

Jason Schlender



An experienced educator, lecturer, and tribal leader with 12+ years of experience assisting tribal nations in enhancing and protecting tribal and educational sovereignty and the practice of treaty rights. A proven track record of using excellent personal, communication and organizational skills to lead innovative economic, educational, and cultural initiatives and improve tribal and state relations. Team player with excellent communication skills, high quality of work, driven and highly self-motivated. Solid negotiating skills, culturally competent, and able to work independently.

Experience

August 2021- Present
Tribal Administrator
St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin

Reports directly to the Tribal Council regarding departments, contracts, and grants.

Provide supervision and direction of program directors and departments.

Participate in negotiations, content edits, and oversight of the implementation of grants/contracts, while ensuring compliance with governmental contracts.

Provide oversight concerning policies and procedures.

September 2019 – present
American Indian Leadership and Civic Engagement Educator/University of Minnesota-Extension, St. Paul, Minnesota

Developing and maintaining equitable partnerships that further enhance Tribal Economic development priorities

Teaching Leadership and Civic Engagement processes and/or programs that build capacity to meet economic development objectives

Developing and maintaining key relationships with counterparts at UM campuses, and tribal colleges.

July 2015 – July 2019
Vice Chairman & Council Member/Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Governing Board, Hayward, WI

Protect and uphold the Tribal Constitution

Protect and defend the rights and resources of the tribe

Represent and advocate for the Lac Courte Oreilles tribe at federal and state level consultations

MAY 2013- July 2015

Professor/ Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe College

I taught all the Native American Studies courses with a focus on Federal Indian Policy and Law, Tribal Sovereignty and Treaty Rights and a student advisor

Skills

Cultural Responsiveness | DEI trainer | Team player | Public Speaking | Ojibwe Language | Treaty Rights practitioner | Communications | Research

Education

First Nations Education, Ed.D, 2022-present
University of Wisconsin- Green Bay, Green Bay, WI

Master of Tribal Administration and Governance 2013
University of Minnesota-Duluth, Duluth, MN
GPA: 3.94

Bachelor of Science, History 2009
University of Wisconsin-Superior, Superior, WI
Specialization: First Nation Studies

Associate of Arts, Native American Studies 2007
Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe Community College, Hayward, WI
Specialization: Ojibwe Language

Activities

Member, St. Croix Economic Development Corporation, 2021-present
Chair & Tribal Rep, Voigt Inter-Tribal Taskforce, 2015-2019
Chair, Big Fish Golf Corporation, 2018-2019
Chair & member, WOJB Board of Directors, 2015-2019
Vice-chairman, Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe School Board, 2017-2019
Member, Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe School Board, 2015-2017
Chairman, Waadookodaading Ojibwe Language Institute, 2014-2019

Presentations

Historical Trauma and Healing through Indigenous Storytelling, University of Illinois, 2023
Treaty Rights Lecture, Wausau West High School, 2023
Treaty Rights and Survival Methods, LCO Ojibwe School, December 2022
Deer Hunting Camp, Forest County Potawatomi, September 2022
Treaties, Alcatraz, and the American Indian Movement, Wausau West High School, May 2022
Ice Fishing Culture Camp, LCO Ojibwe School, January 2022

Deer Hunting Instructional Culture Camp, LCO Ojibwe School November 2021
 Spring Spearfishing Culture Camp, LCO Ojibwe School May 2021
 Ice Fishing Camp, LCO Ojibwe School January 2021
 Thanksgiving Unstuffed, presenter, November 2020
 Nation to Nation, presenter, November 2020
 Conversations with Jay: Ojibwe perspective on Rural Equity Work, November 2020
 Biwabikowanzh, presenter, October 2020
 Growing Group Impact, co-presenter, October 2020
 Navigating Change, co-presenter, September 2020
 Water is Life, Women and Water Symposium, Presenter, July 2020
 White Tailed Deer Hunting Exhibition, Indian Community School, Presenter, October 2019
 Wild Rice Camp, Green Lake Film Festival, Presenter, September 2019
 Ojibwe Treaty Rights, University of Illinois, Presenter, September 2019
 Environmental Subsistence through an Indigenous Lens, Presenter, July 2019
 Act 31 Celebration, Facilitator, August 2016
 LCO Community College Graduation, Keynote, May 2013
 Ojibwe Culture, Lecturer, Washburn Elementary, May 2013
 Walking in Two Worlds, Invocation, April 2013
 Lighting the 7th fire, Panel facilitator, March 2013
 Indinwewininaan, Bayfield School In-Service training, October 2012
 Cancer Awareness Meeting, Invocation, September 2012
 Ayaangwaamizidaa, A Historical Overview of Wisconsin Treaty Rights, August 2012
 Bayfield School In-Service, Language & Culture training, June 11-13, 2012
 Mooniingwanekaaning-Minis, Anishinaabe recollection of Madeline Island, May 2012
 Anisaadiziwin, presenter, WI April 2012
 Ojibwe Storytelling, storyteller, Lac Courte Oreilles, WI February 2012
 Aweneniwiyaanen (I wonder who I am): Examining the core of Anishinaabe Identity, presenter, 2012
 First American Prevention Center, K-12 Red Cliff Wellness Curriculum Teacher Training, Red Cliff, WI
 October 2011
 Superior Stew: A conversation about American Indians in Education, guest lecturer, Superior, WI
 October 2011