

# Curriculum Vitae

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## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Assistant Professor, Department of Indigenous Studies, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, SK, July 2016 - Present.

Contract Lecturer (INDI 1314: Native People and the Issues), Lakehead University Department of Indigenous Learning, Thunder Bay, ON, January - April 2016.

Sessional Instructor (Four courses: LV 100: History of Aboriginal Canadian Relations; NC 124: Aboriginal Culture, Language and the Land; NC 328: Aboriginal Interventions and Healing Practices; SS 116: Social Welfare), Confederation College, Thunder Bay, ON, September - December 2015.

Contract Lecturer (INDI 3311: Native Peoples and Community), Lakehead University Department of Indigenous Learning, Fort Frances, ON, July - August 2015 (Compressed half-credit course).

Contract Lecturer (INDI 2433: Aboriginal Peoples and the Government), Lakehead University Department of Indigenous Learning, Fort Frances, ON, January - February 2015 (Compressed half-credit course).

Instructor (LV 212: Aboriginal Governance and Leadership), Confederation College, Aboriginal Community Advocacy Program, Thunder Bay, ON, January - April 2015.

Contract Lecturer (INDI 2314: Métis Peoples of Canada), Lakehead University Department of Indigenous Learning, Thunder Bay, ON, September - December 2014.

Sessional Instructor (NATV 1220: Introduction to Indigenous Peoples of Canada), Department of Native Studies, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB, October 2012. (Compressed half-credit course).

## **EDUCATION**

PhD, Native Studies, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB, 2011-2017.

Master of Arts, Indigenous Governance, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC, 2011.

Honours Bachelor of Arts, Indigenous Studies, Trent University, Peterborough, ON, 2010.

Certificate, Inherent Right to Indigenous Governance, Banff Centre Aboriginal Leadership and Management, Banff, AB, 2010.

Diploma, Ecosystem Management Technician, Fleming College, Lindsay, ON, 2001.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Refereed Articles**

Lee, Damien. "Adoption is (Not) a Dirty Word: Towards an Adoption-Centric Theory of Anishinaabeg Citizenship." *Native Peoples Child & Family Review* 10, no. 1 (2015): 86-98. <http://journals.sfu.ca/fpcffr/index.php/FPCFR/article/view/242>

Lee, Damien. "In the Shoes of the Other: Reclaiming Indigenous Authenticity from Colonial Logics of Difference." In *Critical Inquiries: A Reading in Studies of Canada*, edited by Lynn Caldwell, Carriane Leung and Darryl Leroux, 144-161. Halifax: Fernwood Publishing, 2013.

Lee, Damien. "Placing Knowledge as Resurgence." *InTensions: The Resurgence of Indigenous Women's Knowledge and Resistance in Relation to Land and Territoriality: Transnational and Interdisciplinary Perspectives*, 6 (2011). <http://www.yorku.ca/intent/issue6/articles/damienlee.php>

Lee, Damien. "Windigo Faces: Environmental Non-Governmental Organizations Serving Canadian Colonialism." *Canadian Journal of Native Studies* 31, no. 2 (2011): 133-153.

Lee, Damien. "Echoes of Impermanence: Kanesatake, Bimaadiziiwin and the Idea of Canada." In *This is an Honour Song: Twenty Years After the Blockades*, edited by Leanne Simpson and Kiera Ladner, 235-243. Winnipeg: Arbeiter Ring Publishing, 2010.

### **Selected Non-Refereed Articles**

Lee, Damien. "Small Steps with a Big Sound." *The Walleye* 8, no. 5 (May 2017): 80. <http://www.thewalleye.ca/may-2017/>

Lee, Damien. Review of *Those Who Belong: Identity, Family, Blood, and Citizenship among the White Earth Anishinaabeg*, by Jill Doerfler. *Canadian Journal of Native Studies* XXXVI, no. 1 (2016): 238-240.

