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Education

Ph.D., Socio-Cultural and Linguistic Anthropology, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK. May 2019.
Concentration: Socio-cultural studies of Indigenous Deaf people and linguistic anthropological studies of Tribal Sign Languages.

M.A., Linguistic Anthropology, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS. Concentration: Linguistics of Plains Indian Sign Language and Female Native Signers. Aug. 2014

M.A., Special Education and Rehabilitation, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ. Concentration: Sign Language Studies. Thesis: Plains Indian Sign Language: A Comparative Study of Alternate and Primary Signers. Dec. 1996.

B.A., American History and Art History/Museum Studies, Gallaudet University, Washington, D.C.
Concentration: History of American West and Arts History/Museum Studies/Archival Preservation. May 1988.

Graduate study in Deaf Education and Deaf Studies. Lamar University, Beaumont, TX. Aug.–Dec. 1998 and Aug. 2006–May 2007.

Collaborative Languages Institute for Language Research, Language Documentation workshops. University of Kansas. Jun. 2012.

Professional/Research Area of Specialization

Anthropological study of American Indian/ First Nation/Alaska Native Deaf people,
Linguistics of North American Indian Sign Language and American Sign Language,
Archaeological study of sign petroglyphs and pictographs,
History of American Indians and Deaf people,
Bilingual/Multicultural Deaf Education,
Language acquisition, language development,
Art/Architecture history, museum studies/archival preservation,
Interpreter training in multicultural issues.

Language Competency

Fluent: American Sign Language, English, International Sign

Semi-fluent: Plains Indian Sign Language

Learning: Other varieties of North American Indian Sign Language

Academic Positions Held

Adjunct professor, Exploration of the Indigenous Peoples, Spring 2021. Gallaudet University.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, ANTH Languages Across Cultures, Spring and Fall 2017, Fall 2016; ANTH 1823 – Religion in Everyday Life, Spring 2016; and ANTH 1413 – Great Discoveries in Archaeology, Fall 2015. University of Oklahoma.

ASL Adjunct Instructor. Washburn University. 8/2005-5/2008. 1/2012- 5/2012.

ASL Instructor and ASL Laboratory Supervisor. William Woods University. 08/2008- 05/2011.

ASL Instructor/Graduate Teaching Assistant. Department of Communication Disorder & Deaf Education/Studies, Lamar University, Beaumont, TX. 8/1998-2/1999.

ASL Assistant Professor. American Sign Language/ English Interpreting Program, Bethel College, 8/1997-5/1998.

ASL Instructor/Graduate Teaching Assistant. Department of Special Education & Rehabilitation, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ. 8/1993-5/1997.

ASL Instructor, Pima Community College. 6/1996-7/1997.

ASL and PISL Linguistic Analysis. Graduate Research Assistant. Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation. University of Arizona. 8/1993-5/1996.

ASL Instructor. Department of Interpreter Training Program Oklahoma State University of Oklahoma City (taught at Cameron University, Lawton, OK). 08/1992-05/1993.

Other Professional Positions Held

Freelance ASL Instructor/Deaf Language Mentor/Deaf-Blind Interpreter. Private Business. 08/1983-Present.

ASL Instructor. Kansas State Department of Education, 6-7/2002.

ASL Instructor. Miles Exploratory School. 8/1996-5/1997.

Independent Researcher and Transcriber of Plains Indian Sign Language videos from Northern Cheyenne Fieldwork. Summer 2009-Present.

Independent Researcher of Plains Indian Sign Language, working with several tribes on preservation of their tribal signs. Summer 2009-Present.

American Sign Language Rater of KQAS (state screening for interpreters) Kansas Commission of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Topeka, KS. Aug. 2005–Jul. 2008.

Education Program Consultant. Kansas State Department of Education, Topeka, KS. 2001–2008.

Master Tutor for Art History, and American History. Gallaudet University Tutorial Center, Gallaudet University, Washington, D.C. 1985–1988.

Professional Museum Positions Held

Museum Assistant, Chickasaw National Recreation Area (National Park Service), Sulphur, OK. Jun.–Aug. 1999.

Laboratory Processing Technician, Laboratory of Anthropology, New Mexico State Museum, Santa Fe, NM. Nov. 1988–May 1989.

Student Assistant, Gallaudet University Archives, Gallaudet University, Washington, D.C. Jan. 1986–May 1988.

Archives Technician, National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, D.C. Aug. 1985–May 1988.

American Indian/Indigenous Related Presentations

“Cherokee’s First Strawberries”, storytelling in American Sign Language, Kendall Elementary School, Washington, D.C., November 13, 2020.

"The Importance of Incorporating Indigenous Deaf People in Indigenous Teachings", Oklahoma Council of Indian Education Conference, Shawnee, OK, December 9, 2019.

