

Curriculum Vitae

Jolyana Begay-Kroupa

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Education

2009

M.A. - Social & Philosophical Foundations of Indian Education

Thesis: "Through the Eyes of Navajo Students: Understanding the Impacts and Effects of the Fort Defiance Navajo Immersion Program"

Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

Advisor: Dr. Mary Eunice Romero-Little

2004

B.A. - Multicultural / Multilingual Elementary Education

Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

Professional Employment - Post Secondary Teaching Experience

2021 - Present

Chief Executive Officer

Phoenix Indian Center, Phoenix, AZ

Provide oversight and implement the strategic future for the Phoenix Indian Center, a non-profit social service organization with workforce development, substance abuse and suicide prevention programming, youth development and language/culture revitalization programs. Provide in-house evaluation and grant writing expertise. Develop and maintain agency and corporate relationships. Maintain Board of Director relations and oversee long-range strategic planning and fund development for the Center. Serve on several boards and advisory committees

2014 - 2021

Director of Development

Phoenix Indian Center, Phoenix, AZ

Plan, organize and direct all fundraising efforts including major gift programs, annual fund, planned giving, special events and capital campaigns.

2012 - 2014

Program Manager – Navajo Language & Culture

2005 - 2012

Consultant - Instructor of Navajo Language | Navajo Culture classes

Phoenix Indian Center, Phoenix, AZ

Provide oversight of educational language and culture revitalization programs and Coalition driven activity, assuring all project deliverables are met and well coordinated with existing center-wide activity including staff supervision.

Additionally, teach Navajo language and culture courses including:

Beginning Navajo

Intermediate Navajo

Navajo Weaving

Navajo Singing

Navajo Literacy

2008 to Present

Navajo Language Instructor – American Indian Studies

Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

Teach four levels of Navajo language courses including:

Beginning Navajo I – AIS 101 | 194 (equivalent to NAV 101)
Beginning Navajo II – AIS 102 | 194 (equivalent to NAV 102)
Intermediate Navajo I – AIS 201 | 394 (equivalent to NAV 201)
Intermediate Navajo II – AIS 201 | 394 (equivalent to NAV 202)

2014 to 2022

**Navajo Language Instructor – Stanford Language Center
Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA**

Teach First Year Navajo language courses via distance learning:
First Year Navajo I
First Year Navajo II
First Year Navajo III
Second Year Navajo I
Second Year Navajo II
Second Year Navajo III

2016 to 2016

**Navajo Language Instructor – Arts & Sciences Department
Harvard University, Cambridge, MA**

Under the Ethnicity, Migration, Rights program, I taught courses via distance learning.
Beginning Navajo I (equivalent to NAV 101)

2012 to 2014

**Navajo Language Instructor – Center for Language Study
Yale University, New Haven, CT**

Under the Directed Independent Language study program, I worked with student's courses via distance learning.
Beginning Navajo I (equivalent to NAV 101)
Beginning Navajo II (equivalent to NAV 102)
Intermediate Navajo I (equivalent to NAV 201)
Intermediate Navajo II (equivalent to NAV 202)

2012 to 2012

**Navajo Language Instructor
South Mountain Community College, Phoenix, AZ**

Taught beginning level Navajo language courses through *Hoop of Learning* program.
Beginning Navajo I (equivalent to NAV 101)
Beginning Navajo II (equivalent to NAV 102)

2011 to 2011

**Navajo Language Instructor
Navajo Technical College, Phoenix, AZ**

Taught beginning level Navajo language courses through *Hoop of Learning* program.
Beginning Navajo I (equivalent to NAV 101)
Beginning Navajo II (equivalent to NAV 102)

Professional Employment - Elementary Teaching Experience

2009-2012

**Elementary School Teacher (Grade 3)
Gila Crossing Community School, Laveen, AZ**

Perform teaching requirements including instruction, grading, preparing, assessments, parent conferences etc

2006-2009

**Elementary School Teacher (Grade 1 & 2)
Maricopa Elementary School, Maricopa, AZ**

Perform teaching requirements including instruction, grading, preparing, assessments, parent conferences etc

2005-2006

**Native American Teacher Specialist – Kyrene Indian Education
Kyrene School District, Tempe, AZ**

Serve as coordinator in providing supplemental services to Native American children within the Kyrene School District including Early Childhood Kids Club. Planned & coordinated community wide events. I assisted in the development of Native American cultural curriculum.

