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EDUCATION | *transcripts available upon request*

North Dakota State University | Fargo, ND 2026 - present

Master's of Natural Resources Management

Specializing in wildlife management, range ecology, Indigenous ecology

University of Arizona | Tucson, AZ 2023

Doctor of Philosophy in Geography

Minor in Gender & Women's Studies

Dissertation: Mapping Geographies of Violence Against Indigenous Peoples & for Self-Determined, Safe Indigenous Futurities

University of Lethbridge | Lethbridge, AB 2017-2019

Doctor of Philosophy in Cultural, Social, & Political Thought (*transferred to University of Arizona in Fall of 2019*)

Washington State University | Pullman, WA 2016

Master of Arts in American Studies (Honors)

Thesis: -hóhta'hané: Mapping Genocide & Restorative Justice in Native America
(archived in the Vine Deloria, Jr. Library at the National Museum of the American Indian, Smithsonian Institution)

University of California, Berkeley | Berkeley, CA 2012

Bachelor of Arts in Geography (Highest Honors) | Economy, Culture, & Society

Minor in Global Poverty & Practice (Honors) | Rural Studies & Governance

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS SUMMARY

- Over a decade of demonstrated experience working with diverse populations, particularly tribal nations and among Indigenous peoples
- Over a decade of participation in international Indigenous gathering spaces and demonstrated leadership across Indigenous communities nationally and internationally
- Leading scholar on Indigenous data sovereignty, Indigenous geography and earth sciences, Indigenous research and methodologies, Indigenous feminisms,

violence against Indigenous peoples (especially as it relates to land-based violence)

- Over a decade of experience developing and advocating for policy at tribal, state, federal, and international levels
- Over a decade of experience in grassroots movement building and community organizing, which successfully led to tribal, state, and federal legislation being developed and passed
- Over a decade of experience leading trauma-informed work and Indigenous community building centered on decolonization and self-determination
- Over five years of non-profit leadership and over a decade of non-profit & social services program management
- Culturally/regionally diverse array of experiences in education with strong emphasis on minority-serving and tribal curricula and program design
- Software: EndNote, Mendeley, MaxQDA, Adobe InDesign, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe PhotoShop, ArcGIS, Quantum GIS, TerraStories, Microsoft Office

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

National Wildlife Federation | Artemis Program Manager 2024 - present
Lead manager of NWF's Artemis program, which uplifts women hunters and anglers as conservation leaders. Duties include grant writing, management, and reporting; program design and implementation; oversight of program operations; oversight of program staff and volunteers; lead in internal and external partnerships.

Cartography | Freelance 2012 – present
Specializing in maps for academic and non-profit publications, including scholarly books, dissertations, and policy briefs and reports. I am a world renowned scholar of critical cartography, published in leading peer-reviewed academic journals. My disciplinary specialties include Indigenous cartography, cartography for community organizing and social justice, cartography as a healing practice for survivors of violence, and cartography as a method of documenting and combatting genocide. I'm frequently asked to speak on my expertise, mentor graduate students, review manuscripts for peer reviewed publication, and create maps for Indigenous communities and tribal nations.

Northern Cheyenne THPO | Research Assistant/Contractor 2024, 2026
I have worked with NC THPO periodically since March 2024. Initially it was as a Mapping Research Assistant, researching and mapping Northern Cheyenne historic and cultural sites. This included in-person work presenting findings to the Northern Cheyenne

Culture Commission, fieldwork at sites, and care of returned ancestral items. I now have a contract with the department to undertake a research project documenting archival and oral histories of the Headchief-Young Mule Incident, a historic event that occurred in the early days of the reservation. I am a Northern Cheyenne descendant (documented ancestry but not enrolled citizen).

Sovereign Bodies Institute | Founder, Executive Director 2018 – 2024

Founder of world's first community-based research institute on gender and sexual violence against Indigenous people. Duties include overseeing staff, fundraising, grant reporting, oversight/design/implementation of research projects, policy advocacy and movement building, maintenance and oversight of the Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women's Database, oversight of independent research projects undertaken by Leading Community Researchers, oversight of award programs, oversight and implementation of direct services programming, public speaking.

Institute for Recruitment of Teachers | Student (SOP) Advisor 2019 & 2020

Advisor providing individualized mentoring to undergraduate students of color navigating the graduate school application and admissions process. Included assistance on statement of purpose (SOP) drafting, program selection, faculty supervisor and mentor identification, admissions interviews.

