

CHEYANNE BROWN ARMSTRONG (née CONNELL)*, MA
Curriculum Vitae

PhD Student
Socio-Cultural Anthropology, University of British Columbia,
Traditional, Ancestral, and Unceded Territories of the x^wməθk^wəyəm

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**Enrolled member of West Moberly First Nations (Dunne-Za and Cree), British Columbia, Canada*

Research Area:

Indigenous identity and identity-making; language reclamation; urban Indigenous studies;
Indigenous feminism; colonialism and decolonization; North America; Japan

Education

- 2021— **PhD, Socio-Cultural Anthropology**
University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada
Project: *"Dreaming of Dunne-Za"*
Committee: Drs. Mark Turin (Supervisor), Patrick Moore, Bernard Perley, and Michael Hathaway
- 2021 **MA, Anthropology**
Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, BC, Canada
Thesis: *"Precarious Indigeneity: Ainu Identity-Making in [Digital] North America and its Rootedness in North American Indigenous Experience"*
Committee: Drs. Michael Hathaway (Supervisor), Kate Hennessy, Pamela Stern (Chair), and ann-elise lewallen (Examiner)
- 2019 **BA (Honours with Distinction), Anthropology**
Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, BC, Canada
Honours Thesis: *"Decolonizing Urban Indigenous Studies: Defining and Redefining Indigeneity"*
Supervisor: Dr. Michael Hathaway

Languages

English Reading, speaking, and writing: *Fluent*

Academic Positions

- 2022— **Public Scholar**
UBC Public Scholar Initiative, University of British Columbia
- 2021— **Teaching Assistant**
Department of Anthropology and Institute for Critical Indigenous Studies, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of British Columbia
- 2021—2022 **Institute of Asian Research Fellow**
Centre for Japanese Research, IAR, University of British Columbia

2019—2021 **Teaching Assistant**
Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences,
Simon Fraser University

Academic Service

2023 **Student Representative for Faculty Search**
First Nations and Endangered Languages Program, Institute for Critical Indigenous
Studies, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of British Columbia

2022—2023 **Grad Space Coordinator**
Anthropology Graduate Student Society, Department of Anthropology, Faculty of
Arts and Social Sciences, University of British Columbia

2019—2022 **Editorial Assistant**
American Ethnologist, American Ethnological Society
Responsible for overseeing and managing the input of manuscripts, selecting and
inviting reviewers for manuscripts, and assisting Co-Editors (Drs. Michael Hathaway
and Stacey Pigg, Anthropology, SFU) in the general organization and management of
the journal.

Academic and Research Experience

2022—2024 **Graduate Academic Assistant**
Dr. Amir Shiva, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC
Responsible for creating Climate Change module for Anthropology course curriculum,
ANTH 378: Anthropology of Media, and course syllabus development for ANTH
courses.

2022—2023 **Historical Researcher**
Dean Dokkie and Dr. Douglas Hudson, West Moberly First Nations, West Moberly,
BC
West Moberly First Nations Historical Archive Project
Responsible for archival research, information gathering and data collection, and data
organization.

2018—2024 **Research Assistant**
Dr. Michael Hathaway, David Lam Centre for the Asia-Pacific, Simon Fraser
University, Burnaby, BC
Responsible for information gathering and data collection, document analysis,
communication liaison, geospatial data visualization, and major grant writing.
Managed three research projects focused on indigenous politics and history in North
America and East Asia, including *Rise of the Indigenous Pacific Rim: Japan, Canada, and
China* and *Reclaiming Indigenous Rights and Voice*.

2023 **Graduate Academic Assistant**
Department of Anthropology, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC
Responsible for conducting and writing workshop evaluations and end of program
year departmental report for the Department of Anthropology's Teaching Assistant
workshops.

- 2020—2023 **Research Assistant**
 Dr. Aynur Kadir, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC
 Responsible for information gathering and data collection, document analysis, and major grant writing for projects: *Indigenous Collaborative Digital Heritage Lab* and *Rise of the Indigenous Pacific Rim: Japan, Canada, and China*.
- 2021 **Graduate Academic Assistant**
 Canadian Journal of Native Education, Indigenous Education, University of British Columbia
 Responsible for digitizing select volumes of academic journal.
- 2018 **Undergraduate Research Assistant**
 Dr. Pamela Stern, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, BC
 Created annotated bibliographies for letter correspondences, images, newspaper articles, and other documents pertaining to Inuit research project.

Work and Volunteer Experience

- 2021— **Artist**
 Kinepikw Designs, Vancouver, BC
 Freelance artist, specializing in Indigenous design and Indigenous-led/focused visual projects.
- 2022—2023 **Highschool Student Mentor**
 As part of a Department of Anthropology initiative, once a month, I met with a select high school student, offering guidance in choosing, applying for, and navigating university programs.
- 2021 **Student Tutor**
 Vancouver, BC
 Provide mentoring, copyediting, and general assistance to undergraduate students.
- 2017—2019 **Shift Supervisor and Barista Trainer**
 Starbucks Coffee, Vancouver, BC
Partner of the Quarter Award, Quarter 1, Fiscal Year 2017
- 2014—2016 **Aboriginal Student Services**
 Douglas College, New Westminster, BC
 Provided peer support and general assistance to Aboriginal student services student lounge.
- 2013—2017 **Store Manager**
 Bean Around the World Coffee, Vancouver, BC
- 2011—2013 **Shift Supervisor and Barista Trainer**
 Starbucks Coffee, Victoria, BC
Partner of the Quarter Award, Quarter 1, Fiscal Year 2013

Publications and Creative Outputs

Peer-Reviewed

2022 "Gendered disruptions in academic publishing during COVID-19: Uncovering invisible labor at an anthropology journal." *American Ethnologist* 49.4 (November): 595-609. Jelena Golubović, Kathleen Inglis, and **Cheyenne Connell**.*

*2023 Honorable Mention for the AAA GAD Prize for Exemplary Cross-Field Scholarship

Cultural & Language Resources

2023 Indigenous Language Resources. First Voices, First Peoples Cultural Council. Created 23 Digital artworks for Indigenous language learning resources for Indigenous communities and collaborators.

2022 *K'əneḥch'eh*. Children's Indigenous Language Book. Doig River First Nation. Created short language learning book and resource for community.

2022 *Dane*. Children's Indigenous Language Book. Doig River First Nation. Created short language learning book and resource for community.

Creative Outputs

2020 "Colour Me Fungi: A Film by Morgaine Lee". Directed and produced by Morgaine Lee. Featuring art by Lola Brown, **Cheyenne Connell**, Kennedy Lindsay, Rachel Sault, Mackenzie Watson. Film, 3.5 minutes.

2017 "Fat." *Pearls 36: An Anthology of Work by Douglas College Creative Writing Students*. 11.

Invited Speaker, Discussant, Presenter and Conferences

Invited Speaker and Panelist

2023 *UBC Roundtable on Decolonization*. Roundtable with panelists (in speaking order) Sharon Stein, **Cheyenne Connell**, Gage Averill, Amy Perreault, Rima Wilkes, and Danielle Ignace. Organized and moderated by Charles Menzies. Green College and Department of Anthropology, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada. In-person.

2021 *Truth Before Reconciliation*. Conversation on Truth Before Reconciliation between speakers Tsnomot, Brad Baker (Squamish Nation), Raiyana Alibhai, Nadia Walji and **Cheyenne Connell**. The Ismaili Centre Vancouver and the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada. Online.

Discussant and Invited Participant

2024 *Indigeneity Beyond the State: Thinking and Moving across the Pacific Rim*. Organizer Dr. Michael Hathaway and Chair Dr. Pasang Sherp. Discussants **Cheyenne Connell** and Drs. Huatse Gyai, Aynur Kadir, and Jolan Hsieh. Association for Asian Studies Conference 2024. Seattle, WA, United States. In-Person.

2021 *Korean Diasporic Citizenship: Two Tales of Political Incorporation in Japan and the United States*. Presented by Dr. Erin Aeran Chung. Discussant Dr. Hyung-Gu Lynn with comments and questions by IAR Fellows: Brandon Hillier, **Cheyenne Connell**, and Christina Song. The Centre for Korean Research and School of Public Policy and Global Affairs, The University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada. Online.

2021 [What does it mean to be Ainu in the twenty-first century? Ainu Authenticity](#). Presented by Dr. Kanako Uzawa with comments by Dr. Scott Harrison and **Cheyenne Connell**. David Lam Centre at Simon Fraser University and the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada, Vancouver, BC, Canada. Online.

