

# RESUME

JUDITH RAMOS

## OBJECTIVE

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To work with Alaska Native and Indigenous communities

## SKILLS

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Teaching, researching and documenting Indigenous Knowledge, working with Indigenous people respectfully

## EDUCATION

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PHD • IN-PROGRESS • INDIGENOUS STUDIES, UAF  
Resilience and Adaptation Program Fellow

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING ADULT EDUCATION • ALASKA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

BACHELOR OF ARTS ANTHROPOLOGY • UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA ANCHORAGE

## EXPERIENCE

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PROJECT COORDINATOR, HAA YOO X'ATANGI DEIYI: OUR LANGUAGE PATHWAYS PROGRAM, UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA SOUTHEAST, 2021

Project coordinator of a language program to certify Indigenous Language teachers of Lingít Yoo X'atángi (Tlingit language), X'aad Kíl (Haida language), and Sm'algyax (Tsimshian language) in partnership with Sealaska Heritage Institute

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR DANSRD • UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FAIRBANKS • 2013 – 2021

I taught twelve courses for the Department of Alaska Native Studies and Rural Development. Responsibilities and accomplishments include: designing new courses: Cultural Resource Issues, and Indigenous Language

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and Cultural Revitalization; substantially updating the classes; revising the Alaska Native Studies program; mentoring students and serving as Chair or committee member on Rural Development and other departments Master of Arts committees. I also served on Department and University committees. The courses I taught:

- ANS 202x Aesthetic Appreciation of Alaska Native Performance
- ANS 242x Indigenous Cultures of Alaska
- ANS 320 Language and Culture in Alaska
- ANS 329 Indigenous Language and Cultural Revitalization
- ANS 375 Native American Religion and Philosophy
- ANS/RD 401 Cultural Knowledge of Native Elders
- RD 425 Cultural Resource Issues
- ANS 458 Politics of Indigenous Identity
- ANS/ED 461 Native Ways of Knowing
- RD 465 Community Healing and Wellness
- RD 492 National Park Service Leadership RD Seminar
- RD 655 Circumpolar Health Issues

SENIOR RESEACHER • NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION PROJECT:  
YAKUTAT TLINGIT SEALING CAMPS: INVESTIGATING THE RELATIONSHIP  
AMONG LANGUAGE, INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE, AND GLACIAL  
MOVEMENT • 2011 – TODAY  
[HTTPS://WWW.NSF.GOV/AWARDSEARCH/SHOWAWARD?AWD\\_ID=1132295](https://www.nsf.gov/awardsearch/showaward?AWD_ID=1132295)

This is a National Science Foundation collaborative project. I coordinated family, community, and tribal support, interviewed elders and local community members. I assisted in designing the proposal, organizing community and public presentations.

Published: Ramos, J. (2020). Tlingit Hunting along the Edge: Ice Floe Harbor Seal Hunting in Yakutat Bay, Alaska. In 1198890918 895184514 A. Crowell (ED.), *Arctic crashes: People and animals in the changing north*. Washington, D.C.: Smithsonian Scholarly Press.

Presentations: Traditional Tlingit Knowledge on Ice-Flow Seal Hunting at Disenchantment Bay, Yakutat, Alaska, Sealaska Heritage Institute 2021 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7kWQJudlrXy>; Alaska Anthropology Conference; Yakutat Tlingit Tribe Annual meeting; and Keynote at Arctic



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Horizons Workshop, NSF Arctic Social Science Program, Fairbanks,  
<https://www.arcus.org/events/arctic-calendar/25026>

Co-presentations with Dr. Crowell: "Highlights from a Video Archive of  
Yakutat Indigenous Knowledge", Sealaska Heritage Institute 2019  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0LFhPGeudks&t=90s>;  
Sealaska Heritage Institute Native Heritage Month 2018  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8imA1yQ2DH8>; Anchorage Museum  
Smithsonian Spotlight Series, Alaska Native Culture series

Video/Poster Presentations: International Polar Year Conference, 2012,  
Montreal, Quebec; Annual Integrative Graduated Education and Research  
Traineeship (IGERT) meeting  
<https://igert2012.videohall.com/presentations/302>, and George Wright  
Society Conference, Denver, Co. 2012.

