

Introducing Our Contributors



Turoa Royal chairs the Executive Board of the World Indigenous Nations Higher Education Consortium. He is Chair of the Council of Te Wānanga-o-Raukawa and Director of Te Tauihu o Ngā Wānanga, which currently hosts the Head Office of WINHEC in New Zealand. He has had a lifetime in education as a classroom teacher, School Principal, College Chief Executive and in various advisory and governance roles. Turoa is from Ngāti Raukawa ki te Tonga, Tama Te Ra and Ngāti Wharara



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Pātaka Moore is an environmental researcher and a tutor at Te Wānanga-o-Raukawa, Ōtaki, New Zealand. He has completed research on projects that focus on rivers and stream restoration, fisheries and lives of people who have lived and worked within the environment. Pātaka is from Ngāti Raukawa ki te Tonga and Ngāti Huia.



Jennifer McAlpin is from the Saulteaux Anishinaabe (Marten Clan) of Northern Minnesota and is an adopted Dine (Maaideezhgeezni Clan). She lives in Oklahoma, USA. Jennifer completed her PhD dissertation in 2008. It examined the importance of supporting indigenous academic identity development in higher education and is titled: Place and being: Higher education as a site for creating Biskabii-Geographies of indigenous academic identity.



Marit Henriksen is a Sea Sámi woman from the northern part of Norway. She grew up in Gámavuonna/Komagfjord in the municipality of Alta but has been living in Guovdageaidnu/ Kautokeino for several years now. Marit has a Masters degree in Sámi language and is currently working on a PhD thesis on the phonology of the Sea Sámi dialect. In connection to this work, she has an interest in place names. Marit is Vice Rector of the Sámi University College where she has been working since 1994.



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