

Biography of Dr. Janine Pease, Crow Indian Educator

Dr. Janine Pease is an enrolled Crow Indian, with Hidatsa, English and German heritage. Her fifty year professional career has been in tribal higher education and Crow language revitalization. Her undergraduate degrees are in sociology and anthropology from Central Washington University (1970) and advanced degrees in higher education from Montana State University - Bozeman (1988 and 1994).

Service to the Crow Nation. Dr. Pease is the founding president of Little Big Horn College of the Crow Nation, 1983 - 2000 . She served as Cabinet Head for Education for the Crow Nation, 2010 - 2012. Janine is Board Chair of the Crow Language Consortium, a non-profit organization of Crow language teachers, school and college administrators and Crow language activists for the purpose of language materials development; principal of the Chickadee Lodge Language Immersion School (grades k - 2) at Little Big Horn College 2017 - 2020, and coordinator of the Crow Dictionary Project 2018 - present. She is on the LBHC Faculty for the Crow Oral History Project, to study the 1950's to the 1970's Crow Indian experience, 2017 - present.

In Montana, Dr. Pease served on the State Human Rights Commission, 2004 - 2006; the Presiding Officer for the Districting and Apportionment Commission 1999-2003, and the Montana University System Board of Regents, 2006 - 2011. She was the lead plaintiff in the American Indian Voting Rights Case, *Windy Boy v. Big Horn County, et. al*, that ordered county commissioner districts and school board zones redrawn. Dr. Pease was vice president for Indian Affairs at Rocky Mountain College, 2003 - 2008; and for academics at Fort Peck Community College 2008 - 2010.

National Service. While president of Little Big Horn College, Dr. Pease served on the Board of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium and the American Indian College Fund. U.S. Secretary of Education Cavazos appointed Janine to the Indian Nations At Risk Task Force 1989-1991. President Clinton appointed Dr. Pease to the White House Initiative on Tribal Colleges and Universities Board of Advisors. For 4 years she was on the Museum of the American Indian Board of Directors. Her awards include the NIEA Indian Educator of the Year in 1990, the MacArthur Fellowship Award in 1994 - 1999 and the Montana ACLU Jeanette Rankin Award in 1989.

Family. Dr. Janine Pease resides in Billings, Montana, with her four generation family. She is a member and child of the Big Lodge/Newly Made Lodge Clans, and member of the Night Hawk Dance Society. Janine is mother of two, grandmother of seven and great grandmother of one.