Presenter

- 2021 *My Journey as an Indigenous Student*. Presenter at Student Stories. Indigenous Previous Day 2021. Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, BC, Canada. Online.
- 2021 *Indigenous Research Methods*. Invited presenter at Research Assistant Training Day. University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. Online.
- 2020 *Experiences of an Indigenous Graduate Student*. Invited presenter at Simon Fraser University for Graduate Seminar taught by Dr. Pamela Stern. Burnaby, BC, Canada. Online.
- 2019 *Being Indigenous in Anthropology and Academia*. Presenter at Anthropologists Go Back to School. CASCA-AAA 2019 Conference. Burnaby Youth Custody Services, Burnaby, BC, Canada. In-Person.
- 2019 *Urban Indigenous Research Methods and Considerations*. Invited presenter at Simon Fraser University for graduate course Advanced Qualitative Methods: Participatory and Decolonial Approaches taught by Tiffany Myrdahl. Burnaby, BC, Canada. In-Person.
- 2019 *Decolonizing Urban Indigenous Studies: Defining and Redefining Indigeneity*. Invited presenter at Simon Fraser University for undergraduate course Indigenous Social Movements taught by Michael Hathaway. Burnaby, BC, Canada. In-Person.
- 2019 *Urban Indigenous Place-Making and Belonging in Tokyo, Japan*. Presenter at Identifying Challenges and Potential Solutions in Protecting Indigenous Heritage in Japan and North America. International Research Network for Indigenous Studies and Cultural Diversity Workshop. Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, BC, Canada. In-Person.

Conferences, Workshops, and Other

2021 **Moderator**. [Invisible Indigenous Descendants in Hokkaido, Japan](#). Presented by Dr. Mai Ishihara with comments by Dr. Scott Harrison. David Lam Centre at Simon Fraser University, the Centre for Ainu and Indigenous Studies at Hokkaido University, and the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada. Online.

Awards and Honours

- 2023 President's Academic Excellence Initiative PhD Award, \$810
- 2023 President's Academic Excellence Initiative PhD Award, \$405
- 2022 President's Academic Excellence Initiative PhD Award, \$940
- 2019 BA Thesis, Honours with Distinction
- 2019 President's Honour Roll
- 2019 Dean's Honour Roll

Grants, Scholarships, and Fellowships - total: \$254,478 CAD

2024 Travel Award, Department of Anthropology, UBC, \$400

2023—2026 Canada Graduate Scholarship, Doctoral (CGS-D) 3YR, SSHRC, \$120,000
2022—2026 Aboriginal Graduate Fellowship (AGF) PhD 4YR, UBC, \$75,802 [\$21,202]*
Paid via: 2023, Cordula and Gunter Paetzold Fellowship, UBC, \$6,000
2023, AGF Tuition Award, UBC, \$1,802
2022, Cordula and Gunter Paetzold Fellowship, UBC, \$12,000
2022, AGF, UBC, \$1,400

**Year 1 paid, then replaced by CGS-D for 2023—2026 academic years*

2022 Public Scholar, Public Scholar Initiative, UBC \$7,000

2022 Wilson Duff Memorial Scholarship, UBC, \$1,300

2021—2025 PhD 4YR GSI Funding & Tuition, UBC, \$97,382 [\$28,576]*

**Year 1 paid, then replaced by AGF for 2022—2025 academic years*

2021—2022 Institute of Asian Research Fellowship, UBC, \$500

2021—2022 Irving K. Barber BC Indigenous Student Award (Doctoral level), \$10,000

2021 Graduate Fellowship, Supplemental, SFU, \$7,000

2021 Graduate Fellowship, SFU, \$3,500

2020 David Lam Centre Research Award, \$1,500

2020—2021 IndSpire, Allan & Gill Gray Foundation Awards, \$20,000

2020 The Japan Foundation, Tanaka Fund Travel Program, \$9,520*

**Selected as recipient but declined due to COVID-19 travel restrictions*

2019—2020 Irving K. Barber BC Indigenous Student Award (Master level), \$10,000

2020 Graduate Fellowship, Supplemental, SFU, \$7,000

2020 Graduate Fellowship, Supplemental, SFU, \$6,500

2020 Indigenous Grad Travel Award, \$1,000

2020 Graduate Fellowship, SFU, \$6,500

2019 Special Grad Entrance Scholarship, SFU, \$1,500

2018 Simon Fraser University Open Bursary Program

2018 Simon Fraser Student Society Undergraduate Bursary

2011 Dogwood Scholarship, \$1,000

Academic Associations and Affiliations

2024— **Asian Indigenous Relations**

2023— **Association for Asian Studies**

2023— **Critical Urban Anthropology Association**

2023— **Society for Linguistic Anthropology**

2019— **Association of Indigenous Anthropologists**

2019— **American Anthropological Association**

Teaching Experience

As an Indigenous lecturer and teaching assistant, I am deeply interested and committed to the meaningful education of Indigenous histories, culture and livelihoods. I pride myself on fostering an inviting and inclusive classroom and course curriculum that allows for all students to learn and engage with both Indigenous and anthropological topics in a way that is respectful, collaborative, and reflective. In creating this environment, I have received overwhelmingly positive feedback from professors and students alike.

