

CURRICULUM VITAE

Wenona Victor

EDUCATION:

2005 PhD Candidate, Simon Fraser University (in progress)
Burnaby, BC
Research Interests: Indigenous Peoples and Self Determination
Comprehensives: Theory – Aboriginal Youth
Policy – First Nation communities
and child welfare practices

2001 Master of Arts Degree, Simon Fraser University
Burnaby, BC

Studies at the graduate level include:

- Traditional forms of Sto:lo Justice
- History of Native-White relations in Canada
- History of Sto:lo and Coqualeetza – archival study
- Challenges and considerations when conducting research in Aboriginal communities

Thesis:

“Searching For The Bone Needle”: The Sto:lo Nation’s
Continuing Quest For Justice

1997 Bachelor of Arts Degree, Simon Fraser University
Burnaby, BC
Joint Major: Psychology and Criminology

Studies at the under-graduate level include:

- Government Relations and Policies regarding Aboriginal Peoples
- Indigenous World Views
- The Criminal Justice System - Policy and Practice
- Psychology and Understanding Human Behavior

AWARDS:

1994 STO:LO NATION ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
1995 STO:LO NATION ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

1996
2008

STO:LO NATION ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP

TEACHING INTERESTS:

First Nations Studies- Canadian, Provincial and/or Stó:lo focus
Aboriginal Justice - Theory and Practice
Aboriginal Peoples and Public Policy – Canadian legislation,
Treaties, Relationship Building, Reconciliation
Criminology – Aboriginal Youth, Introductory courses, and in
relation to Indigenous Peoples
Aboriginal Women - Identities, Roles, Responsibilities
Indigenous Studies - Self Determination, Decolonizing Processes,
Indigenous Epistemologies

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

**November 2008
Present**

**PROJECT COORDINATOR – UFV- Indigenous Business
Opportunities and Entrepreneurship**

- Consultation process in preparation for Indigenous Business & Management program to be offered through University of the Fraser Valley

**February 2008
Present**

**CONSULTANT – FRASER HEALTH AUTHORITY
ABORIGINAL HEALTH SERVICES**

- Developed Access Database of Health Services for Aboriginal people in Fraser Region
- Consultation on variety of Health Projects such as Youth Healing Centre and Transitional Housing

**January 2008
November 2008**

**RESEARCHER – COQUALEETZA CULTURAL AND
EDUCATION CENTRE**

- BC Hydro TUS Study
- Archival
- Specific Claims (beginning phase)

**May 2007 -
1999**

**STO:LO NATION JUSTICE MANAGER
QWI:QWELSTÓM
Sto:lo Nation, BC**

- Development and implementation of a Stó:lo Justice Program for Sto:lo Nation encompassing 24 Stó:lo communities and five municipalities

- Development of policies and procedures for Qwi:qwelstóm
- Training and Supervision of Qwi:qwelstóm ye Smómíyelhtel
- Supervision of Justice staff
- Supervision of 150 plus referrals per year
- Budget development and monitoring
- Development and maintenance of inter-agency relations with all legal agencies
- Development and implementation of various protocols with RCMP, Crown Counsel, and Xyolhemeylh
- Development and maintenance of filing and record keeping system for Justice programs
- Coordination of House of Justice (bi-monthly), Aboriginal Justice Liaison Committee (quarterly) and Qwi:qwelstóm ye Smómíyelhtel training sessions (July 1999-May 2004).
- Overall and daily management, coordination and monitoring of current and proposed Justice programs
- Organization and coordination of Qwi:qwelstóm expansion into fishing and family law

**Feb 2007-
Jan 2006**

XWE'A:YEM

Residential Treatment Program for High Risk Aboriginal Youth - STÓ:LO NATION, Mission, BC.

- Restructuring of youth program from punishment crime control model to healing model for high risk Aboriginal youth

1998

SEXUAL ABUSE COUNSELOR

Xyolhemeylh Health and Family Services, Western Region

- Provide one-to-one counseling for Aboriginal clients under 19 years of age and their families.
- Development and delivery of intervention and prevention workshops and educational materials to the five Sto:lo Bands in the Western region and to all Aboriginal people living within the Sto:lo territory.

