

Curriculum Vitae
ALEXANDRA HARMON

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PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Professor Emerita of American Indian Studies and History, University of Washington, July
2015-present

Professor of American Indian Studies and Adjunct Professor of History, University of
Washington, September 2011-2015

Associate Professor of American Indian Studies and Adjunct Associate Professor of History,
University of Washington, September 2001-September 2011

Assistant Professor of American Indian Studies and Adjunct Assistant Professor of History,
University of Washington, September 1995-September 2001

Adjunct Professor, Federal Indian Law, University of Puget Sound School of Law, 1991

On-Reservation Staff Attorney, Suquamish Indian Tribe, October 1983-September 1988 **

Coordinator, Evergreen Legal Services Native American Project, Seattle, Washington,
February 1980-September 1983

On-Reservation Staff Attorney, Skokomish Indian Tribe, September 1976-January 1980 **

Adjunct Professor, Federal Indian Law, University of Texas School of Law, 1976

Staff Attorney, Small Tribes Organization of Western Washington, September 1974-
August 1975 **

Staff Attorney, Seattle Legal Services, September 1972-August 1974

** Services provided to the tribes by contract with Seattle Legal Services or its successor, Evergreen
Legal Services.

EDUCATION

B.A., Stanford University, 1966

J.D., Yale Law School, 1972

M.A., History, University of Washington, 1991

Ph.D. History, University of Washington, 1995

BOOKS AND ARTICLES

- Rich Indians: Native People and the Problem of Wealth in American History*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2010.
- The Power of Promises: Perspectives on Pacific Northwest Indian Treaties* (editor). Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2008.
- Indians in the Making: Ethnic Relations and Indian Identities around Puget Sound*. Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press, 1998.
- “From Dispossessed Wards to Citizen Activists: American Indians Survive the Assimilation Policy Era,” in *A Companion to the Gilded Age and Progressive Era*, edited by Christopher M. Nichols and Nancy C. Unger. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley Blackwell, 2017.
- “Indians and the Marketplace,” in *Handbook of American Indian History*, edited by Frederick Hoxie. Oxford University Press, 2015.
- “American Indians, American Law, and Modern American Foreign Relations,” *Diplomatic History* 39 (September 2015).
- “Interwoven Economic Histories: American Indians in a Capitalist America.” Co-authored with Colleen O’Neill and Paul C. Rosier. *Journal of American History* 98 (December 2011).
- “American Indians and Land Monopolies in the Gilded Age,” *Journal of American History* 90 (June 2003).
- “Coast Salish History,” in *Be of Good Mind: Essays on the Coast Salish*, edited by Bruce G. Miller. Vancouver: University of British Columbia Press, 2007.
- “Indian Treaty History: A Subject for Agile Minds,” *Oregon Historical Quarterly* 106 (Fall 2005).
- “Lucy Friedlander Covington,” in *Notable American Women: A Biographical Dictionary Completing the Twentieth Century*, edited by Susan Ware. Cambridge, Mass.: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2004.
- “Wanted: More Histories of Indian Identity,” in *A Companion to American Indian History*, ed. Philip J. Deloria and Neal Salisbury. Malden, Mass., and Oxford: Blackwell Publishers, 2002
- “Tribal Enrollment Councils: Lessons on Law and Identity,” *Western Historical Quarterly* 32 (Summer 2001).
- “Puget Sound Tribes,” in *Encyclopedia of the American Indian*, edited by Frederick E. Hoxie, 522-24. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, 1996.
- “Lines in Sand: Shifting Boundaries between Indians and Non-Indians in the Puget Sound Region,” *Western Historical Quarterly* 26 (Winter 1995).
- “Writing History by Litigation: The Legacy and Limitations of Northwest Indian Rights Cases,” *Columbia* (Winter 1990/1991).
- “When Is an Indian Not an Indian? ‘Friends of the Indian’ and the Problems of Indian Identity,” *The Journal of Ethnic Studies* 18 (Summer 1990).