“Trilingual Approaches in Elementary and Higher Education”, team-presented with Melody Red Bird-Post and Dane Poolaw, Oklahoma Council of Indian Education Conference, Shawnee, OK, December 9, 2019.

“Indigenous Deaf Peoples and their Social Justice”, Social Justice Panel, California State University, Northridge, CA, November 1, 2019.

“My Experience as Indigenous Deaf Researcher”, Deaf Culture class with Dr. Carla García-Fernández as guest presenter, California State University, Northridge, CA, Nov. 1, 2019.

Poster Session “American Indigenous Deaf: A Socio-cultural Study of Sign Language, Rock Art, and Kinship”, 2017 Ford Foundation Fellows Conference, National Academic Science Building, Washington, D.C., May 4, 2018.

“Hands, Voice, & Spirit: Indigenous Advocates--Preservation and Maintenance of signed and spoken indigenous languages”, California State University, Long Beach, CA, April 13, 2018.

“Interpreting with Indigenous Deaf and Hearing Communities.”, California State University, Long Beach, CA, April 13, 2018.

Poster Session “The Interconnection Between Rock Arts and Sign Language: An Important Recognition for Indigenous Deaf Peoples”, Plains Anthropological Society Conference, Bismarck, ND, October 5, 2017.

“Cherokee Style Prayer Ceremony” and “Signing/Talking Circle”, Deaf Women of Color Conference, Greensboro, NC, April 9, 2017.

“Archaeology of Plains Indian Sign Language”, Great Discoveries in Archaeology, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK, November 12, 2015.

“Language Documentation of Plains Indian Sign Language.” Roundtable Conference on the Stewardship of Sign Heritage, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., June 6, 2015.

“Preserving Your Sign Language for Future Generations”, 10th Anniversary Deaf Women of Color Conference, Gallaudet University, Washington, D.C., April 17, 2015.

“The Preservation and Documentation of Plains Indian Sign Language (PISL): An Endangered Sign Language Used Among Hearing and Deaf Signers”, Sam Noble Natural History Museum, Robert Kerr Auditorium, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK, March 29, 2013.

“The Preservation and Documentation of Plains Indian Sign Language (PISL): An Endangered Sign Language Used Among Hearing and Deaf Signers”, Graduate Student Research Competition, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, March 13, 2013.

“Weaving the Cross-Cultural Paths of Different Languages in Indigenous Community”, Mid-America Humanities Conference, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, March 1, 2013.

“North American Indian Sign Language Model”, Model Session of CoLang 2012, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, Jun. 20, 2012.

“About My Cherokee Heritage”, Model Secondary School for the Deaf, Washington, D.C., Mar. 21, 2012.

“Indian Spirituality”, Native American Religion and Culture class with Dr. Van Gilder as guest presenter. Gallaudet University, Washington, D.C., Mar. 20, 2012.

“Our Circle of Native Women, Who Are We? What Do We Do?”, Jordan Student Academic Center, G-Area. Gallaudet University, Washington, D.C., Mar. 20, 2012.

“Interpreting in Native Settings”, All day training/workshop for student interpreters and certified interpreters at Lone Star College, North Harris Campus. Houston, TX, Mar. 26, 2011.

“Deaf Natives, Who Are We?”, Lone Star College, Houston, TX, Mar. 25, 2011.

“All about Deaf Natives”, T. H. Rogers Elementary School, Houston TX, Mar. 25, 2011.

Poster Session “Plains Indian Sign Language: Fieldwork and Digital Archive Project”, and “North American Indian Sign Language Varieties: Historical and Contemporary Studies”, (team presenter with Dr. Jeff Davis), Theoretical Issues in Signed Languages Research Conference, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, Oct. 2, 2010.

“Why Sign Talk/Plains Indian Sign Language Needs to be Preserved?”, (team presenter with James Wooden Legs and Loretha (Rising Sun) Grinsell) Opening Ceremony on Plains Indian Sign Language at Dull Knife Memorial College, Lame Deer, MT, Aug. 12, 2010.

“North American Indian Sign Language Documentation and Revitalization: Why, Who, Where, What and How”, (team presenter with Dr. Jeff Davis), 6th Annual Conference on Endangered Languages and Culture of Native America (CELCNA) at the University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT, Apr. 10, 2010.

“Our Experience as Deaf Natives”, (team presenter with James Wooden Legs), Sign Talk: Plains Indian Sign Language Documentary Project at Tennessee School for the Deaf and University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN, Mar. 26, 2010.

“Show and Tell for Native American Unit”, (classroom guest presenter for 4th graders), McIntire Elementary School, Fulton, MO, Jan. 5, 2010.

“American Indian History- Show and Tell”, A Native American Celebration at Missouri School for the Deaf, Fulton, MO, Nov. 5, 2009.

“Cultural Identity”, Deaf Awareness Week at Johnson County Community College, Overland Park, KS, Sept. 26, 2008.