Lee, Damien and Stephanie MacLaurin. "The Resurgence of the Sugar Bush: Maple Syrup and Anishinaabe Governance in a (Climate) Changing World." *The Walleye* 7, no. 4 (April 2016): 10. <http://www.thewalleye.ca/april-2016>

Lee, Damien. "In Conversation with *Centering Anishinaabeg Studies: A Review*." *Decolonization: Indigeneity, Education & Society* 2, no. 2 (2013). <http://decolonization.org/index.php/des/article/view/20780/17024>

Lee, Damien. Review of *The Principles of Tsawalk: An Indigenous Approach to Global Crisis*, by Umeek (E. Richard Atleo). *BC Studies* 177 (Spring 2013). <http://www.bcstudies.com/book-reviews/principle-tsawalk-indigenous-approach-global-crisis>

Lee, Damien. "Robinson-Superior Treaty Supports Nationhood." *Anishinabek News*, October 2012, <http://www.anishinabek.ca/download/news/2012-10.pdf>

Lee, Damien. Review of *Dancing on our Turtle's Back: Stories of Nishnaabeg Re-Creation, Resurgence and a New Emergence*, by Leanne Simpson. *Briarpatch*, January 1, 2012. <http://briarpatchmagazine.com/articles/view/re-envisioning-reconciliation>

Lee, Damien. "Miisa Giizhaabiziyin." *InTensions: The Resurgence of Indigenous Women's Knowledge and Resistance in Relation to Land and Territoriality: Transnational and Interdisciplinary Perspectives*, 6 (2011).  
<http://www.yorku.ca/intent/issue6/articles/damienlee2.php>

Lee, Damien. "Recycling to Reduce Contaminants Entering Lake Superior," *Great Lakes Aquatic Habitat News* 16 no. 3 (2007).

Lee, Damien and Tim Solomon. *Fort William First Nation Dumpsites & Adjacent Industry*, Anishinabek of the Gichigami and the Nature Conservancy of Canada, 2006.  
<http://goo.gl/yMsjOa>

### **CONFERENCES, SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

Lee, Damien. "The Family Decides: Locating Anishinaabe Laws of Belonging through Adoption Narratives." Special guest lecture hosted by the Osgoode Hall Law Union, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Toronto, ON, March 16, 2016.

Lee, Damien. "The Family Decides: Locating Anishinaabe Laws of Belonging through Adoption Narratives." Special guest lecture hosted by the Department of Native American Studies, University of Minnesota. Duluth, MN, February 4, 2016.

Lee, Damien. "Towards 'Risk' Based Anti-Racism in Thunder Bay." Paper presented at the Disrupting Safe Spaces 4 Racism Symposium. Thunder Bay, ON, October 8, 2015.  
<https://zoongde.wordpress.com/2015/10/08/disrupting>

Lee, Damien. "Band Membership as Terrorizing Practice: Decoupling Indigenous Citizenships from Property-Holder Logics." Paper presented at the Native American and Indigenous Studies Association (NAISA) annual conference. Washington, DC, June 4, 2015.

Lee, Damien. "Who are You Calling an Indian? Band Membership, the Indian Act, & Belonging." Paper presented at Saint Mary's University Indigenous Speakers' Series. Halifax, NS, October 24, 2014.

Lee, Damien, Jana-Rae Yerxa, Willow Blassizo and Adam Barker. "The Biskaabiiyang Collective: Resurgence and Anti-Settler Colonial Praxis in Thunder Bay, Ontario." Paper co-presented at the 14th Annual Critical Race and Anti-Colonial Studies Conference. Edmonton, AB, October 18, 2014.

Lee, Damien. "Belonging and Anishinaabeg Constitutional Orders." Paper presented at the Lakehead University Aboriginal Awareness Week. Thunder Bay, ON, March 2014.

Lee, Damien. "Re-dressing and Reclaiming: Anishinaabeg Belonging and the Logics of the Family." Paper presented at the Symposium on Decolonial Aesthetics from the Americas. Toronto, ON, October 11, 2013. <https://zoongde.wordpress.com/2014/03/20/re-dressing-and-reclaiming>

Lee, Damien. "Bleeding to Death: Ending Blood Quantum as the Basis for Belonging with Anishinaabeg Nations." Paper presented at the Critical Ethnic Studies Association bi-annual conference. Chicago, IL, September 19, 2013.

Lee, Damien. "The Family is the Nation: Envisioning Belonging through Anishinabek Family Based Customs. Paper presented at the Native American and Indigenous Studies Association (NAISA) annual conference. Saskatoon, SK, June 12, 2013.

Lee, Damien. "In the Shoes of the Other: Reclaiming Indigenous Authenticity from Colonial Logics of Difference." Paper presented at the Canadian Sociological Association Annual Conference. Victoria BC, June 5, 2013.

Lee, Damien. "Anishinabek Traditions of Belonging: Adoption Customs as a Framework for Citizenship." Paper presented at the Anishinabek Nation E'Dbendaagzjig "Those Who Belong" Conference. Munsee-Delaware Nation, ON, December 14, 2011.

Lee, Damien. "Windigo Faces: The Non-Profit Industrial Complex in Canada." Paper presented at the Critical Ethnic Studies Association bi-annual conference. Riverside, CA, March 12, 2011.

Lee, Damien. "ENGOS and Indian Bands: Reinforcing the Oppression Framework." Paper presented at Trent University's Celebrating Indigenous Knowledges: Peoples, Lands Cultures conference. Peterborough, ON, June 19, 2010.

Lee, Damien. "Echoes of Impermanence: Kanesatake, Bimaadiziiwin and the Idea of Canada." Paper presented at the Ode'min Giizis Festival. Peterborough, ON, June 16, 2010.

Lee, Damien. "Engaging Students through Community Action and Service." Paper presented at the Native American and Indigenous Studies Association (NAISA) annual conference. Tucson, AZ, May 21, 2010.

Lee, Damien. "Decolonizing by Creating Space: The Challenges and Successes of Establishing a Nonprofit Organization in a First Nation Community." Paper presented at the Indigenous Earth Issues Summit. Marquette, MI, April 5, 2010.

Lee, Damien. "Environmental Racism and First Nations Communities in Canada." Paper presented at the Toronto Green Community Speaker Series. Toronto, ON, March 2, 2009.

Lee, Damien. "Community Associations: Lessons Learned from the Development of an Anishinabek Not-For-Profit Organization." Paper presented at the Turtle Island Environmental Resources Engaging First Nations in Environmental Strategies Conference. Toronto, ON, September 23, 2008.

Lee, Damien. "Working with Anishinabe Civil Society: Lessons Learned from the Development of an Anishinabek Not-For-Profit Organization." Paper presented at Best Practices: Sharing Experiences for Environmental Restoration and Protection (webinar hosted by Environment Canada). Peterborough, ON, September 17, 2008.

<http://events.snwebcastcenter.com/environmentcanada/20080917/index.php>

Lee, Damien, Wendy Mortimer and Isadore Day. "Ontario First Nations and Solid Waste Management." Panel discussion at the Ontario First Nations Technical Services Corporation Annual Conference. Sault Ste. Marie, ON, 2003.

Lee, Damien and Martin Nantel. "The Rainy River First Nations Watershed Program." Paper presented at the North American Lakes Management Society annual conference. Anchorage, AK, October 2002.

### **SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Governance Coordinator, Fort William First Nation Band, Fort William First Nation, Anishinaabe Aki, May 2014-September 2015.

Researcher (Custom adoptions as entitlement to Indian status within *Indian Act*), P. Michael Jerch Law Corporation, Winnipeg, MB, January - February, 2012.

Curriculum Developer (Aboriginal Governance and Leadership adult accreditation course), Ontario Federation of Indian Friendship Centres (OFIFC), Winnipeg, MB, September - December 2011.

Project Developer (National Aboriginal Youth Mentoring Pilot Project), National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation (NAAF), Peterborough, ON, March – May 2010.

Research Assistant to Dr. Kiera Ladner (University of Manitoba, Political Studies), Peterborough, ON, November 2009 – April 2010.

