

Makha Blu Wakpa

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Career Highlights

Interdisciplinary doctoral graduate with 16 years of student services, public relations, and technology experience, 10 years of administration support, fundraising, marketing, community organizing, base-building leadership development, meeting and training facilitation, and graduate research and scholarships, 4 years of management, counseling, case management, investigations, legislative, and policy affairs in L.A. and Sacramento, \$2M in grant writing, \$100k in consulting contracts, \$60k in donor fundraising, youth programs founder, and statewide coalition campaigns, 3 years as a university lecturer, professional educator, and curriculum developer, and 2 years in library data management

Professional Experience

Suscol Intertribal Council, <u>Program Consultant</u>	05/18-Present
Improves interagency collaboration for trauma-informed county mental health practices Develops professional multimedia materials, trainings, and strategies for cultural programs	
Californians For Justice, <u>Policy Consultant</u>	07/19-Present
Strategized community engagement for \$28.3M to strengthen state Local Control Funding Formula	
National Center for Youth Law, <u>Policy Consultant</u>	03/19-11/19
Coordinated with state lobbying coalition for \$37.3M, \$2M lead grant writer & manager, program founder Organized press conference feat. city, county, senate majority leader reps, and state assemblymember	
City of Santa Clarita Public Library, <u>Program Consultant</u>	12/18-11/19
Coordinated intertribal literacy program, funding, launch event, and public service announcement	
PolicyLink, <u>Policy Consultant</u>	07/19-09/19
Strengthened training, curriculum, and protocols for Boys and Young Men of Color - National League of Cities	
Northern California Indian Development Council, <u>Program Contractor</u>	02/19-05/19
Coordinated youth multimedia training, public service announcement, national conference presentation	
Sacred Sites Protection & Rights of Indigenous Tribes, <u>Executive Director</u>	08/14-08/16
Strengthened 4 public school district policies, managed teams, contracts, fed, state, and local hearings	
Vallejo City Unified School District, <u>Policy Consultant</u>	06/15-06/16
Trained staff, collected and assessed data, observed, analyzed, and improved district performance	

Degrees

Doctor of Philosophy , Language, Reading & Culture, <u>The University of Arizona</u>	2017
Master of Arts , American Indian Studies, <u>The University of Arizona</u>	2009
Bachelor of Arts , Native American Studies, <u>The Evergreen State College</u>	2007
Associate of Science , Business Administration, <u>Napa Valley College</u>	2002

Community Exhibit Consultation

Carceral Liberation? A Native American Prison Art Show Avenue 50 Studio, Los Angeles, CA	2019
Visions of the Wild: California Indians & The Settled Wilderness McCree-Goudeau Gallery, Vallejo, CA	2016
Ohlone Elders & Youth Speak: Restoring a California Legacy Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, Vallejo, CA	2015
Visions of the Wild: Culture, Voices, & Continuities McCree-Goudeau Gallery, Vallejo, CA	2014