Urban Indian Health Institute | Doctoral Intern 2018

Collaboration to support a UIHI-sponsored research project collecting and analyzing data on missing and murdered indigenous women in urban cities in the US.

University of Lethbridge | TA 2017 – 2018

Teaching assistant assigned to support NAS 4850: The Symbols That Frame Aboriginal Community, and NAS 3700: Native Health. Duties included attendance, limited assignment grading, and student support.

National Centre for Collaboration in Indigenous Education | RA 2017 – 2018

Duties included coordinating with site visit locations, conducting interviews with educators, summarizing and presenting findings to larger research team and relevant professional/academic communities.

University of Lethbridge | RA 2017 – 2018

Research assistant to Dr. Olu Awosoga, at the Health Sciences department at the University of Lethbridge. Duties included literature review and background research,

coordinating with site visit locations, survey collections, assisting with focus group sessions.

Blackfeet Community College | Faculty

2016 – 2017

Full-time faculty in the Liberal Arts division. Courses taught: College Writing, Speech, Introduction to Critical Thinking, Learning Strategies for Higher Education, Capstone, Indigenous Philosophies. Average class size 20-30 students. Responsible for curriculum design, teaching classes independently.

Pueblo of Isleta | Adult Education Coordinator

2015 – 2016

Provided referrals to GED prep programs, tutoring, transportation to and from classes and exams, school supplies for adult learners, adult literacy resources, and employability training. Oversaw program budget and grant reporting, and designed program outreach and growth.

Nat'l Indigenous Women's Resource Center | Communications

2013 – 2015

Graphic design (promotional and awareness materials including brochures, booklets, media, announcements, posters, etc.), communications-related technical assistance to tribal domestic violence & sexual assault coalitions across the US, management of NIWRC social media.

CCGRS Dept, Washington State University | TA

2013 – 2014

Taught CES 101: Introduction to Ethnic Studies in the Department of Critical Culture, Gender, & Race Studies on the Pullman campus of Washington State University. Assisted in a 90-student course, taught a 40-student course independently.

Capitalism Nature Socialism | Cartographer

2012 – 2013

Worked with editorial board & article manuscripts to create maps to be published alongside scholarly articles (journal published by Taylor & Francis).

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING

Native Women in Agriculture & Natural Resources Symposium

2026

Native American Fish & Wildlife Society

Multi-day leadership development training for Native women in agriculture and natural resources management

Leadership Development Training | Wild Montana

2025

Conservation leadership development training for professionals and community advocates in Montana.

Mapping Meaning | Taft-Nicholson Center, University of Utah 2018
Week-long workshop for women scholars, researchers, & artists engaged in work on ideas of space, landscape, and creative representation.

National Public Radio Story Lab | Washington, DC 2018
Attended as a member of a three-person team designing and building a podcast on missing and murdered Indigenous women in the US.

Mapping Back | Concordia University 2017
Presented prior individual work on Indigenous cartography and mapping indigenous narratives of violence, worked collaboratively with other participants to draft maps for an atlas and develop new work on cartographic practices reflective of indigenous epistemologies.

Penn Center for Minority Serving Institutions | Philadelphia, PA 2017
Enriching Learning, Enhancing Visibility & Training Educators (ELEVATE) Fellow

Institute for Recruitment of Teachers | Andover, MA 2011
Graduate school preparatory program in critical theory and pedagogy

AWARDS & HONORS

Changemaker of 2022 | Deseret Magazine 2022

Graduate Scholar | Collaboratory for Indigenous Data Governance 2020-2022
Native Nations Institute, University of Arizona
Merit-based fellowship to support doctoral research on Indigenous data sovereignty at the University of Arizona's Native Nations Institute.

Lynn Staeheli Award | School of Geography, Development, & Environment, University of Arizona 2021
Merit-based award for SGDE graduate students, to support summer 2021 research.

Nominee for Nobel Peace Prize 2019

Best of the West honoree | Cowboys & Indians magazine 2019

International Tuition Scholarship | University of Lethbridge 2017 – 2019
Merit-based scholarship for international students pursuing a doctoral degree; extends through all expected years of study.

Participatory Action Research Grant | Blackfeet Community College 2016 – 2017
Grant to conduct independent classroom-based participatory action research.