## Published Articles

- Discover Magazine "How Indigenous Oral Tradition is Guiding and  
Uncovering Climate History in Alaska" 2/8/2021  
<https://www.discovermagazine.com/planet-earth/how-indigenous-oral-tradition-is-guiding-archaeology-and-uncovering-climate>
- First Alaskans Magazine: Sit'Tlein: The Story of Hubbard Glacier's  
Spirit and Indigenous Knowledge of Tlingit Seal-Hunting Practice by  
Leslie Hsu Oh 2014 <https://www.lesliehsuoh.com/first-alaskans-magazine-sit-tlein-story-hubbard-glaciers-spirit-indigenous-knowledge-tingit-seal-hunting-practices/>

RESEARCHER: COMMUNITY-BASED PARTNERSHIP FOR SELF-RELIANCE AND  
SUSTAINABILITY, UAF 2011-2012

A partnership between the Alaska Native Science Commission, UAF and  
selected communities. This project worked with rural communities to  
assist them in their vision for self-reliance and sustainability.

SUBSISTENCE COORDINATOR, ANTHROPOLOGIST, TRIBAL AND ROADS  
PLANNER, REALTY/NAGPRA OFFICER • YAKUTAT TLINGIT TRIBE • 2000 –  
2011



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- Subsistence Coordinator. Research with AK. Fish and Game and Forest Service, I conducted a Household Harvest survey (unpublished) of Yakutat households for 2000. I supervised a subsistence interviewer. we helped design the survey, conducted the surveys, map the households and analyze the data.
- Tribal Anthropologist, I conducted two Traditional Ecological Knowledge Studies on: Sockeye Salmon Fishery of Dry Bay and Mapping the Traditional Subsistence Territories of Yakutat Tlingit (for Tribal members only).
- Tribal/Roads Planner, I developed policies, wrote grants, conducted a Plant Harvest Survey and prepared the Migratory Birds Eggs Harvest application.
- Realty Director, I oversaw Trust functions for Allotments and Native Townsites. As the NAGPRA and Historical Sites Officer, I documented tribal items in museums, arranged NAGPRA consultation visits to museums, repatriated remains taken from a dig, monitored archaeological sites, and coordinate Archaeology Week.

Presentations Tribal research: Alaska Anthropology Conference; Society for Applied Anthropology; Annual Society of Ethnobiology Conference; 8<sup>th</sup> World Wilderness Congress; Alaska Native Harbor Seal Commission; Sharing Our Knowledge Conference 2007; Alaska Native Science Commission meeting  
<http://www.nativescience.org/pubs/SE%20Report%20final.pdf> ; Southeast Regional Subsistence Advisory Committee, and 4<sup>th</sup> Glacier Bay Science Symposium.

Publication: Ramos, Judith and Rachel Mason, 2004. Traditional Ecological Knowledge of Tlingit People Concerning the Sockeye Salmon Fishery of the Dry Bay Area, A Cooperative Agreement between National Park Service and the Yakutat Tlingit Tribe, Yakutat, Alaska, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, (FIS Project 01-091) 2004.  
<https://irma.nps.gov/DataStore/DownloadFile/469271>

OWL HOUSE MANAGER AND CULTURAL INTERPRETER • OWL HOUSE  
YAKUTAT • 2003 - 2006

I was the co-owner, manager and a cultural interpreter of a family owned cultural interpretive business.



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ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR • UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA ANCHORAGE • 1999-2000

I taught Tlingit Language and Culture I and II and Cultural Knowledge of Elders

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION COMMISSION • COUNCIL FOR YUKON INDIANS • 1992-1993

I coordinated conferences, workshops, liaison with local, regional, national governmental and First Nation agencies. I prepared reports and briefing notes.

POLICY ANALYST, YUKON DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

I developed a reference index for Yukon Education Act.

