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## **EDUCATION**

- MSW                      Social and Economic Development, December 2010, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO.
- Masters of Social Work Course Work, August 2006-May 2009, Fordham University, New York, NY.
- B.A.                      Teaching English to Speakers of English, May 2006, Carroll College, Helena, MT.

## **PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS AND POSITIONS**

- 2012-Present            Research Analyst, Native Nations Institute, Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy  
The University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ.
- 2012                      Assistant Director-Girl Development Suburban Region, Girl Scout of Eastern Missouri,  
St. Louis, MO.
- 2011                      Consultant, Grogan/Cornell, Tucson, AZ.
- 2010-2011                Faculty Associate, Native Nations Institute, Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy,  
The University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ.
- 2011                      Admissions Assistant, Kathryn M. Buder Center for American Indian Studies, George  
Warren Brown School of Social Work, Washington University of St. Louis, St. Louis,  
MO.
- 2010                      Research Assistant, Center for Social Development, George Warren Brown School of  
Social Work, Washington University of St. Louis, St. Louis, MO.
- 2010                      Program Assistant Intern, Policy Branch, Food Distribution Division, United States  
Department of Agriculture, Alexandria, VA.
- 2008-2009                MSW Admissions and Student Services Division Intern, Year Up, New York, NY.
- 2007-2008                Graduate Student Management Assistant, The Beck Institute for Religion and Poverty,  
Graduate School of Social Services, Fordham University, New York, NY.
- 2006-2007                Graduate Student Management Assistant, Department of Continuing Education,  
Graduate School of Social Services, Fordham University, New York, NY.

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

- 2020                      Selected for the 2020 Cohort of the Indigenous Planning Summer Institute,  
Sustainable Development Institute at the College of Menominee Nation,  
Indigenous Design and Planning Institute at the University of New Mexico,  
Michigan State University

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2009-2010	Kathryn M. Buder Scholarship, George Warren Brown School of Social Work Washington University in St. Louis
2010	Honorable Mention for Intern of the Summer, Washington Internships for Native Students, American University
2007-2009	Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tribal Rolls Scholarship
2006	Graduated Distinction, Carroll College
2006	Raymond G. Hunthausen Award for Community Service
2001-2003 2004-2006	Presidential Scholarship, Carroll College
2000	Girl Scout Gold Award

### SERVICE & OUTREACH

2021-present	Advisory Board Member	Indigenous Geoscience Community
2020- present	Equity Team Member	Ridgecrest Elementary School, Shoreline, WA.
2018-present	Team Member	Collaboratory for Indigenous Data Governance, Tucson, AZ
2014-2019	Editorial Board Member	The Washington University Journal of American Indian and Alaska Native Health, St. Louis, MO.
2016	Running Buddy	Girls on the Run, Bothell, WA.
2013-2014	Steering Advisory Committee Member	“The Mounds-America’s First Cities: Feasibility Study,” Heartland Conservancy Mascoutah, IL.
2009-2010	Co-Chair	George Warren Brown School of Social Work American Indian Student Association St. Louis, MO.
2010	Food & Non-Profit Booth Coordinator	Washington University in St. Louis Powwow, St. Louis, MO.
2009-2010	Cultural Tutor	George Warren Brown School of Social Work International Cultural Exchange Program St. Louis, MO.
2007 & 2009	Spouse/Partner Representative	General Theological Community Council New York, NY.
2005	English Tutor	Carroll College, Helena, MT.
2004	Mentor	Matracas, Xalapa, Mexico.
2001-2003 & 2004	Reading Tutor	Central Elementary School, Helena, MT.

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2002-2003	Student Leader	Montana Campus Compact, Helena, MT.
2000-2002	Member	Older Girl National Girl Scout Task Force New York, NY.

### PUBLICATIONS & REPORTS

Johnson, N., Erickson, K.S., Ferguson, D.B., **Jäger, M.B.**, Jennings, L.L., Juan, A.R. Larson, S., Smythe, W.K.S., Strawhacker, C. Walker, A., & Carroll, S.R. (2021). The Impact of COVID-19 on food access for Alaska Natives in 2020. *Arctic Report Card 2021*, T.A. Moon, M.L. Drukenmiller, & R.L. Thoman, Eds., [DOI: 10.25923/5cb7-6h06](https://doi.org/10.25923/5cb7-6h06)

Hirald, D., Carroll, S.R., David-Chavez, D. M., **Jäger, M.B.** & Jorgensen, M. (2020). Policy Brief: Native Nation Rebuilding Lessons for Tribal Research and Data Governance. Tucson: Native Nations Institute, University of Arizona.