1997/8

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INTERN

Sto:lo Development Corporation

- Worked with 13 of the Sto:lo Nation Bands in preparing an economic development strategy and an **Economic Consolidation Study**

**1997
Summer**

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Finance & Administration, Sto:lo Nation

- Compiled Community Profiles for 14 of the Sto:lo Nation Bands in preparation for the **Financial Transfer Agreement**.

Profiles included population projections, housing projections, land requirements and identifying potential problem areas.

1996
Summer

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Community Development, Sto:lo Nation

- Compiled and administered an extensive community survey delivered to 19 of the Sto:lo Nation Bands to assess delivery of the **Health Transfer Agreement**.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2010
January

University of the Fraser Valley, Chilliwack, BC
Sessional – Hist 103; FNST 202; Crim 211

2009
November

Justice Institute of BC, New Westminster, BC
Instructor – COPO 110 – 4 weeks on-line

2009
October

Justice Institute of BC, New Westminster, BC
Co-Facilitator – ABL 106 History and Impacts of Colonization

2009
September

University of the Fraser Valley, Chilliwack, BC
Sessional – History 103

2009
September

Justice Institute of BC, New Westminster, BC
Instructor – COPO 110 – 4 weeks on-line

2009
June

Justice Institute of BC, New Westminster, BC
Instructor- ABL 104 – 4 weeks on-line

2009
February

Justice Institute of BC, New Westminster, BC
Instructor – COPO 110 – 4 weeks on-line

2009
January

University of the Fraser Valley, Chilliwack, BC
Sessional – Criminology 211, First Nation Studies 101
First Nation Studies 202

2008
January

University College of the Fraser Valley, Chilliwack, BC
Sessional – Coordinator Aboriginal Access Programs

2008
January

University College of the Fraser Valley, Abbotsford, BC
Sessional Instructor, Winter 2008 Term Criminology 211:Indigenous Peoples Crime and Criminal Justice

2007
September

University College of the Fraser Valley, Chilliwack, BC
Sessional – Coordinator Aboriginal Access Programs

Fall 2007 Term

- 2007
January** University College of the Fraser Valley, Abbotsford, BC.
Sessional Instructor, Winter 2007 Term. Criminology 211:
Indigenous Peoples, Crime and Criminal Justice.
- 2006
January** University College of the Fraser Valley, Abbotsford, BC.
Sessional Instructor, Winter 2006 Term. Criminology 211:
Indigenous Peoples, Crime and Criminal Justice.
- 2005
January** University College of the Fraser Valley, Abbotsford, BC.
Sessional Instructor, Winter 2005 Term. Criminology 211:
Indigenous Peoples, Crime and Criminal Justice.
- 2005
January** Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, BC. Sessional Instructor,
Spring 2005 Term. Criminology 419: *Indigenous Peoples, Crime
and Criminal Justice.*
- 2005
January** Institute of Indigenous Government, Vancouver, BC. Sessional
Instructor, Winter 2005 Term. Criminology 230: *Criminal Law in
Canada.*
- 2005
September** Institute of Indigenous Government, Vancouver, BC. Sessional
Instructor, Fall 2005 Term. Criminology 135: *Introduction to
Canadian Law and Legal Institutions and its Relationship with
First Nations People: A Criminal Justice Perspective.*
- Institute of Indigenous Government, Vancouver, BC. Sessional
Instructor, Fall 2005 Term. Criminology 101: *Introduction to
Criminology.*
- 2004
September** Institute of Indigenous Government, Vancouver, BC. Sessional
Instructor, Fall 2004 Term. Criminology 135: *Introduction to
Canadian Law and Legal Institutions and its Relationship with
First Nations People: A Criminal Justice Perspective.*

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- January 2010** Panel Presentation: “The Legacy of the Legal System” JOURNEY
OF HEREOS – Residential School Conference – Jan 19-21 2010
Leq’a:mel First Nation
- April 2009** Keynote Address: “All My Relations: The Stó:lo and Fishery
Related Conflict.” 4th Annual Maori Fisheries Conference. War
Memorial Conference Centre, Napier, New Zealand. 6-7 April
2009.