Distinguished RA and Diverse Scholars' Award | WSU 2012 – 2013
Merit-based research assistantship awarded to an outstanding incoming graduate student, which allows them to conduct independent research in lieu of a teaching assistantship.

PUBLICATIONS

Sole Author

Lucchesi, Annita Hetoevèhotohke'e. "Turkey Feather Warriors, Bear Hearted Mothers, Wolf Minded Women, and Followers of Bison: Redefining Concepts of Cultural Keystone Wildlife on Indigenous Terms to Advance Northern Great Plains Indigenous Range Wildlife Ecology." Manuscript in development.

Lucchesi, Annita Hetoevèhotohke'e. "É-ho'néheve: Reclaiming Indigenous Women's Power as Scientists, Knowledge Gatherers, and Future Bearers." *Stories My Grandmothers Told Me: An Anthology of Indigenous Women's Stories*. Forthcoming.

Lucchesi, Annita Hetoevèhotohke'e. "[REVIEW] *Examining Historic Blackfoot and Gros Ventre Maps*." *Plains Anthropologist*, forthcoming.

Lucchesi, Annita Hetoevèhotohke'e. "Our Bodies are the Front Lines: Responding to Land-Based Gender Violence." *Invisible No More: Voices from Native America*. Island Press, 2023.

Lucchesi, Annita Hetoevèhotohke'e. "Mapping Violence Against Indigenous Women and Girls: Identifying and Moving Beyond Colonizing Data and Mapping Practices." *ACME: An International Journal for Critical Geographies*, 2022.

Lucchesi, Annita Hetoevèhotohke'e. "Spatial Data and (De)Colonization: Incorporating Indigenous Data Sovereignty Principles into Cartographic Research." *Cartographica* 55:3, 2020.

Lucchesi, Annita Hetoevèhotohke'e. "Indigenous Trauma is Not a Frontier: Breaking Free from Colonial Economies of Trauma & Responding to Trafficking, Disappearances, and Deaths of Indigenous Women and Girls." *American Indian Culture and Research Journal* 43:3, 2019.

Lucchesi, Annita Hetoevehotohke'e. "For Ashley, Wayne, and Shayanna: Supporting Tribal College Students and Addressing Abuse." *Tribal College: Journal of American Indian Higher Education*, 30(4), 2019.

Lucchesi, Annita Hetoevèhotohke'e. "Spirit-Based Research: A Tactic for Surviving Trauma in Decolonizing Research." *Journal of Indigenous Research* 7:1, 2019.

Lucchesi, Annita Hetoevèhotohke'e. "Mapping Geographies of Canadian Colonial Occupation: Pathway Analysis of Murdered Indigenous Women." *Gender, Place, and Culture*, 26:6, 868-887. 2019.

Lucchesi, Annita. "[REVIEW] *Responding to Human Trafficking: Dispossession, Colonial Violence, and Resistance among Indigenous and Racialized Women*." *American Indian Culture and Research Journal* 41 (3), 2018: 170-172.

Lucchesi, Annita Hetoevèhotohke'e. "'Indians Don't Make Maps': Indigenous Cartographic Traditions and Innovations." *American Indian Culture and Research Journal*, 42(3), 11-26. 2018.

Lucchesi, Annita. "[REVIEW] *On Cartography*." *Transmotion* 4 (1), 2018: 194-195.

Lucchesi, Annita. "Mapping for Social Change: Cartography and Community Activism in Mobilizing Against Colonial Gender Violence." *Mapping Meaning*. 2018.

Lucchesi, Annita. "[How Universities Fail Native American Victims of Sexual Assault](#)." *MSIs Unplugged* blog; October 25, 2017.

Lucchesi, Annita. *-hóhta'hané: Mapping Genocide & Restorative Justice in Native America*. MA Thesis, archived in the Vine Deloria, Jr. Library at the National Museum of the American Indian, Smithsonian Institution.

Collaborative Publications (chronological order)

Priest, A.; Annita Hetoevehotohke'e Lucchesi, Ellyse Anderson, Sabrina Siegan, Rylie Robinson. "Mapping the Future(s) of Atlantic Salmon in Lake Champlain: Using Spatially Explicit Genetic Simulation to Assess Impacts of Thiamine Deficiency Complex and Reimagine and Restore Kinship Based Fisheries Management." Manuscript in development.