Johnson, N., **Jäger, M.B.**, Jennings, L., Juan, A., Carroll, S.R., & Ferguson DB. (March 2020). Indigenous Foods Knowledges Network: Facilitating Exchange between Arctic and Southwest Indigenous Communities on Food and Knowledge Sovereignty.” *Witness Community Highlights* Arcus.org/witness-the-arctic

**Jäger, M.B.**, Ferguson, D.B., Huntington, O., Johnson, M.K., Johnson, N., Juan, A., Larson, S., Pulsifer, P., Reader, T., Strawhacker, C., Walker, A., Whiting, D., Wilson, J., Yazzie, J., Carroll, S.R.. & Indigenous Foods Knowledges Network (2019). Building an Indigenous Foods Knowledges Network Through Relational Accountability. *Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development*, 9(B). doi.org/10.5304/jafscd.2019.09B.005

Starks, R.R., Smith, A.T. and **Jäger, M.B.** 2016. Tribal Child Welfare Codes as Sovereignty in Action: A Guide for Tribal Leaders. In This version of the document was prepared for the 2016 NICWA annual conference edited by Miriam Jorgensen and Stephen Cornell. Tucson and Portland: Native Nations Institute and National Indian Child Welfare Association

**Jäger, M. B.**, Starks, R. R., Smith, A. T., & Jorgensen, M. (2015, Summer). Culture and law: Preliminary findings in a review of 100+ tribal welfare codes. *The Judges' Page Newsletter*. Retrieved from <http://www.casaforchildren.org/site/c.mtJSJ7MPIsE/...>

Hertel, A. L., & **Jäger, M. E.** (2010). Saving for post-secondary education in American Indian communities: A geospatial and quantitative analysis (CSD Working Paper 10-21). St. Louis, MO: Washington University, Center for Social Development.

Hertel, A. L., & **Jäger, M. E.** (2010). Saving for post-secondary education in American Indian communities (CSD Research Brief 10-24). St. Louis, MO: Washington University, Center for Social Development.

### PEER REVIEWER

2020 FACETS Journal

### CONFERENCES PRESENTATIONS

**Jäger, M. E.**, Johnson, N., Erickson, K. Carroll, S.R., Ferguson, D.B., & Jennings, L.L., “Co-producing Knowledge in a Time of Rapid Change: Lessons from the Indigenous Foods Knowledges Network,” American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting 2021. December 17, 2021, New Orleans, LA & Virtual.

Moon, T.A., **Jäger, M. B.** & Johnson, N. “Demystify the term convergence research by sharing examples from across the Arctic and the Navigating the New Arctic initiative,” (Panelist), Navigating the New Arctic Annual

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Community Meeting. November 9, 2021. Virtual.

**Jäger, M. B.**, Erickson, K.S., Johnson, N., & Walker, A. “Bridging Arctic and US Southwest Indigenous Knowledge Systems for Food and Knowledge Sovereignty.” International Congress of Arctic Social Sciences. June 19, 2021. Virtual.

“Providing for Communities: Food Security and Justice.” (Invited and Panelist) Capitol Hill Ocean Week. June 8, 2021. Virtual.

**Jäger, M. E** & Johnson, N. “Indigenous Food Knowledges Network: Co-producing among Indigenous Peoples in the Arctic and US Southwest.” (Invited). American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting 2020. December 9, 2020. Virtual.

Walker, A. **Jäger, M. B.**, & Jennings, L. “Indigenous Foods Knowledges Network: Engaging Scholars, Leaders, and Peoples from the US Southwest and Arctic”. Indigenous Foods Knowledges Network Webinar, March 19, 2020. Virtual.

Hiraldo, D., James, K., & **Jäger, M. B.** “How Federalism Advances Rights of State-Recognized Tribes.” Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting. January 10, 2020, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Jennings, L. L., **Jäger, M. E.**, Johnson, N., & Rainie, S. (2019, December). The Indigenous Food Knowledges Network: Building Indigenous Led Collaborations across Biomes. American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting 2019. December 2019, San Francisco, California (absentia)

Rainie, S.C., Strawhacker, C., Johnson, N., Pulsifer, P., Ferguson, D., Reader, T., **Jäger, M.E.**, Huntington, O., & The IFKN Steering Committee & Network Members. “The Indigenous Foods Knowledges Network (IFKN): Supporting Indigenous Scholars through Research and Academic Innovations.” (Invited). American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, December 10, 2018, Washington, D.C.

