

Nikki Cooley, Diné Nation

EDUCATION

Post-Graduate Studies - *Fisheries and Wildlife with emphasis in Social Networks of Tribal Entities and Commercial River Outfitters in the Grand Canyon*, Michigan State University (2004-2006)

M.S. - *Forestry with emphasis in Traditional Ecological Knowledge*, Northern Arizona University (2004)

B.S. - *Forestry with emphasis in Ecological Restoration*, Northern Arizona University (2002)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2021-Present: Interim Assistant Director: Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) Tribes and Climate Change Program, Northern Arizona University

2016-present: Co-Manager: Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) Tribes and Climate Change Program, Northern Arizona University

2015-2016: Senior Program Coordinator, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) - Tribes and Climate Change Program, Northern Arizona University

2013-2015: Senior Program Coordinator, Educational Talent Search, Student Support Services, Northern Arizona University

2011-2013: Program Coordinator, Merriam-Powell Center for Environmental Research, Climate Change Education Project, Northern Arizona University

2009-2013: Associate Director, Native Voices of the Colorado River, Flagstaff, AZ

1999-2013: Professional River Guide & Cultural Educator, Colorado River (Arizona Raft Adventures) & San Juan River (Wild Rivers Expeditions & Arizona Raft Adventures), Arizona and Utah

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2015-present: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Facilitating Tribal Climate Change Adaptation Planning, Co-Investigator

2020-2021: 2020 Coordination and Collaboration in the Resilience Ecosystem with the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, Project Partner

2020: Tribal Review: 2020 Congressional Climate Action Plan on the Climate Crisis by House Select Committee, Reviewer

2020: Blue Lake Rancheria Tribe, Climate Change Adaptation Planning, Project Lead

2019-2021: Quapaw Nation of Oklahoma, Northeast Oklahoma Tribal Resilience Workshop, Project Lead

2019: *Pala Band of Mission Indians*, Southwest Tribal Climate Change Summit, Project Lead

2018: *Fourth National Climate Assessment*, Chapter 6, Technical Authorship Team

2016-2017: *Re:Generate Fellow*, Wake Forest University

2017: *Resilient Nations Partnership: 4th Annual Partnership Forum*, Invited Panelist, FEMA & The World Bank

2016-2018: *La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians*, Southwest Tribal Climate Change Summit, Project Lead

2015-2019: *Bureau of Land Management*, Climate Change Adaptation Training for the Great Basin, Project Lead

2010: *Congressional Hearing on Uranium Mining before House Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands and the Subcommittee on Water and Power*, invited to provide testimony as Diné citizen and commercial river guide, Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

April 2019: *Tribes and Climate Change Impacts*, NAU Forestry's Natural Resource Policy Course, Flagstaff, AZ

April 2019: *Sailing the Resilience Seas – Hands-on Training with New Tools for Every Step of the Resilience Journey*, National Adaptation Forum, Invited Panelist, Madison, WI

April 2019: *Resilience Now, Resilience Tomorrow: Tribal/Indigenous Community Emergency Preparedness Notes*, National Adaptation Forum, Panelist and Planning Member, Madison, WI

May 2019: *Tribes and Climate Change Impacts*, Navajo Sustainability Symposium, Invited Speaker, Flagstaff, AZ

May 2019: *Tribes and Climate Change Impacts*, National Tribal Forum on Air Quality (NTFAQ), Invited Speaker and Facilitator, Temecula, CA

June 2019: *Tending the Field Gathering*, Invited Speaker and Facilitator, Wake Forest University

July 2019: *Tribes and Climate Change Adaptation Planning*, Northwest Tribal Climate Summit, Invited Speaker, Spokane, WA

September 2019: *Tribal Climate Change Adaptation Planning*, Tribal Resilience and Climate Change Symposium, Invited Speaker, Lake Tahoe, CA

November 2019: *Climate 2020*, Invited Keynote Speaker and Planning Team Member, Northern Arizona University

September 2020: *National Tribal & Indigenous Climate Conference (NTICC)*, Planning Team Co-Lead, Facilitator, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP)