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Assistant Professor at Northwestern University Medill School of Journalism, Media, and Integrated Marketing Communications. Fellow Faculty at the Buffett Institute for Global Affairs. Environmental and science education leader who advances knowledge integration processes and culturally relevant education for local communities of practice worldwide. Policy analyst and media journalist specialized in sustainable development and Indigenous Peoples governance systems. territorial and environmental rights, international law and policy, and land tenure. Research and practice around capacity building in collaborative curriculum development and community educational media projects. Expertise on innovation, implementation of technology and digital media in environmental research and science education.

Education

Joint Doctoral Degree, University of Wisconsin-Madison Environment and Resources, (Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies) and Curriculum and Instruction (School of Education).

Master of Science Degree, University of Wisconsin-Madison, School of Education, Curriculum and Instruction Major; minor in Digital Media.

Bachelor of Arts Degree, University of Wisconsin-Madison, B.A. Latin American, Caribbean and Iberian Studies.

University of Lima, Peru. Undergraduate Studies. Social Communication Sciences 1980-1988.

Languages

Fluent Academic and Professional English and Spanish. Proficient Basic Portuguese.

Honors

Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies Advance Opportunity Fellowship 2019-2010; Foreign Research Fellow – Forum for Law, Environment, Development and Governance, FLEDGE, India, 2019; Milton O. Pella Science Education Fellowship 2018 – 2019 University of Wisconsin-Madison; School of Education and Curriculum and Instruction Doctoral Program; Kuney Scholarship, University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Continuing Studies 2018-2019; Advance Opportunity Fellowship. University of Wisconsin Madison Graduate School. Academic Year 2011- 12 and 2017--2020; Continuing Education CE Grant Fall 2017; Stuart Daily Seeds of Learning Scholarship 2016-2017; Lodewick Graduate Fellowship 2012 – 2013; Education Graduate Research Scholars Fellowship Award 2018.; McNair Post Baccalaureate Research Scholar 2010 – 2011.

Opinion/Editorial/News / Academic Journals

[Maya Peoples' Territorial Governance and Vulnerability in Climate Change Policy and Action](#) - Nov 06, 2023 | Cultural Survival. Co-authored with Northwestern University Political Sciences Doctoral Candidate Diana K. Elhard. The links between climate change and Indigenous Peoples' territorial and environmental governance.

[The National Indigenous Media Commission in Colombia and the Rights to Media: A Model for the Global South](#) - Oct 05, 2023 | Cultural Survival.

[State-controlled Conservation and USAID Aid Green Grabbing against Indigenous Peoples in Peruvian Amazon](#) - Oct 13, 2023 | News. Co-authored with Dr. Abou Farman (New School University)

[Shipibo-Konibo Indigenous Amazonian Communities Occupy a Peruvian Regional Conservation Area Office Demanding the Restitution of their Territorial Rights – at “Indigenous Voice”](#). September 11, 2022.

[“Mbororo Peoples’ Journey for Survival: Transhumance and Territoriality in Central Africa” Multimedia article](#) - With United Nations Department of Political and Peace Building Affairs. September 20, 2023.

UNEP 2021. Mentor and Editor of the [UNEP Report “Afrikan Youth Perspectives on the Wisdom of the Indigenous Peoples and Local communities Towards Ecosystem Restoration. The Future We Create”](#). – Authors: Njuiri, Nkirote, Ahmed and Nyanje - (Multilateral Environmental Agreements) Youth Empowerment and Training Initiative (YETI) to empower youth on environmental governance. November 2021 Pp. 21

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Caldwell, C., Thunder, C., Lauffer, H. B., Flick, K., Orie, L., Morales, R., Gauthier, J., & Grignon, J. (2018). The POSOH Project: Collaboratively supporting a community-driven perspective on sustainability and commitment to the Menominee Forest’s stewardship. *Tribal College and University Research Journal*, 2, 49-67. (<https://resources.collegefund.org/wp-content/uploads/TCU-Research-Journal-Vol.-2-October-2018.pdf>)

