

Anna Jacobson

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Education:

B.A., Honors in History, University of Kansas, May 2021 (Double-major in History and Environmental Studies).

History Honors Thesis: *Lead, Leases, and Lies: Land and Power on the Quapaw Reservation in the Early 20th Century*. Advised by Dr. Sara M. Gregg. Defended on April 29, 2021.

Environmental Studies Capstone Project: *Feeding Eudora* – This project worked with the non-government organization United Way to secure grant funding and community outreach materials for the Kansas-based non-profit Feeding Eudora. This project addressed issues such as environmental justice, food deserts, and food security. Gained experience necessary to apply for and manage a variety of grants, cooperative agreements, and/or interagency agreements for the environmental justice program. Gained experience using GIS as a tool for environmental justice.

A.A., Honors, Johnson County Community College, May 2019 (Liberal Arts).

Awards:

Llyod S. Sponholtz Award for Outstanding Honors Thesis, 2021

Donald Worcester Award for Excellence in History, 2021

Lila Atkinson Creighton Memorial Scholarship, 2020

Work Experience:

November 2022 – March 2023, Water Quality and Wetlands Coordinator, Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas, 40hrs/week - Full-Time

Responsible for regular monitoring of surface water quality and wetland biological conditions and applying standard data gathering and analysis techniques to collect and review technical information on environmental activities to fulfill US Environmental Protection Agency Clean Water Act 106 and 104 grant commitments. Gained professional experience working with water quality monitoring field equipment, ELISA, soil sampling, macroinvertebrate collection, community outreach, and data management. Showed skill in project management, and gained knowledge of contracting and grants management procedures, such as managing grant funds and personnel. Worked closely with Region 7 partners, including the EPA Office of Tribal Affairs as well as other Tribal environmental professionals. Gained knowledge of environmental laws and regulations. Gained intermediate knowledge of ESRI ArcGIS tools, data management systems such as Gold Systems AWQMS, Microsoft Office, and Adobe Acrobat. In this position I gained experience necessary to manage a variety of grants, cooperative agreements, and/or interagency agreements for the environmental justice program.

April 2022- Present, Volunteer Archaeological Excavation Team Lead, Quindaro Townsite Project, 8hrs/week - Part Time

Led volunteer archeology teams in the clearing of trees and shrubs to ensure the preservation of the Quindaro Townsite Ruins along with Johnson County Community College professors: Dr. Jim Leiker, Dr. Tai Edwards, Dr. Kristy Wittman Howell, Dr. Bill MacFarland, and Dr. Adam Benfer. Showed ability to serve on teams and workgroups and assist in development, implementation and monitoring of plans and projects to support communities with environmental justice concerns. This was a collaborative project between JCCC, the University of Kansas's Center for Service Learning, and the Quindaro Townsite Project led by Reverend Stacy Evans. Gained basic knowledge in historic preservation programs and archeological experience.

March 2020- March 2022, General Manager, Unbakery and Juicery. 55hrs/week – Full Time

Responsible for daily functions of the cafe, such as managing schedules, resolving conflicts as they arise, and maintaining a workplace culture of respect and care for one another.

Demonstrated ability to work as a team member, coordinate with peers and superiors, and collaborate with team members on projects. As a liaison to external stakeholders, I assisted in the development and delivery of training and technical assistance and showed ability to create training materials for a variety of audiences. Administrative responsibilities include payroll processing, cultivating, and maintaining relationships with wholesale vendors, creating store budgets, and tracking inventory.

January 2019- May 2019, Kansas Studies Institute Intern, Johnson County Community College,
10hrs/week - Part-time

Supervised by KSI Director, Dr. Tai Edwards. Self-directed archival research, oral history transcription, environmental history, environmental justice, public records research, compiled and edited oral histories into peer-reviewed scholarship, event planning and coordinating for benefit for preservation of the Quindaro Townsite ruins February 9, 2019, at JCCC. Showed excelled skill in oral communication, as well as skill in written communication.

Publications:

Jacobson, A. "Facing the Riverfront: Oral Histories from Quindaro." *Kansas History: Journal of the Central Plains* 42.2 (2019): 133-139.