“Teach about Native Culture to Deaf Kids”, Evening activity at Emory Hall Dorm, Kansas School for the Deaf, Olathe, KS, Apr. 23, 2008

“American Indian Sign Language-View of Multicultural Interpreting”, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN, Apr. 4, 2008.

“All About Native Deaf People and North American Indian Sign Language”, National Technical Institute of the Deaf, Rochester, NY, November 9, 2007.

“Tipi, Longhouse, Wigwam or Real House—Facts and Myths of Native Deaf People”, (team presenter with Mark Azure. First Deaf People of Color Conference, Indianapolis, IN, Mar. 30–Apr. 1, 2007.

“My Story and My Life as a Deaf Woman of Color”, Deaf Women of Colors Gathering. Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center. Washington D.C., Mar. 04, 2006.

“Our Struggles as Native Deaf/Hard of Hearing People Bond Us Together in One Circle”, 10th Annual Diversity Summit, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, Feb. 09, 2005.

“Deaf American Indians”, Deaf Awareness Month, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, Sept. 17, 2004.

“All About Native Deaf People”, D.E.A.F. Network, Greater Indianapolis Deaf Club, Indianapolis, IN, Apr. 24, 2004.

“Culturally Appropriate Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Natives”, (team presenter with Dr. Walter Kelley). National Indian Education Association Conference, Albuquerque Convention Center, Albuquerque, NM, Nov. 5, 2002.

- “Experiences of Multicultural College Graduates”, (served as Plenary Session panelist), PEP Net Conference, Westin Crown Center, Kansas City, MO, Apr. 11, 2002.
- “Native American Deaf - Who are we?” Deafestival 98, Louisville, KY, Sept. 06, 1998.
- “Problems with Education Related American Indian/ First Nation/ Alaska Native Deaf Issues”, (served as moderator of Education Section at Round Table Discussion), 5th Annual Intertribal Deaf Council Conference, Duck Lake, Saskatchewan, Canada, Aug. 12, 1998.
- “Not All American Indians Wore Feathers”, (keynote presenter at Deaf Theater Conference), National Theater of the Deaf, Chester, CT, Jun. 25, 1998.
- “American Sign Language and North American Indian Sign Language”, 5th Symposium on Stabilizing Indigenous Language, Louisville, KY, May 12, 1998.
- “Plains Indian Sign Language: A Comparative Study of Alternate and Primary Signers”, (keynote presenter), Native American Cultural Heritage Celebration, National Technical Institute for the Deaf, Rochester, NY, Dec. 11, 1997.
- National Multicultural Interpreting Project: Multicultural Competencies from the DACUM “Developing a Curriculum for Interpreting for Consumer from Culturally Diverse Communities”, (team presenter (in place of Jonathan Hopkins, absented presenter)), National Multicultural Deaf Studies Conference, Beaumont, TX, Nov. 14, 1997.
- “Problems Facing American Indian Deaf Children in Three Residential Schools”, National Multicultural Deaf Studies Conference, Beaumont, TX, Nov. 14, 1997.
- “Plains Indian Sign Language”, Fourth Annual Intertribal Deaf Council Convention, Bottineau, ND, Jul. 15, 1997.
- “Plains Indian Sign Language: A Comparative Study of Alternate and Primary Signers”, (keynote presenter), Toward 2000 – Unity and Diversity, Deaf Studies V Conference at Gallaudet University, Washington, D.C., Apr. 18, 1997.
- “Storytelling in American Sign Language and Plains Indian Sign Language”, (team presenter with James Wooden Legs), Imagination Celebration, Fort Worth, TX, Apr. 11–12, 1997.
- “Political Correction on American Indian Terms and Signs”, and American Indian storytelling at Indiana School for the Deaf, Indianapolis, IN, Sept. 25, 1996.
- “Comparative Study of Plains Indian Sign Language and American Sign Language”, Deaf Heritage Week, Indianapolis, IN, Sept. 23, 1996.
- “Research Result on North American Indian Sign Language”, Third Annual Intertribal Deaf Council Convention, Toppenish, WA, Jul. 1996.
- “Morphological and Typological Analysis in Plains Indian Sign Language”, (Introduction to Native American Language Class with Dr. Richard Demers as guest presenter), University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, Apr. 1996.
- “Preserving American Indian Sign Language and American Indian Culture for Deaf Children in Deaf Residential Schools”, National Indian Education Association Conference, Tucson, AZ, Nov. 1995.
- “How to Use American Indian Sign Language in Classroom Interpreting”, (In-service program for interpreters), University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, Jul. 1995.
- “Deaf Native American School”, American Indian Language Development Institute, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ. Served as a panelist, Jun. 1995.
- “American Indian Sign Language in Oral Tradition”, (Oral Tradition class with Dr. N. Scott Momaday as guest presenter), University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, Nov. 1994.