Awarded and Official Selection Films

“The Fly Back: Restoring Territorial Rights in the Ucayali Basin” 58:34 min Television Documentary – Winner to Cannes World Film Festival 2024 “Remember the Future” January 2024 Edition in 4 Categories: Best Environmental Film, Best Humanitarian Film, Best Human Rights Film, and Best Indigenous / Native Peoples Film. Best Feature Film New York Film Festival Monthly Competition January 2024. Exceptional Merit Award [Hispanic International Film Festival 2024](#), January 2024. Outstanding Achievement Award at [10th Season of Beyond Border International Film Festival 2024](#).

Associate Producer, “Mayaland: Listening to the Bees”. Winner Documentary Award Spring 2023 Socially Relevant Film Festival, NY. Winner [International Social Change Film Festival 2023](#); Official Selection [Madriff Film Festival, Madrid 2023](#); and [Quetzacoatl International Film Festival 2022](#).

Research and Policy Analysis Networks

Member of International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) – Commissions on Ecosystem Management (CEM), Environmental, Economic and Social Policy (CEESP), Species Survival Commission, and Seed Conservation Specialist Group. Current 2021-Present; Member of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Participant observer at the United Nations Forum on Indigenous Issues (UW-Madison 2016-2019); Member of the United Nations Indigenous Media Caucus UNPFII 2018-present. Member of Forum for Law, Environment, Development, and Governance (FLEDGE, India) International Research Fellow, 2019-present. Member of Indigenous International Forum for Biodiversity (IIFB) Advisory Group to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity, 2018-present. Liaison for Menominee Nation with members of international delegations at UNPFII. 2021-2022 UNESCO University of Wisconsin-Madison Member of the Chair Advisory Committee. Participant of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-24) and the Third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on

Implementation (SBI-3) as IIFB delegate. February and March 2021. Participant of the United Nations High Level Political Forum 2019 as international consultant for the Peruvian Indigenous Shipibo, Konibo, Xetebo Amazonian Peoples Nations Council (COSHICOX) at the Convention of Biological Diversity (COP-14 2018-present). Member of the International Indigenous Peoples Forum for Climate Change at UNFCCC 2019-present.

International Field Work: India, Nepal, Egypt, Mozambique, Kenya, Peru, Colombia, Mexico, United States. Cameroon.

Consultant and Advisor: Provides leadership in areas related to: culturally relevant science and environmental education, policy analysis in collective rights issues of world Indigenous Peoples in international law and policy networks; research quality improvement in attention to cultural and governance right from distinctive communities of practice; biodiversity and resource management policy for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs) worldwide with a right-based perspective focused on vulnerable populations.

Work History in US:

Led innovative education and community engagement academic and outreach programs as part of the University of Wisconsin System and affiliated organizations with multicultural communities around science and environmental education programs with impact on local and regional sustainable development, to advance quality of life and equity of culturally distinctive and multicultural communities. Promoted an interlaced engagement between formal and informal education, including community education, teacher development, and participatory action, informed by 18 years of instructional practice in Peru and USA including issues of sustainable development, human rights, civil society, community studies, and technological innovation in rural learning communities. His scholarship includes over articles, reports, lectures, place-based community outreach education initiatives and educational media programs coproduced in partnership with diverse communities of practice.