- November 2008** Keynote Address: “XEXA:LS And The POWER OF TRANSFORMATION.” Maori and the Criminal Justice System Colloquium, Napier, New Zealand. Nov 26-28 2008
- November 2006** Keynote Address: “Cultural Considerations for Aboriginal Children in Care” for Xyolhemeylh Family Conference. Mission BC.
- March 2006** Presentation on “Xwe’a:yem: Aboriginal Youth and the Ability to Dream” at the 4th Annual Aboriginal Youth, Violence and Changing Times Training Conference: “Empowering Our Youth Through Effective Decision Making”, March 10-12 2006, Best Western Richmond, BC.
- February 2006** Panel Member for Research Session three: Achieving Aboriginal Justice and Self-determination, paper presented: “The Stó:lo will Decide: Finding Qwi:qwelstóm Through Community-Based Justice” February 8 2006 at Centre for Native Policy and Research. Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue, Vancouver BC.
- November 2005** Indigenous Peoples and Justice Program Speaker Series. Public Lecture “Searching for the Bone Needle: A Journey in Coming to Understand Aboriginal Justice”. University of Saskatchewan , Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Sponsored by IPJP, the College of Law, and the Departments of Political Studies and Sociology. November 9 2005.
- October 2005** Co-presenter with Dr. Ted Palys, Presentation: “Getting to a Better Place: Qwi:qwelstóm, the Stó:lo Nation and Self-Determination” for 30th Canadian Congress on Criminal Justice. Calgary, Alberta. Presentation sponsored by the Law Commission of Canada
- June 2005** Co-presenter with Dr. Ted Palys. Presentation: “Getting to a Better Place: Qwi:qwelstóm, the Stó:lo Nation and Self Determination” for Law’s Empire 2005 Conference: Harrison, B.C. Presentation sponsored by the Law Commission of Canada
- March 2004** Circle Work Presenter for the Qwi:qwelstom Gathering: Sto:lo Nation Justice Conference. Mission, BC.
- June 2003** Circle Dialogues Presenter for the 6th International Conference on Restorative Justice: Best Practices in Restorative Justice: An International Perspective. Vancouver, BC
- 2001 April** Presentation “*Aboriginal Justice Programs and Traditional Sto:lo Justice*” to People of the River Gathering II, Mission BC
Facilitated Circle Workshop: Qwi:qwelstóm

- 2001
March** Keynote Presenter “*Aboriginal Women and Human Rights*” for the Sto:lo Women’s Health Conference, Pioneer Chehalis, BC
- 2001
March** Presenter “*Aboriginal Women, Violence and Restorative Justice for the Sto:lo*” for the Provincial Symposium on the Implications of Restorative Justice for Aboriginal Women and Children Survivors of Violence hosted by Aboriginal Women’s Action Network, Lake Sasamat, BC
- 2001
October** Presenter “Qwi:qwelstóm and Family Law” for “Best Practices” Children and Families Social Work, Victoria, BC
- 1999
October** Presentation “*Traditional Forms of Sto:lo Justice: Preliminary Findings*” to People of the River Gathering I, Chilliwack BC

QWI:QWELSTOM PRESENTATIONS/CROSS CULTURAL TRAINING:

- April 2009** Law Making Processes: Aboriginal Land Stewardship (ALS 160) Two Day Workshop for Native Education Center and Stó:lo Community Land Codes
- October 2008** Four Day Training Session on History and Impacts of Colonization under contract for Justice Institute of BC
- 2005 & 2006
October** Qwi:qwelstóm Presentation to 4th year Criminology class Simon Fraser University, Burnaby Campus
- 2004
Feb/March** Two lectures to Criminology 213 University College of the Fraser Valley on “*The Over-representation of Aboriginal People in the CJS*” and “*Government Responses to the Over-representation of Aboriginal People in the CJS*”.
- 2003
March** Facilitated Cross Cultural Workshop for Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Seabird Island First Nation, BC
- 2003
March** Qwi:qwelstóm presentation to Criminology 2nd year class University College of the Fraser Valley, Abbotsford Campus
- 2003
April** Facilitated Qwi:qwelstóm Circle Training, Sto:lo Nation, BC Two day training workshop on Qwi:qwelstóm Circles and Circle Facilitation.
- 2003
September -
December** Coordinated and administered the Iwest Ye Tselhxwilmexwtset Shxw’e St; aselh Training Program for the Sto:lo Nation Family Justice Project, Sto:lo Nation, BC