“Preserving Native American Heritage: American Indian Sign Language”, Interpreter Training Program sponsored by Arizona Council for the Hearing Impaired. Tucson, AZ, 1994 and 1995.

“Preserving Native American Heritage: American Indian Sign Language”, National Association for the Native American Deaf Conference. Oklahoma City, OK, Jun. 1994.

American Sign Language and Deaf Education Related Presentations

“Deaf History”, One of several LEAD events during Deaf Awareness Week, William Woods University, Fulton, MO, Sept. 26, 2010.

“Motivation, Opportunities, Accomplishments and Determination”, Missouri Association of the Deaf Conference, Sedalia, MO, Jul. 31, 2009

“How to Communicate with a Deaf Person”, Community Luncheon, William Woods University, Fulton, MO, Oct. 3, 2008.

“National Association of State Directors of Special Education Association Training: Meet the Needs of the Students who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing”, hosted by Kansas State Department of Education. Overland Park, KS, Feb. 11–12, 2008.

“All You Need to Know about Deaf Education.” (team presenter with Dr. Pete Seiler & Susie Stanfield), Kansas State Department of Education’s Annual Conference, Wichita, KS, Apr. 26, 2007.

“All about our new Deaf Education Guidelines” Kansas Instructors of the Deaf Conference, Overland Park, KS, Nov. 4, 2006.

“Deaf Education in Kansas”, (team presenter with ZoAnn Torrey, state director of Special Education), Kansas Instructors of the Deaf Conference, Kansas School for the Deaf, Olathe, KS, Nov. 12, 2005.

“Deaf Culture and Community Panel Meeting”, Cowley County Community College and Heartstring, Wichita, KS, Apr. 16, 2004.

“Resources on Deaf Education”, (team presenter with Mandy Christian), 2004 Annual Conference: Kansas Division for Early Childhood, Wichita, KS, Feb. 27, 2004.

“Multicultural Deaf Education”, Department of Special Education and English Speakers of Other Languages, Fort Hays State University, Fort Hays, KS, Sept. 09, 2003.

“The State of Deaf Education in Kansas—Is It Alive and Well in 2003?”, (team presenter with Dr. Robert Maile), Kansas Instructors of the Deaf Conference, Salina, KS, Apr. 26, 2003.

“Multiculturalism in Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community”, “North American Indian Sign Language.” and “How to Establish Kids of Deaf Adults Organization.” Dialogues II Reaching Out Across Cultures Conference, Buffalo, NY, Mar. 28–29, 2003.

“Deaf Education Strategies”, Para-educators Conference. South Central Kansas Educational Service Cooperative Center, Clearwater, KS, Nov. 7–8, 2002.

“Collaborative Work of Kansas State Department of Education and Kansas School for the Deaf”, Midwest Superintendent Regional Conference, Kansas School for the Deaf, Olathe, KS, Oct. 9, 2002.

“Overview of Methods Use in Deaf Education”, Kansas Speech and Hearing Association Conference, Overland Park, KS, Oct. 4, 2002.

“My Role as Deaf Education Specialist at Kansas State Department of Education”, Kansas School for the Deaf Alumni Association Award Dinner, Sept. 21, 2002.

“What Kansas State Department of Education Has Done and What You Can Do for Kansas State Department of Education”, Kansas Association of the Deaf Conference. Salina, KS, Jul. 20, 2001.

“Mini Workshop on Deaf Culture”, Deerfield Elementary School, Lawrence, KS, Nov. 2000.

- “Facial Expressions, Body Language and Gesture Workshop”, Wyndham Hotel, San Juan, Puerto Rico, Jan. 09, 1999.
- “Deaf Women Panel.” Deaf Studies V Conference, Washington, D.C., served as a panelist, Apr. 19, 1997.
- “What is the Linguistic Structure in American Sign Language?”, (introduction to Linguistic class with Dr. Richard Demers as guest presenter), University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, Nov. 1994.
- “What is American Sign Language?” Bilingual and Bicultural Committee Meeting. Oklahoma School for the Deaf, Sulphur, OK, Nov. 1992.
- “Deaf Adults on Deaf Education” American Society of Deaf Children Conference. Oklahoma School for the Deaf, Sulphur, OK, served as a panelist, Jun.–Jul. 1992.
- “Deaf Women in History”, Women's History Week. Santa Fe Community College, Santa Fe, N.M, Mar. 1989.
- “How to Preserve Your Family Heritage”, presenter and representative for National Archives and Record Administration. O. S. D. Alumni Weekend, Oklahoma School for the Deaf, Sulphur, OK, May 1988.

