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Diversity Coordinator
College of Science & Engineering

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Minnesota – Twin Cities, 2017

Organizational Leadership and Policy Development: Higher Education Emphasis
Dissertation: “Modern day boarding schools: Universities as sites of colonization”
Advisor: Karen Miksch, JD
Committee: Dr. Cynthia Lewis, Dr. Heidi Barajas, Dr. Rebecca Ropers-Huilman, Dr. Brenda Childs
Barbara Jackson Scholar
Diversity Scholar

M.S. University of Wisconsin – Madison, 2009

Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis: Higher, Post Secondary and Continuing Education Emphasis
Capstone: “How culture and language affect the academic achievement of American Indian students”
Advisor: Dr. Elton Crim

B.A. University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2007

Major: Sociology
Certification: American Indian Studies
Powers-Knapp Scholar
Ronald E. McNair Scholar

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Student experience and higher education
Social justice and organizational change
Diversity, equity, and social justice training
Critical Discourse Analysis
Decolonization and critical Indigeneity
Leadership training and development

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Minnesota –Twin Cities

Diversity Coordinator 2/2014 – Present
College of Science & Engineering

Program Coordinator 2/2014 – Present
North Star STEM Alliance
Minnesota’s Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation
Sponsored by the National Science Foundation

Transfer Admission Coordinator/Academic Advisor 7/2010-2/2014
College of Biological Sciences

University of Wisconsin - Madison

Statewide Student Services Specialist 4/2009- 6/2010
Pre-College Enrichment Opportunity for Learning Excellence (P.E.O.P.L.E) Program
School of Education

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Office Manager <i>Multicultural Student Center (MSC)</i> <i>Office of the Dean of Students</i>	5/2008-4/2009
Associate Student Services Specialist <i>Multicultural Student Center (MSC)</i> <i>Office of the Dean of Students</i>	8/2007 – 4/2009
<u>State of Wisconsin</u> Education Program Specialist -American Indian Studies <i>Division for Academic Excellence, Content and Learning</i> <i>Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, Madison WI</i>	6/2007- 6/2008
Project Analyst <i>Intergovernmental Relations, Intergovernmental Services</i> <i>Wisconsin Department of Administration, Madison WI</i>	11/2005 – 05/2006

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Minnesota – Twin Cities, Minneapolis MN

Graduate

Co-Instructor	Sociology of Education: OLPD 5041/SOC 5455 <i>College of Education and Human Development</i>	Fall 2016
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Undergraduate

Co-Instructor	First Year Global Seminar: CSE 1002 <i>College of Science & Engineering</i>	Spring 2015
Adjunct Faculty	First Year Experience: CSE1001 <i>College of Science & Engineering</i>	2014 – Present
Adjunct Faculty	Becoming a Reflective Leader: BIOL 1301 <i>College of Biological Science</i>	2012 – 2014

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, AND PRESENTATIONS

- Pyawasay, S. (June 2017). Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Environmental Justice Action Steps. Minnesota Pollution Control Agency: Minneapolis, MN.
- Pyawasay, S. (February 2017). What does professional dress mean for us? Indigenous women and women of color. Our Voices: Indigenous Women and Women of Color: Minneapolis, MN.
- Pyawasay, S. & Cain, E. (November 2016). Making informed decisions: STEM transfer students. Minnesota College & Professional Association (MCPA) Conference: Duluth, MN.
- Pyawasay, S. & Mixon, J. (February, 2015). Overview of the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities Collegiate Diversity Priorities 2014-2015. University of Minnesota – Twin Cities, Diversity Community of Practice: Minneapolis MN.
- Pyawasay, S. & Hornickel, A. (January, 2016). Best practices in student tracking: Minnesota Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation. Joint Annual Meeting, National Science Foundation: Washington, DC.
- Pyawasay, S. (November, 2014). Diversity Discourses. University of Minnesota – Twin Cities, Diversity Community of Practice: Minneapolis, MN.