Guest Lecturer

UBC	2023/24 Winter 1	FNIS 100 (3): Indigenous Foundations	U	Presented a lecture on the topic of Indigenous storytelling and literature, specifically, a critical reading of N. Scott Momaday's novel <i>The Way to Rainy Mountain</i> .	Instructor: Dr. Bernard Perley
UBC	2023/24 Winter 1	FNIS 100 (3): Indigenous Foundations	U	Presented a lecture on the topic of Indigenous vs. Western scientific knowledge and belief systems, and broadly, Indigenous approaches to knowledge co-creation and reconciliation.	Instructor: Dr. Bernard Perley
UBC	2022/23 Winter 1	FNIS 220 (3): Representation and Indigenous Cultural Politics	U	Presented a lecture on the topic of urban Indigenous identity and representation in North America.	Instructor: Dr. Bernard Perley

Course Curriculum Development

UBC	2023 /24	ANTH 407 (3): Principles of Fieldwork	U	Assisted in revision of course syllabus, including creating 2 new major assignments for course and identifying and selecting new course readings.	Supervisor: Dr. Amir Shiva
UBC	2023	ANTH 400 (3): History of Anthropology	U	Assisted in general revision of course syllabus, including assignments, required readings, and media resources.	Supervisor: Dr. Amir Shiva
UBC	2022	ANTH 100 (3): Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	U	Assisted in general revision of course syllabus, including assignments, required readings, and media resources.	Supervisor: Dr. Amir Shiva
UBC	2022	ASIA 516 (3): Indigenous Experience in Asia and Decolonizing Methodologies	G	Assisted in revision of course syllabus, including identifying and selecting new course readings, creating and revising assignments, and general reorganization of course modules and schedule.	Supervisor: Dr. Aynur Kadir
UBC	2022	ANTH 378 (3): Anthropology of Media	U	Developed Climate Change module for course. Revised course syllabus, including course goals, creating 2 new major assignments, and identifying and selecting new course readings.	Supervisor: Dr. Amir Shiva

Teaching Assistant (TA)/Tutor Marker (TM)

UBC	2024/25 Winter 1	TA	U	ANTH 329	Contemporary Indigenous Issues in a Global Perspective	80
UBC	2023/24 Winter 2	TA	U	ANTH 220	Contemporary Indigenous Issues in British Columbia	55(85)
UBC	2023/24 Winter 1	TA	U	FNIS 100	Indigenous Foundations	45
UBC	2023/24 Winter 1	TA	U	ANTH 217	Culture and Communication	56(108)
UBC	2022/23 Winter 1	TA	U	FNIS 220	Representation and Indigenous Cultural Politics	43
UBC	2022/23 Winter 1	TA	U	ANTH 215	Japanese Culture and Society	75(150)
UBC	2022/23 Winter 1	TA	U	ANTH 317	Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology	80
UBC	2022 Summer 2	TA	U	ANTH 378	Anthropology of Media	60(120)
UBC	2022 Summer 1	TA	U	FNEL 480	Endangered Language Documentation and Revitalization	16
UBC	2021/22 Winter 2	TA	U	ANTH 220	First Nations of British Columbia	27(165)
UBC	2021/22 Winter 2	TA	U	FNEL 180	Introduction to Endangered Language Documentation and Revitalization	30
UBC	2021/22 Winter 1	TA	U	ANTH 202A	Introduction to Religion	120(192)
SFU	2021 Summer	TM	U	SA 316	Tourism and Social Policy (S)	52
SFU	2020 Summer	TM	U	SA 358	The Philosophy of Social Sciences (S)	20
SFU	2019/20 Spring	TA	U	SA 101	Introduction to Anthropology (A)	45(91)
SFU	2019/20 Fall	TA	U	SA 101	Introduction to Anthropology (A)	45(130)