**Jäger, M.B.** Johnson, N., Juan. A, Larson, S., & Walker, A. “Indigenous Foods Knowledges Network.” Festival of Northern Fishing Traditions, September 7, 2018, Tornio, Finland.

Starks, R.R. Rachel Rose & **Jäger, M.B.** “Protecting our children through tribal law: A review of 100+ tribal welfare codes.” National Indian Child Welfare Association 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, April 5, 2016, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Smith, A., **Jäger, M.B.** & Starks, R. R. “Protecting our children through tribal law: A review of 100+ tribal child welfare codes”. National Indian Children Association 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference, April 21, 2015, Portland, Oregon.

**Jäger, M. B.** & Mowrer, L. “Measuring the Impact of an Indigenous Community Development Financial Institute.” Community Capitals Institute, November 12, 2013, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

**Jäger, M. B.** & Mowrer, L. “Measuring and Marking the Impact of an Indigenous Community Development Fund.” National Congress for American Indians Mid-Year Conference Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum General Session, June 26, 2013, Reno, Nevada.

**Jäger, M.B.** “Research, Data, Governance, Oh my!” South Dakota Indian Business Alliance Bi-annual Conference, April 12, 2013, Rapid City, South Dakota.

**Jäger, M.B.** “Advancing Tribal Policies to Support Healthy Eating and Active Living (HEAL).” National Congress of American Indians Annual Pre-Meeting, October 30, 2011, Portland, Oregon.

Hertel, Amy and **Jäger, M.E.** “Creating a Meaningful Practicum Experience in Indian Country: Yes It Is Possible.” Buder Alumni Social Work Conference, April 9, 2010, St. Louis, Missouri

## POSTER PRESENTATIONS

## MARY ELIZABETH JÄGER (Citizen Potawatomi), MSW

Indigenous Foods Knowledges Network. “Indigenous Foods Knowledges Network: Exchanging stories and solutions in support of resilient food and knowledges systems.” Rising Voices 7, May 15-17, 2019, Boulder, Colorado.

Smith, A.T., **Jäger, M.B.**, and Starks, R.R. “Protecting our children through tribal law: A review of 100+ tribal child welfare codes (Part II).” Poster Session: Changing Climates, Inspiring Hope: Using Research to Transform Systems. The NCAI Policy Research Center Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum. National Congress of American Indians Mid-Year Conference. June 29, 2016. Spokane, WA.

Starks, R.R., Smith, A.T., and **Jäger, M.B.** “Protecting our children through tribal law: A review of 100+ tribal child welfare codes” and “Protecting our children through tribal law: A review of 100+ tribal child welfare codes (part II).” Michigan State College of Law Indigenous Law and Policy Center Tribal In-House Counsel Association Conference, November 5-6, 2015, East Lansing, MI. (absentia)

Starks, R.R., Smith, A.T., and **Jäger, M.B.** “Protecting our children through tribal law: A review of 100+ tribal child welfare codes.” Poster Session: Research to Fuel our Futures. The NCAI Policy Research Center Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum. National Congress of American Indians Mid-Year Conference. June 30, 2015. St. Paul, MN.

### CONFERENCE/SUMMIT/SYMPOSIUM/PANEL/WEBINAR ORGANIZED/FACILITATED

- 2021 Co-facilitator, “Virtual Rising Voices 9 Food Systems Working Group Two Session,” September 29-October 1, 2021, sponsored by The Rising Voices Center for Indigenous and Earth Sciences.
- 2021 Co-Panel Organizer and co-facilitator, “Indigenous Food and Knowledge Intersections with Governance and Health Panel One and Two,” June 19, 2021, sponsored by the International Congress of Arctic Social Sciences.
- 2020 Co-facilitator, “Virtual Rising Voices 8 Food Systems Working Group Session,” September 25, 2020, sponsored by the The Rising Voices Center for Indigenous and Earth Sciences.
- 2020 Co-organizer and co-facilitator, “Webinar: Indigenous Food Sovereignty and Contaminants: Perspectives from the U.S. Southwest and the Arctic,” September 22, 2020, sponsored Indigenous Foods Knowledges Network, the University of Arizona Superfund Research Program, and the Center for Indigenous Environmental Health Research
- 2020 Co-facilitator, “Virtual Rising Voices 8 Food Systems Panel Session,” September 3, 2020, sponsored by the The Rising Voices Center for Indigenous and Earth Sciences.
- 2020 Co-organizer and co-facilitator, “Webinar: Hopi Food Sovereignty through Farming and Coalitions” May 7, 2020, sponsored by Indigenous Foods Knowledges Network and funded by the National Science Foundation (Award Number 1745499)
- 2020 Co-organizer, “Webinar: Indigenous Foods Knowledges Network: Engaging Indigenous Scholars, Leaders, and Peoples from the US Southwest and Arctic,” Coalitions,” March 19, 2020, sponsored by Indigenous Foods Knowledges Network and funded by the National Science Foundation (Award Number 1745499)
- 2020 Co-organizer and co-facilitator, “Webinar: Food Sovereignty and Self- Governance: Inuit Role in Managing Arctic Marine Resources,” January 15, 2020, sponsored by Indigenous Foods Knowledges Network and funded by the National Science Foundation (Award Number 1745499)
- 2019 Planning Committee Member & Co-Facilitator, “3rd Indigenous Foods Knowledges Network Meeting” Chickaloon Village & Anchorage, AK, June 16-21, 2019 sponsored by Indigenous Foods Knowledges Network and funded by the National Science Foundation (Award Number 1745499)