POLICY ANALYST EDUCATION, AND RESEARCH ASSISTANT FOR THE NATIONAL REVIEW OF FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION • ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS OTTAWA

I coordinating meetings and conferences; analyzing policies, and prepared briefing notes and budgets. As Research Assistant, I extracted, analyzed and organized data, prepared charts, wrote, edited and revised reports

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANT. RURAL ALASKA COMMUNITY PROGRAM, ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

CAMP NA DUNE COORDINATOR, COOK INLET NATIVE ASSOCIATION

ASSOCIATE TRAINER, ALASKA NATIVE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM  
ALASKA NATIVE FOUNDATION

SUBSISTENCE RESEARCHER ON DRY BAY PRESERVE, ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME, SUBSISTENCE DIVISION, ALASKA

PRESENTATIONS: INDIGENOUS RESEARCH/COMMUNITY-BASED

- Co-Presenter: Red Hoop Talk, Episode 70 The Repatriation Conference 11/19/2021 <https://www.indian-affairs.org/red-hoop->



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- Co-Presenter: "Stories of Success, Southeast Tribal and Clan Response: When Our Ancestors Return", Association of American Indian Affairs, 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Repatriation Conference, 11/8/2021. [https://www.indian-affairs.org/repatriation\\_conference.html](https://www.indian-affairs.org/repatriation_conference.html)
- Co-Presenter: "Eyak Theme" and "Eyak Language Panel" 38 Annual Elders and Youth Conference, 10/18/2021
- Presenter: "The Spiritual Life of Tlingit "Objects", Princeton University Art Museum, 4/1/2021 <https://artmuseum.princeton.edu/calendar>
- Panel: Indigenous Participation in Research, TEK Talk, 1/2021, UAF <https://sites.google.com/view/tektalks/recordings>
- Panel: Talking Circle on Community-Based Participatory Research, Alaska Anthropology Conference, 2021 <https://www.alaskaanthropology.org/annual-meeting/conference-schedule/>
- Co-Presenter: "Building on 30 Years of Repatriation in Southeast Alaska" Association on American Indian Affairs Conference 2020 [https://www.indian-affairs.org/uploads/8/7/3/8/87380358/conference\\_program\\_final\\_printable.pdf](https://www.indian-affairs.org/uploads/8/7/3/8/87380358/conference_program_final_printable.pdf)
- Presenter: "Repatriation as a Spiritual Ceremony in Alaska", the Association on American Indian Affairs Conference 2019 [https://www.indian-affairs.org/repatriation\\_conference.html](https://www.indian-affairs.org/repatriation_conference.html)
  
- "The Meaning of Place" Culturally Responsive Education Conference, Sealaska Heritage Institute 2018 <https://www.akresilience.org/calendar/culturallyresponsiveschools>
- Invited Lecture: "The History and Migration of the Yakutat Kwaashk'I Kwaan Clan from Copper River to Yakutat", Celebration 2016, Juneau, Alaska <https://vimeo.com/170300636>
- Presenter: "Matrilineal Clans of the Tlingit People of the Northwest Coast of Alaska: Concepts of Cosmology and Property Law (At.oow), Conference on World Matrilineal



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Cultures, Southwest University of Nationalities, Chengdu, Shichuan China 10/2016

- Presenter: "Walking in Two Worlds, Implementing a Tribal Historic and Preservation Plan" Alaska Native Studies Conference 2015
- Presenter: "Building Community-University Research Partnerships Co-Management Symposium Producing Knowledge Together", Co-Management Conference, Fairbanks, Alaska, 11/2015
- Keynote co-presentation: Elaine Abraham and Judith Ramos, A Traditional Story, Alaska Forum on the Environment, Anchorage, Alaska 2/2013, presentation on trees.
- Presenter: Sustainability and Village Food Systems, Alaska Forum on the Environment, 2/2012, Anchorage, Alaska.
- Co-presenter: Elaine Abraham and Judith Ramos (2007), The Yakutat Tlingit and the Russians – 1795 to 1825 (Oral Traditions and Historic Traditions) Sharing our Knowledge Conference. <https://www.sharingourknowledge.org/links/>
- Co-presenter: Judith Ramos and Dr. Robert Schroeder (2005), Cultural Continuity in a National Forest: Tlingit Sense of Place and Use of Natural Resource in the Southeast Alaska Temperate Rainforest, Society for Applied Anthropology (Sfaa) Santa Fe, NM <https://www.appliedanthro.org/previous-meetings>