Interpreter Training related Presentations

- “How to Pick the Right Interpreter for the Right Job”, LEAD event, William Woods University, Fulton, MO, Apr. 22, 2010.
- “Classifiers: Educational Setting”, 16th Annual Missouri Interpreters Conference, Columbia, MO, Sept. 26, 2009.
- “Educational Interpreting”, 15th Annual Missouri Interpreters Conference, Osage Beach, MO, Oct. 11, 2008.
- “How Do I Know When I Should Ask for a CDI?”, (served as a panelist), Kansas Association of the Interpreter-Registry of Interpreter for Deaf Conference. Overland Park, KS, Mar. 29, 2008.
- “Issues Related to Deaf/Hard of Hearing Children and Interpreters”, (team presenter with Veronica Frambers), Kansas State Department of Education’s Student Support Service Annual Leadership Conference, Wichita, KS, Jul. 26, 2007.
- “A Day in the Life of an Educational Sign Language Interpreter”, (team presenter with Veronica Frambers & Patti Ballinger), Kansas Association of the Deaf Conference. Hutchinson, KS, Jun. 9, 2007.
- “USD 259 World Café and Educational ITSPLF Code of Conduct and Ethical Strategies”, Wichita Public School System, Wichita KS, Aug. 10, 2006.
- “Language and Interpreting—Closing the Gaps. Self-Assessment and Mentorship Program”, (team presenter with Veronica Frambers), Wichita Public School System, Wichita, KS, Aug. 18, 2005.
- “All about Kansas State Department of Education’s Kansas Guidelines for Interpreters in Educational Settings”, Kansas Association of the Deaf Conference: Professional Workshop. Olathe, KS, Jul. 21, 2005.
- “About Kansas State Department of Education”, Building a Legacy Poster Session, Kansas Association of Interpreters’ 2005 Statewide Interpreter Conference, Overland Park, KS, Mar. 11, 2005.
- “Signs Around the World”, Kansas Statewide Interpreters’ Conference, Wichita, KS, Feb. 28–Mar. 2, 2003.
- “Fingerspelling and Placement/Location”, Educational Interpreters In-service, Central Kansas Cooperative in Education, Salina, KS, Jan. 21, 2002.

Media Interviews

- “Deaf people’s Life Experience”, (appeared as a panelist), Social Justice and Allyship class, University of Kansas-Edwards Campus, Overland Park, KS., October 26, 2020.

“My Indigenous Deaf Experience”, Deaf Education And Families Project (DEAFProject) hosted Merry Mondays program, (appeared as a presenter for parents of Deaf children). California State University, Northridge, CA, Oct. 19, 2020.

“OUR story: Putting People of Color with PhDs into the Equation”, (appeared as a panelist), Diversity Academy, Oct. 18, 2020.

“Turtle Island Hand Talk: Our Indigenous Deaf People”, San Diego Deafestival, (appeared as a video narrator), Oct. 10, 2020.

“KCDHH BIPOC D/HH Zoom Discussion on Intersectionality”, (appeared as a presenter and panelist), Kansas Commission of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and Kansas Governor’s Commission on Racial Equity and Justice, Sept 12, 2020.

“Native American Hand Talkers Fight to Keep Sign Language Alive”, (interviewed by Cecily Hilleary), Voice of America News. Website dated April 03, 2017.

"Sign of Life", (written by Karlie Tipton), Oklahoma Today, July-August Issue 2012.

“First Indian sign language conference in 80 years will be held in August”, (interviewed by Pam Hughes), Website and newspaper, Indian Country Today Newspaper, Aug. 11, 2010. Page 6–7.

“Silent Communication, Sign Talkers Share Vanishing Language”, Billings Gazette (Billings, MT). (interviewed by Donna Healy), website and newspaper, Aug. 10, 2010, Front page and page 5A.

“Hand Talk—Preserving a Language Legacy”, National Science Foundation’s website Science Nation. (appeared as guest interviewee and presenter), Apr. 2010. Published May 17, 2010.

“Something to Sign About”, The Woods, (interviewed by Tara Boehl), published Winter 2009.

“ASL Interpreting Program at WWU Receives Angel Award”, William Woods University Newsletter, Nov. 19, 2009.

“School Stands Out Silently”, (interviewed by Megan Murphy), KOMU.com online news. Oct. 7, 2009.

“Native American Celebration”, (written by Lucille Blackwell), Missouri Record, Summer/Fall 2009 Page 25-28.

“Plains Indian Sign Language: Project Documents Endangered Languages”, The Connection: Newsletter for the UT College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences, Summer 2009.

“All about Melanie McKay-Cody, 2007 Deaf Leader within Kansas Deaf Community”, Hamilton Relay. (appeared as an interviewee), Feb. 01, 2008.

“NAD Region II Conference”, and “Celebrate ASL!”, KAD (Kansas Association of the Deaf) Newsletter Vol.26, Issue 4 September-October 2007.

