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TIER I · NEUROBIOLOGICAL FOUNDATION

EDUCATION

Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

Graduate Certificate, Indigenous Health — Center for Indigenous Health

Current

Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC

B.S. Psychology · Minor: Anthropology · Minor: Neuroscience · Certificate: Culturally Based Native Health

Spring 2024 – May 2026 · GPA 3.5 · Dean's List 2024, 2025, 2026

Fort Lewis College, Durango, CO

B.S. Psychology

August 2022 – Fall 2023 (Transfer)

Allen County Community College, Iola, KS

A.S. Psychology · Dean's List 2020 & 2021

August 2020 – May 2022

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Stress, Violence, Emotions & Adjustment Lab (SVEA) · Western Carolina University

Student Research Assistant · PI: Dr. Kia Asberg

October 2025 – Present

- Conducting integrative literature reviews to inform the development of focus groups examining social determinants of health among tribal and community members in Jackson County, NC
- Synthesizing research at the intersection of Indigenous health policy, health behavior, and population-level outcomes to support public health framework design

Manbrick Laboratory · Columbia University

Visiting Member

2025 – Present

- Engaged as visiting lab member attending weekly meetings within an interdisciplinary research environment at Columbia University

Social Ethology Laboratory · Fort Lewis College

Research Assistant & Media Director · PI: A.G. Fulmer

August 2022 – Present

- Founding member; independently developed and executed field sampling protocols (transect & scat sampling); trained and mentored incoming lab members
- Conducted hormonal assays using ELISA protocol; contributed substantively to long- and short-term grant writing
- Directed lab's public engagement and media strategy; oversaw peer mentorship program to strengthen recruitment and visibility

Psychophysiology Laboratory · Stanford University, Dept. of Psychology

Volunteer Research Assistant · PI: Dr. Sylvia Kreibitz

October 2023 – November 2024

- Participated deeply in weekly lab meetings, contributing to theoretical discussion and study development across active research projects
- Served as reviewer in a systematic meta-analysis; assisted with intervention material creation and participant recruitment
- Conducted 10–15 hrs/week of targeted literature searches in psychophysiology and affective science

Department of Psychology — Independent Study · Fort Lewis College

Research Associate

June 2023 – Present

- Secured independent institutional grant funding; designed and executed full-cycle data collection with a large human participant sample
- Developed exclusion criteria; authored literature reviews and research proposals spanning psychology, biology, and ethnography

TIER II · CULTURAL & EPISTEMOLOGICAL GROUNDING

FIELD & COMMUNITY RESEARCH

Advancing Native Students in Aging Research · National Institutes of Health (NIH) & Magee Women's Research Institute & Foundation

Research Intern

August 2026

- Participated in cellular and molecular experiments surrounding the neurological basis of aging requiring specialized laboratory knowledge
- Handled live animal specimens for experimental analysis
- Underwent training in contemporary research methods in aging research surrounding indigenous populations

CDC John R. Lewis Public Health Scholar · THESIS Program

Public Health Research Intern, Psychology Focus

May – August 2025

- Designed, conducted, and presented original behavioral public health research with direct benefit to Indigenous communities at individual and systems levels
- Engaged tribal public health infrastructure across multiple geographic regions, building cross-jurisdictional research fluency

Environmental Protection Division · Southern Ute Tribe

Tribal Public Health Research Intern

July – September 2023

- Completed 200 hours of environmental fieldwork; collected water and bacterial samples from waterways across Montezuma County on the Southern Ute reservation
- Organized and analyzed data in Excel; produced and presented formal findings reports to the Environmental Protection Agency

All Our Kin Collective

Indigenous Language Intern

June – July 2023

- Developed archival and arts-based storytelling materials for Mukurtu, a sovereignty-centered Indigenous digital archive platform
- Presented arts-based language revitalization research at the All Our Kin symposium

CLINICAL & DIRECT SERVICE HOURS

My Choice Home Care · Home Health & Hospice

Patient Care Aide

2023 – Present · 3,500+ documented direct-contact hours

- Provide end-of-life psychosocial support and behavioral care for patients experiencing acute psychological and existential distress; support family systems through active bereavement periods
- Responsible for medication management and administration; coordinate across interdisciplinary care teams to meet complex medical and psychosocial needs for individuals with neurological & physical conditions