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- 2019 Planning Committee Member & Co-Facilitator, “2<sup>nd</sup> Indigenous Foods Knowledges Network,” Tohono O’odham Nation & University of Arizona Tucson, AZ, March 12-15, 2019, sponsored by Indigenous Foods Knoweldges Network and funded by the National Science Foundation (Award Number 1745499)
- 2018 Planning Committee Member & Co-Facilitator, “Inaugural Meeting of the Indigenous Foods Knowledges Network,” Gila River Indian Community, March 1-2, 2018, sponsored by Indigenous Foods Knoweldges Network and funded by the National Science Foundation (Award Number 1745499)
- 2011-2012 Planning Committee Member, “Building Capacity, Building Bridges Across Diverse Communities,” St. Louis, MO, September 28-29, 2012, sponsored by the Kathryn M. Buder Center for American Indian Studies, George Warren Brown School of Social Work, Washington University in St. Louis.
- 2007 Graduate Student Management Assistant, “Keeping the Faith Symposium,” New York, NY, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007, sponsored by the Betram M. Beck Institute on Religion and Poverty, Graduate School of Social Service, Fordham University.
- 2006-2007 Planning Committee Member, “Celebrating Faith in Action. The Religious Community’s Response to the Challenge of Poverty: What Works,” April 15, 2007, sponsored by the Betram M. Beck Institute on Religion and Poverty, Graduate School of Social Service, Fordham University.

## TEACHING

### COURSES

- 2005 Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages Advance English Grammar Carroll College, Helena, MT. (Student Instructor)

### INVITED LECTURES

- 2021 “The Indigenous Food Knowledges Network: Exchanging Stories and Solutions in Support of Resilient Food and Knowledge Systems among Indigenous Peoples in the US Southwest and the Arctic,” Tribal Food Sovereignty: Policy and Practice, April 7, 2021, University of Alaska Fairbanks, Fairbanks, AK.
- 2021 “Indigenous Data Sovereignty and Governance and Food Sovereignty,” International Baccalaureate Higher Level History of the Americas, March 30, 2021, Hillsboro High School, Hillsboro, OR
- 2020 “Virtual Food Sovereignty Panel Part One,” Food Sovereignty Course, May 7, 2020, Northwest Indian College- Nez Pierce Campus
- 2019 “Kathryn M. Buder Scholar Alumni Panel”, Leadership and Development and Evaluation in Indian Country Course, March 29, 2019, Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO
- 2014 “The Violence Against Women Act-Title IX: Safety for Indian Women,” American Indian/Alaska Social Welfare Policies and Administrative Practices Course, March 2014, Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO
- 2013 “Consensus Building” , Community Development in American Indian & Improvised Rural Communities Course, November 2013, Brown School of Social Work, Washington University in St. Louis,.
- 2013 “Community Development Financial Institutes”, Community Development in American Indian &

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Improvised Rural Communities Course, October 2013, Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis.

2011 Consensus Building, Community Development in American Indian & Improvised Rural Communities, George Warren Brown School Course, Washington University in St. Louis, November 2011

**AWARDED GRANTS**

2020-2022 National Science Foundation. "RAPID: Impact of COVID-19 on Food Access in Indigenous Communities in the Arctic and U.S. Southwest: A Comparative Landscape Analysis." \$197,535. July 2020 – June 2022. Role: Co-PI. PI S.R. Carroll Co-PIs D. B. Ferguson.

2017-2022 National Science Foundation, "Convergence NNA: Networking Indigenous Arctic and U.S. Southwest Communities on Knowledge Co-Production in Data Sciences." \$499,006. Role: Co-PI. PI N. Johnson and Co-PIs S.R. Carroll and D. B. Ferguson

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