"Making History! The first-of-its-kind conference focusing on Deaf people of color is a rousing success", personal profiles: Melanie McKay-Cody and Mark Azure, Deaf Life, May 2007, page 52-53

“Diversity Summit Starts Today”, Colorado Daily (Boulder, CO). Wednesday Feb. 9, 2005. Vol. 120, No. 28 Page 4.

“Life of Native American People”, Indy Area Deaf Community News, Mar. 15, 2004.

“Deafestival in Louisville, KY, Sept. 6, 1998”, Silent News, Nov. 1998 Vol. 30 No. 11 Page 37.

“Deaf Person Who Dare to Dream: American Indian Deaf, Melanie McKay-Cody”, Pah! Deaf Television, National Technical Institute for the Deaf, Rochester, NY, (appeared as a guest interviewee), Dec. 13, 1997.

“Q & A with Melanie McKay-Cody”, The Bethel Beacon, October 29, 1997.

“The Sign of Artistic Signatures”, Film broadcasted by Tucson Cable, Inc. (appeared as guest interviewee), Jan. 1997.

- “Deaf Mosaic” (#1005), Department of Television, Films, and Photography, Gallaudet University, Washington, D. C., (appeared as guest interviewee), Jun. 1994.
- “Deaf Beauty extends message at parade”, The Lawton Constitution, (appeared as a guest interviewee), published on Wednesday, May 16, 1990.
- “Silent Slang—Sign Language Adapts to the Changing Scene”, New Mexican Et Cetera (Santa Fe, NM) (appeared as a guest interviewee), Oct. 16, 1988.

Video Webinars

- McKay-Cody, M. (Forthcoming). *Protocols for Sign Language Interpreters Working in North American Indigenous Setting*. Registry of Interpreter for the Deaf Webinar.
- McKay-Cody, M., Joseph Hill, Dominic Harrison, Carolyn McCaskill, Rezenet Moges-Riedel, Jenelle Rouse, Maribel Gárate. *Chief Bilingual Officer: Lecture Series # 1, “Is ASL Too White?”* Gallaudet University, February 17, 2021.
- McKay-Cody, M. (2020, December 17). *Who am I? Where did I come from?* Wisconsin School for the Deaf, Delavan, WI.
- McKay-Cody, M. (2020, November 20-22). High Desert Linguistic Society Conference, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM.
- McKay-Cody, M. (2020, November 19). *Turtle Island Hand Talk—Our Goal in Educational Settings*. Multicultural Mentoring Management, Gallaudet University, Washington, D.C.
- McKay-Cody, M. & Gabriel Arellano (November 18, 2020) *Indigenous Deaf Community: Our Signed Languages, Culture, History, and Identities*. Gallaudet University Youth Program, Washington, D.C.
- McKay-Cody, M. & Gabriel Arellano (November 16, 2020) *Indigenous Deaf Community: Our Signed Languages, Culture, History, and Identities*. Model Secondary School for the Deaf, Washington, D.C.
- McKay-Cody, M. (2020, November 14). *Unpacking Series: A Need to Divert from White Privilege Hierarchy to a Sociocracy, the Indigenous Way*. Texas Association of the Deaf.
- Call, Elizabeth, Elle Von Holtum, Meredith Peruzzi, **Melanie McKay-Cody**, Joseph Hill, Joan Naturale, and Tabitha Jacques. (November 7, 2020). *Humanizing Deaf Experiences and Studies by Divesting and Diversifying the Archives*, 8th Annual Dean Hopper Conference (virtual), Drew University, Madison, NJ.
- McKay-Cody, M. (2020, October 24). *The History of North American Indian Sign Language through Indigenous Deaf Linguist's Ethnographic Study*. St Catherine University, St. Paul, MN.
- McKay-Cody, M. (2020, October 22). *Revitalization of endangered sign languages* (Sociolinguistics of Deaf Communities class unit: North American Indian Sign Language and Sign Language Endangerment). University of California San Diego.
- McKay-Cody, M. (2020, October 20). *History of Indigenous Deaf Communities*. American history class, Gallaudet University, Washington, D.C.
- McKay-Cody, M. (2020, August 5). *About our Indigenous Deaf People and Ancient and Present Tribal Sign Language*. Invited guest webinar presentations for The World of Sign Languages and the Sign Languages of the World class, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA.
- McKay-Cody, M. (2020, June 23). *Multiply Marginalized: Indigenous Deaf Students in Higher Education*. The National Conference on Race and Ethnicity (NCORE), University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK.
- McKay-Cody, M. (2020, April 5). *How Do the Missing Pieces of Training Affect PPO with Native/Indigenous Deaf/Hearing People*. Diversity Academy.