Fireside Project

Crisis Support Line Volunteer

Current · 100 hours

- Provide emotional support to callers experiencing psychological distress and difficult mental health experiences through the Fireside Project's peer-support model
- Trained in compassionate, non-clinical active listening across diverse populations and emotional states

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Tasevoli, I., & Fulmer, A.G. (2024). Ritualized Behavior. In T.K. Shackelford (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Religious Psychology and Behavior*. Springer, Cham. <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-38971-9>

Poster — Roots of Resilience: Archaeobotanical and Contemporary Analyses of Environmental Change and Cherokee Tradition in the Southeastern United States
Society for Ethnobiology · Abstract Accepted, May 2026

Poster — Creating New Paradigms in Psychometric Testing for American Indian Populations: A Review on Addiction, Culture & Assessment
THESIS Symposium · August 2025

Photovoice Presentation — The Role of Environmentalism in Indigenous Psychology
THESIS Symposium · August 2025

Talk — The Relationship Between Planned Participation and Benefit From a Modern Ecstatic Ritual
Animal Behavior Society · June 2024

Photovoice Presentation — What The Water Gave Us: Our Nations, Our Health
Association of American Indian Physicians · September 2026

TEACHING & ACADEMIC SUPPORT

PEDAGOGY & MENTORSHIP

Writing and Learning Commons · Western Carolina University

Peer Tutor — Psychopharmacology

Spring 2026 Semester

- Provide individualized subject-matter tutoring in psychopharmacology to undergraduate students; position continues into the 2026–2027 academic year

Research Girl Official

Research Mentor

Summer 2025

- Mentored undergraduate students in research methods, literature review, and academic skill-building as part of a structured summer program

Reed Academic Library · Fort Lewis College

Peer Research Associate

January – June 2023

- Developed college-wide citation guides adopted across university departments
- Assisted students with research strategy, source evaluation, and academic writing standards

TIER III · EMBODIED KNOWLEDGE & EXPRESSIVE MODALITIES

COMMUNITY & ARTS PRACTICE

Museum of The Cherokee People — Traditional Pottery Apprenticeship

Apprentice · Enrolled Citizen, Cherokee Nation · Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

January 2026 – June 2026

- Completed formal apprenticeship in traditional Cherokee vessel-making; debut museum exhibition showcasing work produced during the program

Namchak Foundation

Compassion in Action Fellow

2022

- Selected fellow in a contemplative leadership program integrating Buddhist philosophy, compassion practice, and applied community care

We Are Healers

Healers Community Circle Cohort

2025

- Developed and distributed an original arts-based narrative project within the Indigenous community as part of a cohort focused on integrative and community-based healing

Knowing Neurons

Volunteer Illustrator

2025

All Our Kin — Language & Arts Archive

Arts-based storytelling for Indigenous digital archives

2023

RELEVANT COURSEWORK

Indigenous Harm Reduction (A, Spring 2026)	Indigenous and Western Psychologies (A, Spring 2024)
Introduction to Clinical Psychology (A, Summer 2025)	Medical Anthropology (A, Spring 2023)
Health Psychology (A, Summer 2025)	Physiology with Lab (B, Spring 2023)
Psychopharmacology (A-, Fall 2025)	Exercise Physiology with Lab (B, Fall 2023)
Introduction to Neuroscience (A-, Fall 2025)	Ethnography and Writing (A, Fall 2023)
Research Design & Data Analysis II (A, Spring 2025)	Developmental Psychology (A, Fall 2021)

FUNDING, AWARDS & AFFILIATIONS

- 2025 Conference Scholarship — Psychedelic Science, Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies
- 2025 Cherokee Nation Foundation Scholarship
- 2024 Cherokee Nation Foundation Scholarship
- 2023 Maymester Research Fellow — Fort Lewis College Mule Deer Project
- 2023 Project Grant — Fort Lewis College
- 2025 CITI Training Certification — Behavioral Health Research

Society of Indian Psychologists (Student Member, 2025) · Animal Behavior Society (Student Member, 2024) · MAPS (Member, 2025) · Phi Theta Kappa (VP Scholarship, 2021)

References available upon request