawa, Canada

MA Theology (Christian Ethics)

October 2009

Thesis: *Discovering a Framework for Ethical Research on Human Trafficking Through the Lens of Paul Ricoeur*

Saint Paul University, Ottawa, Canada

BA in Theology

October 1999

WORK EXPERIENCE

Saint Paul University

January 2023 – April 2023

Part-time Professor

THO4132: The Church and Indigenous Peoples

International Society of the Sacred Heart

March 2017 – December 2022

UN-NGO Representative, United Nations Headquarters New York, NY

- Coordinate the ecological and human rights education and advocacy efforts of the Society of the Sacred Heart at the UN, and supervise interns
- Network and collaborate with other UN-NGOs, government officials, UN agencies, members and partners of the Society of the Sacred Heart at the grassroots to help achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals



Saint Paul University, Ottawa, ON

September 2010 – September 2016

Doctoral Candidate, Researcher and Consultant, Phase I Indigenous Learning Initiative

Society of the Sacred Heart, Ottawa, ON, Canada

August 2009 – July 2013

Provincial Leadership Team Member (Canadian Province)

Canadian Religious Conference (CRC), Ottawa, ON, Canada

July 2003 – August 2008

Justice, Peace, Integrity of Creation (JPIC) Fieldworker

SELECTED RELEVANT ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTIONS

Janice Cindy Gaudet, Sheila Smith, Isabelle Meawasige, “Nookimisk-Nangdownjgewad: An Indigenous Grandmothers’ Initiative in Response to Sexual Exploitation of Young Aboriginal Women.” *Decolonizing Futures, Collaborations for New Indigenous Horizons, Uppsala Multiethnic Papers, 57*, edited by Hiroshi Maruyama et al, Uppsala University, 2022, 317-342.

Sheila Smith, “Mutuality at the Heart of Discernment for Mission.” *Religious Life Asia, First Quarter, Institute for Religious Life Asia, 2019.*

Sheila Smith, “Why Reconciliation Matters to Canadians.” Virtual Workshop, Barat Spirituality Centre, Halifax, NS, Canada, January 13, 2018.

Sheila Smith and Cindy Gaudet, “Being Aboriginal, Being Settler in Canada: Where Contexts Collide.” Guest Lecture in Contemporary Contextual Theologies in the Canadian Landscape, Montreal School of Theology, Montreal, Quebec, April 11, 2015.

Sheila Smith and Janice Cindy Gaudet, “A Community-Based Report on Findings, Learnings and Pathways Forward. Decolonizing and Indigenizing Learning at Saint Paul University.” Prepared for Saint Paul University, January 2015.

OTHER RELEVANT CONTRIBUTIONS

- Committee Member, Kateri Native Ministry of Ottawa, Healing and Learning Lodge: 2022-present
- Board Member, Office of Religious for Integral Ecology (ORCIE): 2022-present
- Member of the International Community of Practice for Indigenous Rights, Society of the Sacred Heart: 2020-present
- Honorary Member of Kii-Ga-Do-Waak (Grandmother Council), Sault Ste. Marie, ON, Canada: 2014-present
- Joint Submission to the United Nations Human Rights Office of the High Commission Call for Input on Violence Against Indigenous Women and Girls, January 2022
- Primary and elementary school religious education teacher, Tl’etinqox School, Tl’etinqox, T̓silhqot’in Nation, Alexis Creek, BC and Xetólacw Community School, Lílwat Nation, Mount Currie, BC, 1985-2000
- Pastoral worker, Sacred Heart Parish and T̓silhqot’in Missions, T̓silhqot’in Nation, Alexis Creek, BC and St. Christopher Parish and Missions, Lílwat Nation, Mount Currie, BC, 1985-2000