BRENDA TAYLOR

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EDUCATION

BS **University of Saskatchewan Aboriginal Public Administration** **May 2015**
Graduated with Honors
Minor in Native Studies

MS **University of Saskatchewan Master of Public Policy** **May 2021**
Thesis: What Role do Ethnic Enclaves Play in Municipal Agenda Setting: An Exploratory Case Study Analysis of Indo-Canadian and Indigenous Communities in Abbotsford, BC, and Saskatoon, Saskatchewan Advisor: Dr. Ken Coates

HONORS AND AWARDS

St. Thomas Moore College Bursary	**2011**
St. Thomas Moore College Bursary	**2012**
Women's Entrepreneurship Award	**2013**
St. Thomas Moore College highest average in the chosen degree	**2015**

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Public Sector Not-For-Profit: A Matter of Cost and Benefit Debate **2015**
Principle researcher
- Qualitative and quantitative analysis.

Ecology of Representation, **Saskatoon**
Principle researcher **2016**
- Synthesized Literature Review.

Environmental Scan for Asset Mapping, Saskatoon **2017 - 2018**
Principle Researcher
- Developed an Environmental scan specific for asset mapping.
- Critical Thinking.

Thesis, University of Saskatchewan **2017 - 2021**
Advisor: Dr. Ken Coates
- Studied how NPO's advocate for policy change.
- Designed and conducted open-ended interviews.
- Transcribed and applied qualitative analysis.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE CONTINUED

Sustainable Development Goals **2023 – Present**

- Gathering statistics relevant to Indigenous Peoples in Canada
- Cross-walking SDGs with UNDRIP
- Designing indicators to measure outcomes

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Researcher Assistant University of Saskatchewan 2012 - 2014
Social Sciences Research Lab

- Interviewed people across Canada about non-profits and charities from the community database program at the university.
- Assisted professors in the university with their research projects, included determining non-aboriginal views of aboriginals. Designed non-biased questionnaires.
- Conducted interviews on behalf of professors and organizations outside the U of S.

Project Manager
Dr. Coates University of Saskatchewan May - September 2015

- Coordinated appointments for interviewees related to research on SHAD and CISV. SHAD is an international organization that brings students of STEM to universities across Canada. CISV is international and they specialize in bringing together people of different cultural backgrounds.
- Managed time constraints and planned division of duties to ensure timeliness.
- Adapted questions to specific scenarios to initiate responses.
- Conducted, transcribed, and summarized all interviews.

Researcher
Edwards School of Business & International Centre 2015 – 2016
for Northern Governance and Development.

- Coordinated community engagement visits and fostered partnerships.
- Moderated and engaged with members of local communities and with high school students specifically to gauge what students thought about their communities and how things could be improved by leveraging the delivery of services.
- Drafted questionnaires and created a mapping exercise.
- Input data into NVIVO a specialized software program to develop and analysis interviews and formalize results into a document.

CEO STEPS for the Future, Saskatchewan 2016 - 2021

- Grow STEPS for the Future reach and scope.
- Develop programs and projects that are in line with vision and mission.
- Establish key partnerships to generate innovative solutions.
- Promote healthy organizational culture and behavior.

- Develop strategic planning and theory of change models.
- Design curriculum for Community Readiness for Reconciliation.

CONGRESS OF ABORIGINAL PEOPLE **2021 – Present**

- Research analysis – Housing and homelessness.
    - Collaborating with Stats Canada
    - Part of the Network for Sharing Indigenous Information and Research (NSIIR)
- Policy research and analysis development, and advocacy for Education.
    - Created an organizational template for a Policy Proposal using Post Secondary Education as the focus.
    - Drafted Numerous Briefing Notes
    - Worked closely with Federal Departments
        - ESDC
        - CIRNAC
        - ISC
    - Indigenous Health Legislation
        - Designed and Conducted Community survey
        - Analysis of results
        - Submitted What We Heard Report
- Governance Manager
    - Provide Board of Directors with technical support
        - Writing Board Documents
            - Policy Briefing Notes
            - Policy Proposals
            - MOUs
            - Discussion Papers
        - Annual General Assembly package preparation and distribution
    - Cooperating and consulting with Department of Justice on UNDRIP
        - Legislative Review Compliance
        - Designing distal and proximal Indicators for Indigenous communities to assess access to opportunities
        - Connecting with various Government of Canada departments as necessary
        - Writing Discussion papers to facilitate community engagements

PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

Paper Presentation, "Building Northern Capacity through Entrepreneurship," Congress (University of Calgary), June 2016.

Paper Presentation, "Ecology of Representation: Connecting Immigrants to Policy Network" Pathways to Prosperity national conference. (Ottawa) November 2016.

Poster Competition Presentation "Aboriginal People and Public Policy" Poster Competition. (University of Regina), May 2017.

Workshop, "Introduction to Environmental Scan for Community Asset Mapping," Tamarack Institute (Edmonton) March 2018.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Conference & Workshop
Tamarack Institute Community development - Saskatoon, and Edmonton **2017 & 2015**
Community development and outcomes-based frameworks.

Microsoft Excel Training Level 1 and 2 **2024**

United Nations Human Rights (University for Peace) **2025**
Mainstreaming the Right to development in Voluntary National Review Reporting for Realizing the Sustainable Development Goals

Certification.

Developing Instructional Skills - University of Saskatchewan, **2016**
Gwenna Moss Centre for Teaching and Learning University of Saskatchewan.
Construct and presenting lessons for in class teaching.

Conference
United Way Saskatoon, - Wicihitowin, a platform for Indigenous and **2016 & 2017**
non-Indigenous to learn from one another.

International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA) – conducting **2025**
Social Impact Assessment on project and policy development.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

National Urban Indigenous Coalition Council (NUICC) Research Community

International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) Community of Practice

International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA) Practitioner

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Restorative Action Program, **2017 - 2018**
Assistant E.D./ Lead in developing and implementing strategic planning, developing qualitative and quantitative evaluation tools. Saskatoon.

Saskatoon Aboriginal Professional Association, **2016 - 2018**
Board Member/governance committee/strategic development and implementation. Saskatoon

Canadian Ripple Effect Committee, **2016-2021**
Committee member/Saskatchewan cluster chair/ Pairing Canadian communities with community in Guatemala to build schools.

Quint Development **2018 - 2021**
Board member/governance committee/guide direction of organization, set policies & terms of reference/ Saskatoon.

Honoring Indigenous People **2021- 2022**
Chair/agenda setting, leadership role, and promoting peace building and intercultural relationships and education. Saskatoon, Manitoba, and Northwest Ontario.

LANGUAGES

English: Native Language

French: Novice speaker intermediate listener and reading

Spanish: Intermediate Listener, Novice Speaker.

COMPUTER SKILLS

Applications: Word, power point, excel and Office 365.

Platforms: STATA and NVIVO.

OTHER

Watercolor painting and urban sketching

Long distance Running

REFERENCES

On request.