- **Tenure Track Assistant Professor, Northwestern University.** Medill School of Journalism, Media, and Integrated Marketing Communications. Fellow Faculty at the Buffett Institute for Global Affairs. September 2021-present. Courses: Undergraduate and Graduate level – “Native American, Environmental Issues and the Media”. Part of the Medill Explorers Program.
- **Consultant. College of Menominee Nation and University of Wisconsin-Madison.** Equity Grant and Four Directions International Exchange Project. Sustainable Development Institute, and University of Wisconsin-Madison Latin American, Caribbean and Iberian Studies Program. Summer 2021 – Present.
- **Fellow Doctoral Researcher** – University of Wisconsin-Madison Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies and UW-Madison Law School - Great Lakes Indigenous Law Center 2018-2020
- **Lecturer, University of Wisconsin-Platteville,** Academic Staff, Department of Social Sciences, Ethnic Studies Division. Course: Ethnic Studies 2130, The Native American Experience. Fall 2016- Spring 2019
- **Lecturer – University of Wisconsin-Madison. Nelson Institute of Environmental Studies and Institute for Regional and International Studies.** Seminar “Global Indigeneity and Sustainability” Spring 2017 Title VI National Resource Centers from Department of Education.
- **Lecturer - University of Wisconsin-Madison. International Division, Institute for Regional and International Studies IRIS,** College of Menominee Nation. Seminar “Global Indigeneity and Sustainability”. Fall 2016. Title VI National Resource Centers, Department of Education.
- **Project Assistant, Graduate Researcher, Great Lakes Indigenous Law Center** – University of Wisconsin-Madison, Law School. 2018-2020
- **Project Assistant, University of Wisconsin Madison - Department of Biochemistry.** POSOH Project, Wisconsin Fast Plants Program, Great Lakes Bioenergy Research Center, College of Menominee Nation – 2011-2016
- **Guest Lecturer – University of Wisconsin-Madison – Department of Life Sciences Communication.** Introduction to Digital Media Production. Fall Semester, 2015

- **Researcher and Educational Media Designer, University of Wisconsin-Madison Department of Biochemistry, POSOH Project and Great Lakes Bio Energy Research Center.** USDA Grant for Science Education. September 2011 – 2016
- **Service-Learning Youth Media Lead Educator. Community Informal Science Education and Youth Leadership Cohorts with Tribal Youth in Wisconsin.** UW-Madison Life Sciences Communication Tribal Youth Media & Global Health Program 2011-2014; POSOH Project, Sustainable Development Institute, College of Menominee Nation 2013 & 2014; University of Wisconsin Arboretum–Earth Partnership 2015, Indigenous Arts & Sciences Project 2014.
- **Research Administration - Grants and Contracts Specialist.** Pre-Award Unit, Research and Sponsored Programs. University of Wisconsin-Madison. 2009-2011
- **Supervisor & Training Officer - University of Wisconsin-Madison Office of Human Resource Development - Cultural Linguistic Services.** April 2007 – January 2009, Madison, WI

Work History in Peru:

Developed a career on social and educational communication and capacity building, leading a central governmental office and directing action-research programs for Protected Classes, incorporating strategic communication, and interdisciplinary intersectoral coordination. Developed a career as social communicator and educator incorporating media and technology as a method of inquiry and as community education tool.

- **United Nation Development Program (UNDP) Consultant for the Peruvian Government Jan 1998 – Dec 1999.** Appointment as Head of General Communications Office at Women’s Rights and Human Development State Ministry PROMUDEH – Coordinator of the Information, Education and Communication (IEC) National Commission. Director of Central Press and Documentary Centers.
- **Associate Producer, TV Cultura Non-Governmental Organization. Investigative Journalism and Research.** Lima, Peru 1990-1998. Projects related to human rights, social and economic development, public health, education, and international cooperation.
- **Environmental Communication Supervisor. CENTROMIN PERU. City Television Station Supervisor,** Cerro de Pasco, Junin. 1996-1998. Central Andes, Peru
- **Media Technical College Faculty.** Television Production and Investigative Journalism courses. Charles Chaplin Media Institute Lima, Peru 1996-1998
- **Long Distance Education Curriculum Designer. SENATI National Service of Industrial Workforce Training.** Peru-Germany Cooperation, 1994-1996
- **Independent Investigative Media Producer, Press Editor for National and International News and Documentary Filmmaker.** 1990-1999. Lima, Peru