2002
February Qwi:qwelstóm Presentation to 4th year Criminology class
Simon Fraser University, Downtown Campus

2002
March Facilitated Qwi:qwelstóm Circle Training, for the Sto:lo Nation Family Justice Project – Pilot Project Training Sessions, two days
Sto:lo Nation, BC

2001
March Qwi:qwelstóm presentation to Social Services Diploma Program
University College of the Fraser Valley, Chilliwack Campus

2000
October Qwi:qwelstóm Presentation to Social Services Diploma Program
University College of the Fraser Valley, Chilliwack Campus

2000
October Qwi:qwelstóm Presentation to 4th year Criminology class
Simon Fraser University, Burnaby Campus BC

2000
November Workshop Facilitator for Aboriginal Justice at the Visions For The Future Conference, Mission, BC

2000
December Qwi:qwelstóm Presentation to the Canadian Bar Association,
Criminal Subsection, Chilliwack BC

OTHER COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY:

2008
July Consultation services provided to Champagne and Aishihik First Nations for Justice program development

2007
March A written Critical Review of Alternative Dispute Resolution processes in relation to Aboriginal disputes for Canadian Human Rights Commission of Canada in preparation of repeal of section 67 of Canadian Human Rights Act.

2006
April Attended Aboriginal Women and Self-Government National meeting, March 31 and April 1st 2006, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Hosted by Native Women's Association of Canada.

2005
August Briefing Note on Stó:lo Justice presented to Honorable Irwin Cotler, Minister of Justice. Vancouver, BC. Vancouver Indian Friendship Centre

2004
March Coordinated and Hosted the Qwi:qwelstom Gathering: The Sto:lo Nation Justice Conference in Mission BC. Attendance up to 200 and included ten different breakout sessions. Keynotes: Honorable Steven Point, Ms. Patricia Monture-Angus, and Mr. Juan Tauri from New Zealand.

2003
Victor Attended River Gathering II, Sto:lo Nation. Participated in

- March** Restorative Justice and Fishing Charges workshop, Kamloops, BC
- 2002**
March Attended the 1st Provincial Aboriginal Justice Coordinators' Conference, 108 Mile BC
- 2001**
February Attended FAS & Other Drug Related Effects: Building Hope, Coast Plaza Suite Hotel, Vancouver BC
- 2001**
March Coordinated Youth Empowerment Gathering for High Risk Aboriginal Youth, Mission, BC
- 2001**
October Attended Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and the Criminal Justice System, Guest Speakers: Dr. Julianne Conry and Dr. Diane Fast, Rhombus Hotel, Chilliwack BC
- 2000 -**
2004 Chair for the Skowkale Community Care Committee
- 2000**
June Attended Attorney General and Minister of Women's Equality Meeting to discuss Restorative Justice and Violence against Women, Parliament Buildings Victoria, BC
- 2000**
November Coordinated Living In Harmony Gatherings Chawathil, Yakwekwioose, and Mission, BC
- 1999 -**
2004 Coordinate and Administer monthly Qwi:qwelstóm ye Smómíyelhtel Training Sessions, Sto:lo Nation, BC

PUBLICATIONS:

- “Searching for the Bone Needle: A Journey in Coming to Understand Aboriginal Justice” (2006). Justice as Healing Newsletter. Native Law Centre. 06 Vol. 11, No. 1
- “Getting to a Better Place: Qwi:qwelstóm, the Stó:lo and Self-Determination” (2007). Co-authored with Dr. Ted Palys, Simon Fraser University. Indigenous Legal Traditions. Law Commission of Canada. UBC Press.

AVAILABLE ON INTERNET:

- “*Searching for the Bone Needle: The Sto:lo's Continuing Quest for Justice.*” Thesis available on line at <http://www.sfu.ca/cfrj/fulltext/victor.pdf>
- “*Alternative Dispute Resolution in Aboriginal Contexts: A Critical Review.*” Paper written for Canadian Human Rights Commission (CHRC) in preparation for repeal of section 67 of Canadian Human Rights Act. Available at http://www.chrc-ccdp.ca/research_program_recherche/adr_red/toc_tdm-en.asp

“Indigenous Justice: Clearing Space and Place for Indigenous Epistemologies” Paper
prepared for National Centre for First Nations Governance.
http://www.fngovernance.org/research/wenona_victor.pdf