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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Student American Indian Studies, expected May 2026, Tucson, AZ

M.P.P. Public Policy, April 2020, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT

B.S. Communications & Public Relations, April 2009, Utah Valley University, Orem, UT

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

2022-Present Research Analyst, Native Nations Institute, Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ

2022 Communications Director, X-Factor Strategic Communications, Lehi, UT

2021 Principal Researcher / UX Manager, Workforce Research & Analysis Division, Utah Department of Workforce Services, SLC, UT

2020-2021 Communications Director, Draper City, Draper, UT

2018-2020 UX Researcher, Utah Data Research Center, Workforce Research & Analysis Division, Utah Department of Workforce Services, SLC, UT

2016-2018 Public Information Officer / Tribal Liaison, Communications Division, Utah Department of Workforce Services, SLC, UT

2015-2016 Communications Officer, Zions Bank, SLC, UT

2012-2014 Communications Manager, Thanksgiving Point, Lehi, UT

2010-2012 Communications Coordinator, Intrepid Agency, SLC, UT

2009-2010 PR/Content Writer, Marketecture, Orem, UT

2008-2009 PR Writer, Marketing Department, Utah Valley University, Orem, UT

2008-2009 News Editor, UVU Review, Utah Valley University, Orem, UT

2007-2008 News Reporter, UVU Review, Utah Valley University, Orem, UT

RESEARCH PROJECT EXPERIENCE

2023 **Employment Trends of American Indian/Alaska Natives**
Conducted an analysis of ACS and BLS data to explain the current employment situation of American Indians and Alaska Natives.

- 2023 **Digital Inclusion at Tribal Libraries**
Co-facilitated interviews and site visits of tribal libraries in Utah, Arizona, Oklahoma, and Washington. Co-managed the MOU process to protect the tribe's data. Developing a how-to guide on building digital inclusion labs.
- 2023 **Living Away from Tribal Lands**
Co-developed a survey to learn how Indigenous citizens and descendants connect and engage with their Indigenous communities while living away.
- 2023 **Indigenous Conservation Management**
Participated in a rapid review of scholarly evidence on the effectiveness of Indigenous conservation management.
- 2021 **Intergenerational Poverty**
Analyzed state administrative data and public policies, including information on American Indians and Alaska Natives in Utah, for the state's annual Intergenerational Poverty report.

HONORS & AWARDS

- 2022 Awarded \$60,000 for original data analysis on the link between marginalizing behaviors and postpartum complications for women of color who received undesired C-sections. (NIH's National Institute of Child Health and Human Development's Decoding Maternal Morbidity Data Challenge)
- 2022 Awarded \$1,500 for original proposal on how to increase awareness, access, and trust of Black Americans for participation in genetics research. (Base 11/Regeneron's DNA Diversity Challenge)
- 2015 Young Alumni of the Year, Utah Valley University
- 2013 Employee of the Month, Thanksgiving Point
- 2008 Utah PR Student of the Year, Utah Public Relations Society of America

CREDENTIALS & CERTIFICATIONS

- 2022-2023 Social & Behavioral Research Investigators, Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Program, University of Arizona
- 2022-2023 Native American Research, Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Program, University of Arizona

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 2021 Website Designer, Rose Park Neighborhood Center, SLC, UT
- 2015 English Tutor for Adults, Guadalupe School, SLC, UT
- 2014 Corporate Development Volunteer, Sundance Film Festival, Park City, UT
- 2009 Club President / Founder, Operation Smile for UVU, Orem, UT

PUBLICATIONS

Johnston, B. (2021). Tenth Annual Report on Intergenerational Poverty, Welfare Dependency and Public Assistance. Salt Lake City: Intergenerational Welfare Reform Commission.
<https://jobs.utah.gov/edo/intergenerational/igp21.pdf>

Johnston, B. (2020). The Relationship Between Educational Attainment and Reliance on Government Assistance Among Utahns. [Master's Project, University of Utah]. Utah Data Research Center.
<https://udrc.ushe.edu/research/documents/BritneeJohnstonUtahSNAPEducationalAttainment.pdf>

DATA VISUALIZATIONS

Johnston, B. (2021). Utahns Who Work Multiple Jobs at the Same Time [Data visualization]. Salt Lake City: Utah Data Research Center. Utah Department of Workforce Services.
<https://jobs.utah.gov/wi/pubs/reports/mjh/index.html>

Johnston, B., Scott, S. & Tao, K. (2020). Achievements of Utahns from Preschool to Workforce (P-20) [Data visualization]. Salt Lake City: Utah Data Research Center. Utah Department of Workforce Services.

Stahle, C. & **Johnston, B.** (2019). Utah's Return on Investment of Career and Technical Education [Data visualization]. Salt Lake City: Utah Data Research Center. Utah Department of Workforce Services.

Johnston, B. & Stahle, C. (2019). Outcomes of Working College Students in Utah [Data visualization]. Salt Lake City: Utah Data Research Center. Utah Department of Workforce Services.

PRESENTATIONS

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| 2023 | Moderator/Presenter, "A Toolkit for Providing Community-Driven Technology Spaces in Tribal Libraries" 2023 Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums Conference, Oklahoma City, OK. |
| 2023 | Presenter, "Moving Toward Full Employment for American Indian/Alaska Natives," National Economic Association, 2023 Freedom & Justice Summer Conference, Lawrence, KS. |
| 2023 | Panelist, "The Continuing Struggle for Jobs," Center for Economic Policy Research, Full Employment For All Coalition Panel Series, Virtual. |
| 2021 | Presenter, "Annual Report on Intergenerational Poverty, Welfare Dependency and Public Assistance," Intergenerational Welfare Reform Commission, Virtual. |
| 2019 | Co-presenter, "Strategic Marketing for Research and Data Products," National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) Stats-DC Data Conference, Washington D.C. |
| 2019 | Co-presenter, "P-20 Education Metrics & D3 Data Visualization," Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems (SLDS) Best Practices Conference, Washington D.C. |
| 2018 | Presenter, "Overview of the Utah Department of Workforce Services," Utah Tribal Leadership Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT. |