

ALISON GUZMÁN
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Work experience in North America, Latin America and Caribbean; over 15 years in project management and capacity building; over 10 years of community work and international organizations; Skills in five languages, experience in international affairs, logistics and operations management. Over 8 years experience working with indigenous communities and alternative community economies. Special interests in museum studies and cultural spaces in the Americas. Goal oriented, organized, self-starter and team player. Certificate in Museum Studies from the Institute of American Indian Arts. Microsoft Access, Excel, Word, Social Media. Fluent in English, Spanish, and French.

Birthdate: April 22, 1985, Austin TX

EDUCATION

MA 2008 Ethics, Peace, and Global Affairs; Indigenous Rights
School of International Service
The American University, Washington D.C.

BA 2006 International Studies; Minor: Multi-Ethnic Studies
School of International Service
The American University, Washington DC

Professional Certificate 2020 Museum Studies
Institute of American Indian Arts; Santa Fe New Mexico
Advisor: Jessie Ryker-Crawford, PhD *White Earth Chippewa*

Member Affiliations: Community Economies Institute 2020

LANGUAGES

English (Native); Spanish (Excellent), French (Good), Portuguese (Fair), and Guarani (Receptive Bilingual)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Indigenous Community Development- MAPLE Microdevelopment
Mapuche Ancestral Lands**

Program Director; Araucania, Chile (May 2013-present)/ Co-Founder MAPLE Hub

- Project design for indigenous land custodianship and preservation of cultural patrimony
- Community Outreach and Relationship Building: Co-design cultural, economic and environmental projects with indigenous communities

- Research and Reporting: Project and grant management for the alternative community model *Grupo de Apoyo Mutuo* a savings groups (20-40 members) based on community cultural practices;
- Field operations centered on the design of Qualitative and Quantitative Research with community assets and tools linked to community environmental and cultural goals
- Conduct workshops and training on community resource management
- Monitoring and Evaluation on culturally appropriate indicators; Write field reports and updates
- Community outreach and development in the field; work with local indigenous entities and participants using culturally appropriate methods; women-empowered programs
- Administrative Duties: Budget and manage expenses and fiduciary responsibilities
- Donor Development and Engagement: Fundraising, Proposal and grant writing, philanthropic development; donor member relations; partnership development
- Communication Materials: Social media; blogging

**Indigenous Cultural Patrimony-Mapuche Territorial Council of Pucon
Project Manager; Pucon, Chile (February 2020 - Present)**

- Design a computational participatory tool to manage aspects of tangible and intangible heritage preservation and transmission; community managed
- Grant Reporting to the Ministry of Culture, Arts and Patrimony
- Coordinate meetings with tribal Council for community-managed museum online collections; community outreach
- Coordinate workshops linked to object conservation
- Research online archives, digital and virtual tools; project examples

**Mapuche Museum Leandro Penschulef (Catholic University Chile);
Summer Intern; Villarrica, Chile (June-August 2019)**

- Internship credit for Institute of American Indian Arts Museum Studies
- Database Management: Implement and upload collections data for 500 objects into Microsoft Access from hard file copies of Mapuche objects;
- Research funding opportunities
- Represent the Mapuche Council of Pucon for a funding opportunity to the Chile Ministry of Arts, Patrimony and Culture; community engagement with Tribal Leaders
- Translation of Spanish text to English
- Research online database management systems to meet the needs of Tribal community to virtually store files, video recordings, and photographs of cultural objects
- Weekly journal entry and final paper assignment for the Institute of American Indian Arts

**Community Development- Centro LatinoAmericano in partnerships with Beyond Toxics;
Intercultural Project Manager; Oregon U.S. (August 2010 – May 2013)**

- Campaign Leader and Project management and community outreach in low-income and immigrant neighborhoods; environmental justice
- Assist communities in the implementation of participation processes and leadership development
- Organize and facilitate focus groups, community meetings, trainings and workshops in English and Spanish with immigrant communities
- Design, develop, and organize community participation processes
- Invited to deliver lectures on environmental justice at the University of Oregon
- Design and conduct community surveys

**Advisory Services - International Finance Corporation; Access to Finance
Operations Analyst, Trinidad and Tobago (May 2009- July 2010)**

- Support operations team in project management
- Evaluate the current supply of micro-finance in the market for the Caribbean region
- Develop, monitor and evaluate culturally appropriate activities in the field
- Prepare reports and correspondence; provide edit assistance when necessary
- Contribute to research and other analytical support

**Community Development Fund -The International Finance Corporation;
Consultant; Washington DC (July 2007- October 2007; June 2008- March 2009)**

- Support management and oversee the extension of Commdev's Information Clearinghouse as an in-interface for sustainable community projects in Latin America and Africa
- Help design and deliver capacity building and training programs for communities affected by extractive industries
- Populate database on sustainable community participation with important tools, and research, on relevant sources related to business linkages and environmental impact in the extractive industry context
- Help coordinate logistical support and translate resource materials for capacity-building workshops and learning events in Latin America and Africa; Provide logistical and administrative support
- Build relationships with local counterparts and network with international NGOs and clients

Corporate Risk International

International Research Analyst; Washington DC (October 2007- May 2008)

- Perform global compliance research and research global databases
- Corporate Due Diligence, risk management
- Manage and monitor cases for client reports of value-added services
- Translate documents from Spanish, Portuguese and French into English
- Research and analyze databases to compile reports for clients

Counterpart International ; Capacity Building

Graduate Intern; Washington DC (September 2006-May2007)

- Assist in development proposal writing for community mobilization programs in Eastern Europe & Central Asia.
- Provide assistance to proposal development, Monitoring & Evaluation and project management
- Edit program reports and proposals on civic advocacy, anti-corruption, conflict management and mitigation, and institutional development
- Research and participate in proposal development and sustainable development

Management Systems International

Project Manager Intern; Washington DC (November 2004-August 2006)

- Review government contracts and project development in Latin America
- Operate United States Agency for International Development project management and procurement system
- Maximize consultant satisfaction through the management of contract compliance
- Provide logistical support to technical teams and ensure optimal financial performance