- McKay-Cody, M. (2020, March 4). *Indigenous Deaf People and Interpreters*. Columbia University, Chicago, IL.
- McKay-Cody, M. (2019, Dec. 2). *Indigenous Deaf People and their Culture*. Invited guest webinar presentations for two Complexities of Deaf People of Color (Deaf Culture) classes, California State University, Northridge, CA.
- McKay-Cody, M. (2019, Nov. 18). *Indigenous Deaf People and Interpreters*. Invited guest webinar presentation for Understanding Structural Inequities, St. Catherine University, St. Paul, MN.
- McKay-Cody, M. (2019, Oct. 25). Signs for Tribes, Model Secondary School for the Deaf, Washington, D.C.
- McKay-Cody, M. (2019, Oct. 16). *Lack of Indigenous Deaf Literature and the Importance of Rock/picture Writing and Signed Language Interconnection*. Invited guest webinar presentation for Deaf Literature class, California State University, Northridge, CA.
- McKay-Cody, M. (2018, March 1). *Indigenous Deaf Spirituality*. Invited guest webinar presentation for American Indian Spirituality and World Views, Gallaudet University.
- McKay-Cody, M. (2016, Dec. 4). *Talking about Indigenous Deaf people and Signs for Tribes*. Invited guest webinar presentation, Council de Manos [organization].

Service

University

- Indigenous cultural consultant, Gallaudet University, January 2021-present.
- Member of William Woods University Recycling Committee and Cultural Diversity Committee, 2008–2011.
- Advisor of Hands Up Club (ASL Students Organization), William Woods University, 2008–2011.

Student

- Reviewer for Association of American Indian Affairs scholarships. June 2013 and 2014.

State Agency

- Reviewer for Kansas State Department of Education Bias State Exam Review. 2004-2008.
- State representative/board member, Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment. 2000-2008.
- Advisory board member, Cowley Community College, Wichita, KS. 2000-2008.
- Advisory board member, Johnston County Community College, Overland Park, KS. 2000-2008.
- Ex-Officio board member, Kansas Commission of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Topeka, KS. 2000-2008.

Media

- Cherokee cultural consultant for Corporation for Public Broadcasting (PRX). Dec. 24, 2020.

Publications

Dissertation

- McKay-Cody, M. (2019). Memory Comes Before Knowledge, North American Indigenous Deaf: Socio-cultural Study of Rock/Picture Writing, Community, Sign Languages, and Kinship. Published in ShareOK, PhD. Diss., University of Oklahoma.

Articles/Chapters (Peer-reviewed)

- McKay-Cody, M. (forthcoming). Have or Not Have Indigenous Interpreters? *Disability Studies*

Quarterly Special Issue on Disability and Indigeneity.

McKay-Cody, M. (forthcoming). Picture/Rock Writing Predates ASL. *Society of American Sign Language Journal*.

McKay-Cody, M. (2020). Multiply Marginalized: Indigenous Deaf Students in Higher Education. In Lissa Stapleton and Lisette Torres, (eds.) *Journal Committed to Social Change on Race and Ethnicity (JCSCORE): Special Issue-Disability Justice, Race, & Education, First Edition*.

Bickford, A. & **McKay-Cody, M.** (2018). Revitalization of Signed Languages. In Hinton, L., K, Huss and G. Roche (eds.) *The Routledge Handbook of Language Revitalization*. New York, NY: Routledge.

Davis, J. & **McKay-Cody, M.** (2010). Signed Language of American Indian Communities: Considerations for Interpreting Work and Research. In M. Metzger & E. Fleetwood (Eds) & R. McKee & J. Davis (guest eds.) *Signed Language Interpreting in Multilingual or Multiethnic Contexts. A Research Series*. Washington, D.C.: Gallaudet University Press.

Horn-Marsh, P.M., **McKay-Cody, M.** & Seiler, P. (ASL Readers). (Aug. 2008). *Kansas Model Curricular Standards for World Languages*.

Kinderknecht, T., **McKay-Cody, M.**, Olson, R., Stephenson, P., Ullom, T. & Torrey, Z. (Eds.) (Dec. 2003). *Kansas Guidelines for Interpreters in an Educational Setting*, Kansas State Department of Education.

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Peer Reviewer Duties

Journals

Journal of Trauma & Dissociation (*JTD*): Discrimination, Violence, & Healing in Marginalized Communities. 2020.

Journal Committed to Social Change on Race and Ethnicity (JCSCORE), Special Issue: Disability Justice, Race and Education. 2019.

Books

Deaf Culture Exploring Deaf Communities in the United States. 2019.

Research Grants

External

Co-Principal Investigator. *Kiowa Sign Language Database and Documentation (PSD)*. National Science Foundation-BCS #1953345. University of Oklahoma. June 2020-May 2023. \$444,342 (not funded).

Ford Foundation 2017 Dissertation Fellowship Award, 2017-2018, \$25,000 (funded).

Principal Investigator. *Northern Cheyenne Sign Language Documentation, Linguistic Database, and Dictionary (NCSL-PSD)*. National Science Foundation-BCS #1500398. University of Kansas, June 2015-May 2016 \$50,400 (not funded).