Related/Other Experiences:

2020

Published Author – Multilingual (Navajo & English) Children’s Book
Title: Becoming Miss Navajo | Diné Bich’eeke’ Yishłeeh
Salina Bookshelf, Inc, Flagstaff, Arizona

2008-Present

Founder of Diné Urban Voices, Navajo Singing Group, Phoenix, Indian Center
Community Based group performing Navajo songs for community

2001-2002

**Miss Navajo Nation 2001-02 – Office of Miss Navajo Nation
Window Rock, AZ**

Served as the Goodwill ambassador for the Navajo Nation. Traveled to various functions, events, serving as a role model, consultant, and royalty.

Professional Licenses/Certifications:

2015

Arizonans for Prevention Level I Credentialing

2007

ESL & Navajo Language Bilingual Endorsement

2005

AZ K-8 Elementary Education Teaching certification

Professional Academic Honors & Awards

2024

Positively Powerful Community Leader Award Recipient - 15th Annual Positively Powerful Education Summit and Women Awards Conference presented by Triad West, Phoenix, AZ

2024

“Believe in Women” recipient presented by the WNBA Phoenix Mercury, Phoenix, AZ

2023

Women in American History, Scottsdale Grand Canyon Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution “Women in American History Award”, Scottsdale, AZ

2021

American Library Association Youth Media Awards - American Indian Youth Literature Awards Best Picture Book Honors title - Diné Bich’eeke’ Yishłeeh (*Diné Bizaad*)/Becoming Miss Navajo” (English),” written by Jolyana Begay-Kroupa, Diné; designed by Corey Begay, Diné; and published by Salina Bookshelf, Inc.

2020	Arizona State University College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Outstanding Instructor Award Nominee
2017	Stanford University Native American Community Mentor Award
2009	Native American Excellence in Leadership Awards "Outstanding Woman of the Year" Award recipient
2009	Magna Cum Laude – ASU cumulative. G.P.A. 3.97
2000-2009	Deans List– Arizona State University
2007-2009	Member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society & National Scholars Honor Society
2003-2004	Member of the Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society

Journal articles

2014	"The Voice of Jolyana Begay, Miss Navajo, 2001-2002" <i>Journal of the West</i> . March, 2014
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Invited Talks

2024	3rd Annual Glow-Grow-Game Women's Leadership Conference, Gila River Resorts & Casinos, Chandler, AZ
2024	United American Indians Initiative 50th Anniversary Gala, Invited Speaker - Urban Indian Center Leadership, Pechanga Resort, Temecula, CA
2023	A Celebration of Dine Authors - Navajo Nation Library, Navajo Division of Dine Education "Become Miss Navajo"
2022	Linguistics Across ASU Panel, 28th Annual Graduate Linguistics, Applied Linguistics, and TESOL Symposium, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
2022	"Passing the Baton: Training the Next Generation of Indigenous Language Instructors" Panelist Speaker, Stanford American Indian Organization, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA.
2021	Emerging Diné Writers' Institute "Miss Navajo Storytelling Circle"
2021	Diné Studies Conference - Diné Virtual Series Talk "Diné Language Revitalization Initiatives Among Native Youth"
2020	Mesa Public School Native American Heritage Month "Live Reading – Becoming Miss Navajo"
2020	Book of the Month "Becoming Miss Navajo" Interview with Native America Calling – Native American Radio Network, Albuquerque, NM
2020	Shimá Storytelling Virtual Event "Becoming Miss Navajo – Children's Book Share" Window Rock, AZ
2019	"Language Revitalization Efforts" for Arikara Community Action Group, White Shield, ND
2019	Indigenous Language Forum Faculty Panel, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA
2018	Arizona Public Service Native American Network Organization's Celebration of Native American Heritage Month cultural storytelling "Role of Dine Women"
2018	Veterans Hospital Native American Indian/Alaska Native Heritage Month – "Native American Cultural Awareness"
2015	"Perpetuating the Medicine of Our Biography" for Navajo Nation Division of Social Services Navajo Children & Family Services Year-End Staff Meeting, Scottsdale, AZ
2015	"College & Career Readiness" American Indian Education Panel, for Arikara School, White Shield, ND
2013	"Perpetuating the Medicine of My Biography" for Beta Sigma Phi Convention, Talking Stick Resort, Scottsdale, AZ

