

Summer Powell

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Education

Current

Masters of Art, Indigenous Studies, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS

May 2020

Bachelors of Arts, Indigenous & American Indian Studies, Haskell Indian Nations University, Lawrence, KS

May 2018

Associate of Arts, Communication Studies, Haskell Indian Nations University, Lawrence, KS

Experience

April 2024 - Current

Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) -NAU, Intern

- Work with the social media team for the National Tribal & Indigenous Climate Change (NTICC) Conference in September 2024 in Anchorage, Alaska.
- Meet with Kim Shaw 1:1 for weekly meetings
- Learn about writing potential sponsorship letters.

June 2024 - July 2024

Rising Voices, Changing Coasts, Intern

- Learn about Indigenous Methodologies and Arctic and Alaskan authors about climate change.
- Learn about climate change from weekly guest speakers.
- Finish final deliverables like a video and reflective essay.

August 2023 - May 2024

University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, Graduate Research Assistant

- Transcribing interviews for book material
- Maintaining a 3.0 GPA for the school year.

September 2022 - May 2023

Window Rock Unified School District #8, Fort Defiance, AZ, Substitute Teacher

- Review teaching plans and schedules with the principal or appropriate staff.
- Responsible for overseeing pupil behavior in class, hallways, and per duty schedule.
- Maintain established school and classroom routines and procedures in the school and classroom.
- Follow all policies, rules, and procedures to which regular teachers are subject and good teaching practice dictates.

August 2020 - August 2022

AmeriCorps - Communities In Schools of Mid-America, Lawrence, KS, Volunteer and Alumni VISTA

- Cultivate 5-10 community organizations and/or individual professional partnerships to aid students in college and career exploration throughout the network.
- Write and submit alumni program grants.
- Collaborate with fellow VISTA members.

- Contribute college and career readiness resources to the Alumni Allies Google Site to maintain the site as a valuable resource to students and alumni.

August 2019 - May 2020

Haskell Admissions Department, Lawrence, KS, Student Ambassador

- Assist freshmen, transfer, and re-admitted students during orientation.
- Connect students with advisors, community members, faculty, and notable school figures.
- Assist with campus tours and events.

October 2019 - January 2020

Haskell Athletic Department, Lawrence, KS, Student Worker

- Coordinate with Haskell Athletic Director, Statistician, Athletic Trainer, and other student workers about game-day routine and non-game-day routine
- Scheduling appointments with the Athletic Secretary, outreach with the Lawrence community
- Assisting the Athletic Director with communication with Haskell Students

Presentations

April 2024

Center for Tribal Studies, Northeastern State University, Presenter

Powell, S., Research Title: Tó éí íííá: Arizona v. Navajo Nation and Diné Water Rights

51st Annual Symposium on the American Indian/Indigenous Scholars Speak on Sovereignty: 100 Years after the Indian Citizenship Act; Tahlequah, OK (Virtual)

July 2019

Haskell Environmental Research Studies (HERS) Institute, Intern

Powell, S., Research Title: Land Proximity and Uranium on the Navajo Nation

UCAR and HERS Poster Presentation; Lawrence, KS

June 2019

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Post-It Presentation; Lawrence, KS

Fellowship

January 2024 - April 2024

Indigenous Youth Climate Resiliency Through Public Policy Program (IYCRTPPP),

Participant

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June 2019 - July 2019

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- Conducted a literature review from primary and secondary sources. I examined sources like the Indian Mineral Leasing Act (IMLA) of 1938, the Diné Natural Resources Protection Act (DNRPA) of 2005, and other documents about uranium mining in the Navajo Nation.
- Training in graduate-level writing methods.
- Introductory instruction in Geographic Information Systems and information literacy.
- Received professional development training.

Honors, Awards, Scholarships, & Certificates

- 2024 Spring Scholarship
- 2023-2024 Navajo Nation Scholarship
- 2023-2024 Vine Deloria Jr. Memorial Scholarship
- 2020 Spring Semester Haskell President's Honor List
- 2020 NARA and ARMA Certified
- 2019-2020 UPS Foundation Tribal College Scholarship
- 2019 HERS Certificate of Completion