Publication: Abraham, Elaine and Judith Ramos "This is Kuxaankutaan's (Dr. de Laguna's) Song", Sharing Our Knowledge, Sergei Kan (ed), Lincoln, University of Nebraska Press, 2014 and in Arctic Anthropology 43(2): 14-19 <http://aa.uwpress.org/content/43/2.toc>



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## INTERNATIONAL AND ARCTIC ACTIVITIES/PRESENTATIONS

- MEMBER • UARCTIC ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP TEAM • 2017 – 2019, University of the Arctic, liaison to indigenous Issues committee
- MEMBER IARPC (INTERAGENCY ARCTIC RESEARCH POLICY COMMITTEE) COLLABORATIONS. I presented on coastal erosions and cultural resource management.  
<https://www.iarpcollaborations.org/members/people/7883>
- Presenter: “Place and Time: a comparison of Tlingit worldview through oral history and place names with archaeological “evidence”, UArctic Congress, Helsinki, Finland 9/2018  
<HTTPS://CONGRESS.UARCTIC.ORG/PROGRAM/SCIENCE-SECTION/SESSIONS/4-EDUCATION/SESSION-36127/>
- Invited Participant: Community-Based Monitoring Experience Exchange Workshop, organized by Integrated Arctic Observing System (INTAROS) and IARC, UAF, Week of the Arctic, Fairbanks, AK 2017 <http://akarctichost.org/>
- Presenter: “Understanding and Managing Extreme Events and Natural Hazards in the Arctic”, Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Program, International Conference on Arctic Science: Bringing Knowledge to Actions, Reston Virginia, 4/2017  
<https://www.amap.no/external/2017-International-Conference-on-Arctic-Science/index.php>
- Keynote: “The Cultural Landscape, Ice-Flow Seal Hunting and Glacier Retreat of Sit’ Tlein, Yakutat Alaska”, Arctic Social Sciences in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Indigenous Research in the North, Decolonizing Methods, Models and Practices, Arctic Horizons Workshop, NSF Arctic Social Science Program, 3/2016  
<http://arctichorizons.org/node/37>
- Panel: “Community Healing and Wellness: Addressing Historical Trauma through Incorporation of Traditional Knowledge and Practices”, 18<sup>th</sup> Arctic Science Summit Week, Fairbanks Alaska, 2016 <http://assw2016.org/>

## SERVICE

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MEMBER: EYAK PRESERVATION COUNCIL



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MEMBER: MUSEUM SOVEREIGNTY PROJECT

[HTTPS://THECIRIFOUNDATION.ORG/PROJECT-GRANTS/ALASKA-NATIVE-CULTURAL-HERITAGE-AND-ARTISTIC-SOVEREIGNTY-IN-MUSEUMS/](https://thecirifoundation.org/project-grants/alaska-native-cultural-heritage-and-artistic-sovereignty-in-museums/)

CO-CURATOR • AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY NORTHWEST COAST HALL • 2017 – TODAY

As a co-curator for the AMNH's renovation of the Northwest Coast Hall, I work with other Indigenous co-curators to advise the museum by reviewing their plans and concepts for the design, selection of items, themes, descriptions, media and videos <https://www.amnh.org/explore/news-blogs/news-posts/a-major-project-in-the-northwest-coast-hall>

ADVISOR • YAKUTAT DE LAGUNA PROJECT COMMITTEE • 2017 – TODAY

This committee is comprised of the estate of Dr. de Laguna, the Yakutat Tlingit Tribe and University of Alaska Southeast. We are working on establishing a Library and Archive and promoting language revitalization.

ISSUE EDITOR • MATRIX JOURNAL • 2019 – TODAY

Member of editor team for a Journal for Matricultural Studies. I am the Issue editor for Northwest Coast Issue.

[https://www.networkonculture.ca/activities/matrix/issues/vol2\\_iss1](https://www.networkonculture.ca/activities/matrix/issues/vol2_iss1)



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