Graduate Student (with Arienne Dwyer, PI), *Documenting and Preserving the Northern Cheyenne Signs*. Supplementary Award to CoLang: Institute for Collaborative Language Documentation Training. National Science Foundation-BCS #10654609. University of Kansas. Aug. 2012-June 2013. \$15,735 (funded).

Co-Principal Investigator (with Jeffrey Davis, P.I.). *Plains Indian Sign Language: Fieldwork and Digital Archives*. National Science Foundation-BCS #0853665 University of Tennessee. Jun. 2009–Aug. 2011. \$120,133 (funded).

Internal

2017 Morris E. Opler Anthropology Student Award, University of Oklahoma, Spring 2017, \$1,222 (funded).

Carroll Clark Scholarship Award, Department of Anthropology, University of Kansas, Fall 2012 \$400 (funded).

William Woods University Creativity and Professional Award, Apr. 2010. \$2,350 (funded).

Honor and Awards

University

Professor of the Month, Delta Chi Chapter of Alpha Chi Omega, William Woods University, Fulton, MO., Feb. 2011.

National Agency

2007 Leader within Kansas Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community, Hamilton Relay.

State Organization

Missouri Commission of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Angel of the Year Award, 2009.

Appreciation Award, Kansas Association of the Deaf, 2009.

Appreciation Award, Wichita Association of the Deaf, 2009.

Distinguished Service Award, Kansas Association of the Deaf, 2009.

Student

Native American Student Award of 2016, Plains Anthropological Society, Fall 2016.

Native American Student Award of 2013, Plains Anthropological Society, Fall 2013.

Allogan Slagle Scholarship Award, Association of American Indian Affairs, Fall 2013–Spring 2014 and Fall 2012–Spring 2013.

Graduate Scholarship Award, American Indian Education Foundation. Fall 2013–Spring 2014.

Graduate Fellowship Fund, Gallaudet University. Fall 2013.
Marjean Werries Scholarship, University of Kansas, Fall 2013 and Fall 2012
Outstanding Teaching Assistant Nominee, University of Arizona, 1995.
Dean's List, University of Arizona, 1994–1995.
Von Jany Scholarship Recipient, University of Arizona. 1994 & 1995.
Deaf Smith Award Scholarship, Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, Jan. 1982.

Professional Service

National Organization

Board member (Board of Directors) of Society of American Sign Language. 2020-present.
Task force committee member of Conference of Interpreter Trainers, Circle of Collaborative Communities (C3) group member. 2020-present.
Co-founder, Turtle Island Hand Talk, International Indigenous group (Deaf, Hard-of-Hearing, DeafBlind and Hearing Indigenous people), 2019-present.
Member of American Indigenous Researcher Association and Student Storytellers Indigenizing the Academy, 2016-present.
Member of Conference of Interpreter Trainers, 2008–2011.
Member of Deaf Women of Color, 2006-2017.
Chair of Education Committee, National Association of the Deaf, 2006.
Board Member of Cultural Diversity in Leadership Committee, Registry of Interpreter for the Deaf, 2006–2007.
National Advisory Board Member, American Indian Rehabilitation Research and Training Center, Northern Arizona University, 1998–2002.
Secretary and Editor of IDC Newsletter, Intertribal Deaf Council, 1996–1998.
Curriculum Consultant, National Multicultural Interpreter Project. El Paso Community College, El Paso, TX, 1996–2001.
Founder and Chairperson, Arizona Chapter of Intertribal Deaf Council, 1995–1997.
Member and Recruiter, Intertribal Deaf Council, 1993-2007.

State Agency/Organization

Deaf/Hard-of-Hearing BIPOC committee member of Kansas Governor's Commission on Racial Equity and Justice. 2020-present.
Panelist for Equity and Access Leadership Awards, Fort Hays State University, 2012-2018
Member of Kansas Coalition for Equity and Access to Transition Service, Fort Hays State University, 2012- 2015.
Member of Missouri Association of the Deaf, 2009–2011.
Youth Program Director for Kansas Association of the Deaf, 2007–2008.
Committee Member of Deaf/Hard of Hearing Children Bill of Rights, ad hoc committee under the Kansas Commission of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, 2007.

Advisory Board Member for Signing for Literacy, Smoky Hill Public Television, 2007–2008.

Kansas Representative/Member, Council of Deaf Education Consultants in State Education Agencies 2003-2008.

Member of Kansas Association of the Deaf, 2001-2008.

Student Organization

Member of Indigenous Graduate Student Alliance, University of Oklahoma, 2017-2019.

Member of Anthropology Graduate Student Association, University of Oklahoma. 2015-2019.

Member of American Indian Student Association, University of Oklahoma. 2015-2019.

Member of Graduate Students of Anthropology, University of Kansas. 2012-2014.

Member of American Indian Students Group, University of Kansas. 2012-2014.