Energy Conservation Programming Developer, Ontario First Nations Technical Services Corporation (OFNTSC), Peterborough, ON, June – September 2009.

Founder / Project Lead, Anishinabek Gitchi Gami Environmental Programs, Fort William First Nation, Anishinaabe Aki, December 2005 – May 2008.

First Nations Outreach, Greenpeace Canada (Boreal Campaign), Fort William First Nation, Anishinaabe Aki, September 2006 – April 2007.

Coordinator, International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN Russia), Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy, Russian Far East, July - August 2005.

Information Coordinator, Taiga Rescue Network, Jokkmokk, arctic Sweden, April 2004 – June 2006.

Instructor (Earth Keepers Solid Waste Management Adult Training Program), Ontario First Nations Technical Services Corporation (OFNTSC), various northern Ontario First Nations, September 2003 – April 2004.

First Nations Liaison, World Wildlife Fund, Prince Rupert, BC, December 2003.

Project Officer, Rainy River First Nations Watershed Program, Manitou Rapids, Anishinaabe Aki, July 2002 – September 2003.

## **ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS**

C.D. Howe Memorial Foundation Fellowship, Creative Writing and Oral Cultural, University of Manitoba, \$10,000, September 2015 - April 2016.

Aboriginal Issues Press Scholarship, Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources, University of Manitoba, \$1,000, September 2013 - April 2014.

J.G. Fletcher Graduate Research Award in Arts, University of Manitoba, \$3,000, September 2013 - March 2014.

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarships Program: Category 'A' Doctoral Scholarship, \$105,000, September 2011 – August 2014.

Manitoba Graduate Scholarship at the Doctoral Level, \$30,000, September 2011 - August 2015.

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarships Program: Master's Scholarship, \$17,500, September 2010 – August 2011.

University of Victoria President's Scholarship (Master's level), \$4,000, 2010-2011.

Indigenous Child Welfare Research Network (University of Victoria), Student Research Grant, \$1,000, 2011.

National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation Education Bursary Award, \$4,400, September 2010.

The Banff Centre, Aboriginal Leadership and Management, \$3,400, February 2010.

National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation Education Bursary Award, \$4,600, September 2009.

Alterna Savings "Making a Difference" Ogrant, \$3,000, July 2008. First Place prize for video titled "Toxic First Nation."

## **GRANTS SECURED (Non-Academic)**

### **2015**

Aboriginal and Northern Affairs Canada, Comprehensive Community Planning Program: "Initiate a Process to Develop a Comprehensive Community Plan at Fort William First Nation," \$75,000.

Aboriginal and Northern Affairs Canada, Professional and Institutional Development Program: "Custom Election Code (Conversation) at Fort William First Nation," \$35,000.

Canada Ontario Resource Development Agreement (CORDA): "Revitalizing the Fort William First Nation Sugar Bush," \$15,000.

**2008-2010**

Ontario Trillium Foundation: Core Funding, Anishinabek Gitchi Gami Environmental Programs, \$150,000.

**2007-2008**

Environment Canada EcoAction: “Implementing Conventional Solid Waste Management on Fort William First Nation,” \$72,860.

Global Greengrants Foundation: “Establishing Foundations for Environmental Stewardship on Fort William First Nation,” \$2,500.

Great Lakes Aquatic Habitat Network and Fund (now Freshwater Future): “A Draft Vision for Fort William First Nation Aquatic Communities,” \$5,500.

Laidlaw Foundation: “Mitigating Air Contamination Affecting Fort William First Nation Youth,” \$25,000.

Metcalf Foundation: Salary for “Community Engagement Facilitator” position, \$30,000.

Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation: Salary for “First Nation Environment Steward” position, \$27,500.

Seventh Generation Fund: “Establishing Foundations for Environmental Stewardship on Fort William First Nation,” \$5,000.

**2006**

Laidlaw Foundation: “Identifying Pollution Affecting Fort William First Nation – Youth Perspectives,” \$5,000.