HONORS AND AWARDS

Organization of American Historians Distinguished Lecturer appointment, July 2014-2020
Princeton University Library Research Grant, 2012
Friends of the Library Research Grant, J. Willard Marriott Library, University of Utah, 2011
Research Grant, Center for the Study of the Pacific Northwest, University of Washington, 2012
Society of Fellows, Simpson Humanities Center, University of Washington, 2002-2003
Research Grant, Institute for Ethnic Studies in the United States, University of Washington, 2001
Washington Governor's Writers Award, 1999, for *Indians in the Making*
Council of Graduate Schools/UMI Distinguished Dissertation Award, 1996
Western History Association's Winther Prize and Fireman Prize, 1995-96
Thomas M. Power Prize, University of Washington Department of History, 1995
National Endowment for the Humanities Dissertation Grant, 1993-1994

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Addressing the Non-Indian Problem: Law and Conceptions of Tribal Sovereignty in the 1970s,"
Western History Association conference, 2015
"Tribal Governments and the Non-Indian Problem: A Tale of Two Stories," American Historical
Association conference, 2013
Roundtable presentation, "Is Indian History Part of the History of American Foreign Relations?"
Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations conference, June 2012
"Indians in a Capitalist America," Native American and Indigenous Studies Association
conference, April 2011
"Contesting the Morality of Indian Claims to Wealth," Organization of American Historians
conference, March 2009
"Sovereignty," a workshop on keywords in Native American Studies, University of Michigan
Program in American Culture, January 2008
"American Indian Economic History and Academic Tribalism," Harvard Political Economy
Seminar, December 2007
"American Indians and Capitalist Culture," Organization of American Historians conference,
March 2007
"The Temptations and Irritations of Anthropology: A Personal History of Culture Contact,"
Interdisciplinary symposium, University of Oregon, April 2003
"The Problem of Enterprising Indians: Debates about Land and Wealth Distribution in Indian
Territory," Western History Association conference, October 2001
"The Colville Tribe: Defining What Should Survive," American Historical Association
conference, January 1998
"It's All Worked by...Relations'; Dialogues about a Legal Criterion of Indian Identity," American
Society for Legal History conference, October 1997
"Power, Memories of Power, and Indian Identity," Organization of American Historians
conference, March 1996
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INVITED LECTURES (partial list)

- Keynote address. Shoshone-Bannock Tribes Treaty Rights Seminar for Federal Agencies, Fort Hall Reservation, August 2016
- “First Peoples of the Northwest – Defying Expectations.” University of Washington Retirement Association Lecture Series, 2016
- “Making Sense of Indian Treaties,” Hibulb Cultural Center, Tulalip Indian Reservation, 2012
- “American Indians in Early U.S. History” and “Indians on the Move.” Presentations for All Eyes on History, training program for Seattle public school teachers, March 2008 and April 2009
- “American Indian Economic History and Academic Tribalism.” Harvard University Workshop on the Political Economy of Modern Capitalism, December 2007
- “‘Part of the White Man’s History?’ Indians after Lewis and Clark.” Fall public lecture series, University of Washington Alumni Association and College of Arts and Sciences, 2003
- “A Gamble for Us All: The New Indian Wealth in Historical Perspective.” Luncheon address, Pacific Northwest History Conference, April 2003
- “‘A Typical Indian Murder?’ Social Uses of Violence on the Tulalip Reservation, 1900,” Pacific Northwest Historians Guild conference, March 1995

PROFESSIONAL OFFICES AND SERVICE

- Acting Chair, American Indian Studies Department, 2011 and 2013
- Committee on Ethics and Professional Standards, Organization of American Historians, 2008-2012
- Advisory Committee, Center for the Study of the Pacific Northwest, University of Washington, 2010-2015
- Curriculum Committee, American Indian Studies Department, 2009-2015
- Humanities Advisory Group, Coast Salish Art Exhibition, Seattle Art Museum, 2006-2009
- Co-chair, American Indian Studies chair search 2008
- Symposium organizer and host, “Pacific Northwest Indian Treaties in National and International Historical Perspective,” University of Washington, May 13-14, 2005
- Board of Editors, *Western Historical Quarterly*, 2001-2004
- Board of Editors, *Pacific Northwest Quarterly*, 2001-2008
- Advisory Group, Community Museum Project of Olympic Peninsula communities and University of Washington Office of Educational Partnerships and Learning Technologies
- Committee to design a minor in diversity studies, University of Washington, 2003-2005
- Outside referee for promotion reviews at University of Wyoming, University of Oregon, University of North Carolina, Villanova University, University of Victoria
- Book manuscript reviews for Duke University Press, University of North Carolina Press, University of Kansas Press, University of Washington Press