Lucchesi, Annita Hetoevehotohke'e, et al. *To' Kee Skuy' Soo Ney-Wo-Chek' Year 2 Progress Report: MMIWG2 of Northern California*. Sovereign Bodies Institute & Yurok Tribe. 2021.

Lucchesi, Annita Hetoevehohtohke'e, et al. *"They Failed to Protect Me": Enhancing Response to and Surveillance of Domestic and Intimate Partner Violence and Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two Spirit People of California During the COVID-19 Pandemic*. Sovereign Bodies Institute & California Rural Indian Health Board. 2021.

Luebke, Jeneile, et al. "The Utility of Postcolonial and Indigenous Feminist Frameworks in Guiding Nursing Research and Practice About Intimate Partner Violence in the Lives of American Indian Women." *Journal of Transcultural Nursing*, February 2021.

Ollivierre, Alison DeGraff, et al. "Participatory Mapping" in *International Encyclopedia of Geography: People, the Earth, Environment and Technology*. Wiley, 2021.

Lucchesi, Annita Hetoevehotohke'e, et al. *To' Kee Skuy' Soo Ney-Wo-Chek': I Will See You Again in a Good Way--Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two Spirit People of Northern California, Year One Project Report*. Sovereign Bodies Institute & Yurok Tribe. 2020.

Carroll, Stephanie Russo, et al.. "[Indigenous Data in the Covid-19 Pandemic: Straddling Erasure, Terrorism, and Sovereignty.](#)" *Items: Insights from the Social Sciences*. Social Science Research Council; June 11, 2020.

Lucchesi, Annita Hetoevehotohke'e, et al. *MMIWG2 & MMIP Organizing Toolkit*. Sovereign Bodies Institute. 2020.

Rose-Redwood, Reuben, et al. "Decolonizing the Map: Recentring Indigenous Mappings." *Cartographica* 55:3, 2020.

Lucchesi, Annita Hetoevehotohke'e, et al. *Zuya Winyan Wicayu'onihan: Honoring Warrior Women*. Sovereign Bodies Institute & Brave Heart Society. 2019.

Lucchesi, Annita, and Abigail Echo-Hawk. *Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls: A Snapshot of Data from 71 Urban Cities in the United States*. Urban Indian Health Institute, 2018.

PRESENTATIONS

Academic (selected)

Mapping the Future(s) of Atlantic Salmon in Lake Champlain: Using Spatially Explicit Genetic Simulation to Assess Impacts of Thiamine Deficiency Complex and Reimagine and Restore Kinship Based Fisheries Management. Landscape Genetics Symposium. University of Wyoming. May 2026.

Applying Indigenous Research and Data Practices to Cartography. North American Cartographic Information Society. October 2024.

Decolonizing Cartography: Reclaiming and Reimagining Indigenous Cartographic Traditions. Crow Canyon Archeological Center. July 2024.

Community Safety and Self-Determination Among Indigenous Peoples. Community Safety as a Social Determinant of Health: How to Create Safe Communities - National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. December 2023.

Indigenous Data Sovereignty in Addressing Violence Against Indigenous Peoples. Indigenous Innovation, Data Economies and Artificial Intelligence Summit - Arizona State University. March 2023.

Mapping Violence Against Indigenous Peoples. Indigenous Cartographies Workshop - University of New Mexico. February 2023.

Research to End the Crisis of Missing & Murdered Indigenous People. California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo; May 2022.

Feminist Visual Cultures [panel]. Rutgers University; March 2022.

Mapping Without GIS. Feminist Visualization: Mobilities, Sovereignty, Borders. University of Arizona; March 2021.

Disproportionate Policing in Indigenous Communities. Reducing Racial Inequalities in the Criminal Justice System. National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, & Medicine; January 2021.

Mapping for Justice: Creating Cartographies of Social Change. Guerrilla Cartography's Atlas in a Day; May 2020.

Professional & Policy (selected)

A Brutally Honest Discussion of Best Practices for Bringing Women Into the Sporting Conservation Space. National Wildlife Federation Annual Meeting; June 2026.

Community and Story-telling: Engaging Women. Council to Advance Hunting and the Shooting Sports (R3 National Symposium); May 2026.