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- Pyawasay, S. & Carter, J. (October, 2014). It takes a village: A model of collaboration between community colleges and 4-year institutions for increasing minority male participation in STEM. National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) Annual Conference: Minneapolis, MN.
- Pyawasay, S. (October, 2014). Why is STEM Important: North Star STEM Alliance. University of Minnesota – Twin Cities, President Emerging Scholars Fall Conference. Minneapolis, MN.
- Pyawasay, S. & Thunder, C. (March, 2014). Finding my path through North Star...What is it like to be a science student in college? American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) Region 5 Conference: Minneapolis, MN.
- Pyawasay, S. (February, 2013). What is your Capital Worth?. University of Minnesota –Twin Cities, 2013 National TRIO Day, Southern Tier: Minneapolis, MN.
- Pyawasay, S & Russell, K. (May, 2012). Check Yo'Self: The White Racial Frame in Academic Advising. National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) Region 6 Conference: Minneapolis, MN.
- Pyawasay, S & Taylor, L.D. (March, 2012). Developing "U": Students of Color at the University of Minnesota. University of Minnesota – Twin Cities, John Tate Academic Advising Conference: Minneapolis, MN.
- Pyawasay, S. & Smith, P. (November, 2011). Choose Your Mindset: Cultivating Student Success. Student Affairs Professionals in Higher Education (NASPA) IV-East Regional Conference: Evanston, IL.
- Pyawasay, S. & Russell, K. (October 2011). Making Orientation Click: Developing an Interactive Orientation Program. National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) Annual Conference: Denver, CO.
- Pyawasay, S. & Smith, P. (February, 2011). Choose Your Mindset: Cultivating First Year Student Success. University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Focusing on the First Year Conference: Minneapolis, MN.
- Pyawasay, S. (June, 2008). Maximizing Your Intern Experience, 2008 Top-Jobs Employment Seminar: Madison, WI.
- Pyawasay, S. (April, 2008). The Role of Culture & Language in American Indian Education. Wisconsin Indian Education Association Conference: Madison, WI.
- Pyawasay, S. (February, 2008). How to Be an Awarding Winner Chapter! University of Wisconsin-Madison, Student Leadership Program All-Campus Leadership Conference: Madison, WI.
- Pyawasay, S. (2006). Developing a Culture of Leadership: Multicultural Greek Organizations. Wisconsin College Personnel Association Conference: Madison, WI.
- Pyawasay, S. (November, 2006). The Endangerment and Preservation of the Menominee Language. 15th Annual Ronald E. McNair Scholars Research Conference and Graduate School Fair. Delavan, WI.

GRANT ACTIVITY

Contributor, National Science Foundation Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Award, 2016

LEADERSHIP AND INVOLVEMENT

2017 – Present Bii Gii Wiin Community Development Loan Fund: Board Member

March 2017 Teach for America – The Urgency of Now: Perspectives on Leading for Social Change: Panelist

January 2017 Hamline University School of Business – Social Demographics: Panelist

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- July 2016 Minnesota Public Radio – Police and Communities: Panelist
- 2016 – Present University Council of Education Administration: Barbara Jackson Scholar
- 2016 – Present Association for the Study of Higher Education: General Member
- 2015 – 2016 American Indian Cultural Center, University of Minnesota – Twin Cities Campus: Interim Advisor
- January 2015 The Leadershape Institute: University of Minnesota – Twin Cities: Facilitator
- 2014 – Present Diversity Community of Practice, University of Minnesota – Twin Cities: Member, Programming Subcommittee Chair
- 2014 – Present University of Minnesota American Indian Faculty & Staff Association: Co-Founder, Co-Chair
- 2014 – Present University of Minnesota – Twin Cities American Indian Science & Engineering Society: Chapter Advisor
- 2010 – Present NASPA: Student Affairs Personnel in Higher Education, Region IV-East: Member
- 2010 – 2014 University of Minnesota – Twin Cities Orientation Committee: Member
- 2010 – 2014 University of Minnesota – Twin Cities Experience Minnesota Planning Committee: Member
- 2010 – 2014 NACADA: The Global Community for Academic Advising: Member
- 2008 – Present National Indian Education Association: Member
- 2008 – 2010 University of Wisconsin Multicultural Learning Community Advisory Board: Member
- 2008 – 2009 Plan 2008 Diversity Forum Planning Committee: Member
- 2008 - 2009 Wisconsin Experience Grant Committee: Member
- 2007 – 2010 Wisconsin Indian Education Association: Member
- 2007 – 2010 Student Personnel Association, University of Wisconsin – Madison: Member
- 2007 – 2009 University of Wisconsin - Madison Multicultural Student Center Advisory Board: Member
- 2007 – 2009 University of Wisconsin – Madison Orientation Program Committee: Member
- 2007 – 2008 University of Minnesota Multicultural Career Fair Planning Committee: Member
- 2005 – Present Alpha Pi Omega Sorority, Inc. (Native American Sorority): Member