- 2013 "Effective Teaching Tools for Language Preservation" Miss Navajo Council Inc. Lecture Series, Phoenix, AZ
- 2012 "Perpetuating the Medicine of Our Biography" for Community Health Representative & Outreach Program, Talking Stick Resort, Scottsdale, AZ
- 2010 Featured speaker at TEDxPhoenix 2010 "What it means to a Navajo Women" Phoenix, AZ Link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U0gCGpCtY7s>
- 2009 Annual Tribal Secretaries and Administrative Professional Conference "Dine Asdzani" Las Vegas, NV

Conference/Professional Presentations

- 2024 Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) Behavioral Health Topics - Panelist Speaker, State of Mind - Mental Health Summit, Phoenix, AZ
- 2024 Keynote Speaker: "Perpetuating the Medicine of Our Biography" Pine Hill Schools Professional Development Day, Sky City Hotel & Casino, NM
- 2024 'Charging Up: Strengthening the Electorate Cycle in Indian Country" Panelist Speaker, Funders Committee for Civic Participation Annual Convening, Phoenix, AZ
- 2024 Health, Wealth and Happiness Summit for Women - Panelist speaker, presented by Phoenix Business Journal & Blue Cross Blue Shields of Az, Scottsdale, AZ
- 2023 Keynote Speaker, Gila River Educational Summit, Casa Blanca Schools, Gila River
- 2023 "Strengthening Partnerships with Native American Workforce Partners" Panelist speaker, Native American WIOA Programs and State and Local Boards Training, San Diego, CA
- 2022 Keynote, December Las Vegas, NV
- 2022 "Urban Indian Centers Leading Forward" Keynote Speaker 42nd National Indian and Native American Employment & Training Conference, Catoosa, OK
- 2022 "Perpetuating the Medicine of Our Biography" Keynote Address, Dine Bi'Olta' School Board Association Annual Conference, Flagstaff, AZ
- 2019 "When is Sharing Too Much? Implications and effects of Social Media" 2019 National UNITY Conference, Orlando, FL
- 2019 Arizona State University INSPIRE Summer Youth Program "Our Story is Our Medicine"
- 2017 Southwest Oral History Association Conference "Perpetuating the Medicine of Our Biography"
- 2017 Navajo Language & Culture Revitalization Summit "College Students Learning Diné Bizaad Off Reservation"
- 2011 "Through the Eyes of Navajo Students: Understanding the Impacts and Effects of the Fort Defiance Navajo Immersion Program" 18th Annual Stabilizing Indigenous Languages Symposium, Albuquerque, NM
- 2011 "Effective Teaching Tools" Annual Arizona Indian Education Associate - American Indian Parent Conference, Glendale, Az.
- 2011 "Through the Eyes of Navajo Students: Understanding the Impacts and Effects of the Fort Defiance Navajo Immersion Program "at American Indian Language Summit Fort McDowell, AZ
- 2010 Lead Presenter Native Language Preservation Training, Miccosukee Tribal School, Miami, FL
- 2010 "Through the Eyes of Navajo Students: Understanding the Impacts and Effects of the Fort Defiance Navajo Immersion Program" Lead Presenter Bureau of Indian Education Leadership Conference, Laughlin, NV

2010	"Through the Eyes of Navajo Students: Understanding the Impacts and Effects of the Fort Defiance Navajo Immersion Program" Wide Ruins Community School, Kinteel, AZ,
2009	"Through the Eyes of Navajo Students: Understanding the Impacts and Effects of the Fort Defiance Navajo Immersion Program" Lead presenter at National Indian Education Association Annual Convention, Milwaukee, WI

Affiliations/Memberships/Board Membership

- AZ American Indian Chamber of Commerce BOD 2022
- Miss Navajo Council Inc. BOD April 2021
- Maricopa Community College District Non-profit Advisory Committee Member 2022
- AZ Indian Education Advisory Council Member 2022
- National Tribal Library Broadband Council Member 2022
- Arizona State University, Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center Community Advisory Board Member 2022
- Arizona Community Foundation - Indigenous Philanthropy Native American Initiative Committee Member 2022
- Arizona Missing & Murdered Indigenous People's Task Force member
- Arizona State University President's Council on Inclusion and Success Oct. 2022
- EFSP Arizona State Set Aside Committee & the EFSP Apache, Gila, Maricopa, Navajo, Pinal & Yavapai County Board Nov. 2021
- Arizona Coconino County EFSP Local Board March 2023
- Enrolled member of the Navajo Nation

Consulting

Language Revitalization Consultant for Falmouth Institute, Boston, MA – Miccosukee Tribal School, July 2009