Mentorship, Accessibility & Empowerment of New Anglers: A 2-Part Webinar Series for Inclusive Fly Fishing & Outdoor Mentorship. Artemis Sportswomen, Trout Unlimited, & The Mayfly Project; March & April 2026.

Uplifting Women Leaders in Conservation and Sporting: Artemis Sportswomen's Ambassador Program. Pheasants Forever/Quail Forever (Pheasant Fest); February 2026.

Women Leading the Way: NWF's Artemis Program & Creating Inclusive, Empowering Sporting-Led Conservation. National Wildlife Federation Annual Meeting; June 2025.

Casting Change: Women Changing Representation in Fly Fishing. The Fly Fishing Show; February 2025.

Proposals for showcasing, reporting, preventing, attention, protection and healing of victims of violence against Indigenous women: a dialogue with Indigenous leaders, communicators, lawyers, parliamentarians and rights defenders. ECMIA (Gathering of Indigenous Women of the Americas); February 2020.

Indigenous Women's Right to Life Free from Violence [workgroup]. ECMIA (Gathering of Indigenous Women of the Americas); February 2020.

Personal Testimony as a Survivor of Trafficking. State of South Dakota Water Board hearing on permits for TransCanada Keystone XL Pipeline; December 2019.

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls Report: Creating Change Through Data, Research, Policy, and Practice. Beyond the Bench: Uniting for a Better Future (hosted by California Courts); December 2019.

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls of Washington. Washington State Annual Judicial Conference; September 2019.

Addressing Unfounded Cases of Sexual Assault in Canada. United Nations Safe Cities and Safe Public Spaces Global Leaders' Forum, October 2018.

Key Trends, Developments and Achievements on Women and Girls Spaces: Understanding the Canadian Context. United Nations Safe Cities and Safe Public Spaces Global Leaders' Forum, October 2018.

-hóhta'hané: Mapping Genocide & Restorative Justice in Native America. International Cartographic Association; 2017.

Media

Additional media interviews in New York Times, CNN, Al Jazeera, The Guardian, Marie Claire, Huffington Post, etc. available upon request.

SERVICE

NWF Indigenous ERG | Member, Co-lead

2024 - present

Joined the Indigenous ERG when I began at NWF in 2024, became a co-lead in 2025 when new leadership became needed.

Not Invisible Act Commission | Commissioner 2022 - 2023

Member of the federal commission on missing and murdered Indigenous people and human trafficking of Indigenous people (NIAC). Co-chair of subcommittee on data.

Montana American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) | Board member 2022 – 2023

Montana ACLU is the official statewide chapter of the ACLU. I was nominated and elected to the Board in early 2022, and in addition to serving on the Board as a whole, also serve on the Nominations & Engagement committee.

Consortium on Gender-Based Violence | Advisory Board member 2018

The Consortium on GBV is hosted by the University of Arizona, and brings together interdisciplinary, cutting-edge interventions on gender-based violence in order to foster and support synergy between research, pedagogy, outreach, service, and student engagement both on and off campus.

Mapping Back | Steering Committee Member 2018 – 2020

SSHRC-funded project housed at Concordia University, aimed at creating a collective of Indigenous cartographers and scholar-allies. Projects include creation of an atlas of original maps of Indigenous conflicts with resources extraction, and creation of an online resources hub regarding Indigenous communities and mapping.

Humboldt County Committee to End Sex Trafficking | Member 2019

Committee comprised of law enforcement, service providers, advocates, and researchers working to end sex trafficking regionally.

Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women | Expert Consultant 2017 – 2018

Provided data and expert testimony to policy advocacy efforts, Indigenous non-profit organizations, and governmental hearings. Examples include data dissemination and assistance to tribal anti-violence coalitions to support their awareness events, and written testimony regarding intersections of incarceration and gender violence among Indigenous women for Canadian House of Commons.

Indigenous Graduate Student Association | Founding Member 2013 – 2014

One of several founding members of IGSA at Washington State University, Pullman campus. Helped to create and contribute to a support network for Indigenous graduate students.

Native American Women's Association | Vice President, Senator 2013 – 2014
Event planning and coordination, graphic design of promotional materials, liaison between NAWA and the Coalition of Woman Students.

REFERENCES

Current Professional Supervisors

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National Wildlife Federation

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Current Academic Supervisors & Mentors

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North Dakota State University

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Assistant Professor - Environment & Natural Resources
University of Vermont

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