



SHAY PAUL

MULTI-DISCIPLINARY ARTIST

Shay Paul is a Secwepemc multi-media artist, graphic designer, community organizer, public speaker, researcher, and has experience in various field backgrounds.

GET IN CONTACT

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WORK EXPERIENCE

PROJECT DIRECTOR Indigenous Resurgence Project

Kamloops, BC 2019 – Present

Shay founded this project officially in 2019 and has been using the platform to host art exhibitions and activities. In 2021, the project expanded to also offer an online artisan directory, workshop facilitation, and art resources.

Skills

- Administrative planning and organizing
- Financial organizing
- Curatorial work
- Gallery coordination
- Bookkeeping
- Event organizing and planning
- Social media campaigning
- Public speaking
- TV and radio interviews

SELF EMPLOYED – FREELANCE SERVICE PROVIDER Ambush Art

Kamloops, BC 2019 – Present

Shay has been a practicing freelance artist and designer since 2019 and has since expanded her services to reflect her work experience. Alongside visual arts commissions and digital design, she offers community engagement consulting, arts-based workshop facilitation, and presentations.

Skills

- Administrative planning and organizing
- Event planning and organizing
- Facilitation
- Public speaking
- Graphic design
- Web design
- Brand design
- Social media management

FOOD SOVEREIGNTY PROJECT COORDINATOR Tk'emlúps te Secwepemc

Kamloops, BC March 2022 – November 2022

Shay was hired to help foster and establish the food sovereignty pilot project at Tk'emlúps te Secwepemc. This project required extensive hours and early project planning and development. Shay worked mostly unsupervised and was responsible for 2 student workers who participated in an 18-week experiential work program.

Skills

- Administrative planning
- Project development and roadmapping
- Community engagement
- Shift scheduling
- Student-worker supervision
- Material ordering and acquisition
- Public speaking
- TV and radio interviews

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE & INTEREST

KNOWLEDGE MAKERS INDIGENOUS RESEARCH MENTORSHIP

Thompson Rivers University

Kamloops, BC, February 2023 – Current

Food Security and Sovereignty in Indigenous Communities

Shay has worked with one of Canada's Research Chairs in three rural Indigenous communities in the background of food sovereignty and food security, also applying previous experience organizing and facilitating workshops to build on community engagement and interaction.

UNDERGRADUATE ASSISTANT

Wapekeka & Kasabonika Lake FN

Treaty 9 Territory, Ontario, May 2019

- Assistant to Dr. Michael Robidoux, Indigenous Health Research Group
- Designing large-scale garden plots
- Constructed raised garden beds
- Renovated pre-existing greenhouse structures
- Engage community in food-security responses
- Holding community-based educational workshops
- Distribute resources to interested community members

UNDERGRADUATE ASSISTANT

Deh Gáh Got'ıę FN

Treaty 11 Territory, Northwest Territories, May 2021

- Assistant to Masters Research Student, Emalee Vandermale
 - Design and create information graphics
 - Organize and facilitate workshops with children and youth
 - Repair and improve greenhouse structures
 - Hold community-based educational workshops
 - Distribute resources to interested community members.
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Indigenous Arts Representation in the BC Southern Interior

UNDERGRADUATE PRIMARY RESEARCHER

Thompson Rivers University

Kamloops, British Columbia, February 2025

REB Approved, Paper Under Review: Indigenous Art in the Western Canon and the Fight for Recognition for Indigenous Artists in Tkemlúps (Kamloops)

REB Application Pending: From Campus to Community: Mapping the Indigenous Arts Landscape in Tkemlúps for Indigenous Students and Alumni

PUBLICATIONS

Paul, S. (2024). Analyzing Food Sovereignty in Secwepemc'ulucw: Finding a Pathway to Indigenous Dietary Health Through Cultural Reconnection. *Knowledge Makers Indigenous Research Journal* (9), pp. 9-17. Thompson Rivers University Press.

EDUCATION

Highschool Diploma

Kamloops School of the Arts
Kamloops, BC 2018

Horticulture Certificate

Thompson Rivers University
Kamloops, BC 2018 – 2019

Sociology Undergrad

Thompson Rivers University
Kamloops, BC 2019–Current

AWARDS

2nd Place Established 2d Artist

Art Exposed
Kamloops Arts Council
2025

Knowledge Makers Research Scholarship Award

Thompson Rivers University
2023

CURATORIAL WORK

3rd Annual Redefining the Perspective: the many forms of Indigenous art

Curator
Kamloops, BC June, 2025

2nd Annual Redefining the Perspective: the many forms of Indigenous art

Curator
Kamloops, BC June, 2024

Redefining the Perspective: the many forms of Indigenous art

Curator
Kamloops, BC June – July, 2023

illumiNATIVE: Indigenous Youth Exhibition

Curator
Kamloops, BC October 2020

Indigenous Resurgence Exhibition

Curator, Event Manager
Kamloops, BC August 2019

Artists for Reconciliation Interactive Exhibition

Curator, Event Manager
Kamloops, BC May 2018

EVENT & MARKET MANAGEMENT

2 Rivers Remix: Tk'emlups Music Festival

Event Coordinator, Market Coordinator
Kamloops, BC July 2024

28th Annual Kamloops Film Festival

Festival Coordinator
Kamloops, BC March 2024

2nd Annual Indigenous Film Festival

Festival Coordinator
Kamloops, BC October, 2023

2 Rivers Remix: Tk'emlups Music Festival

Event Coordinator, Market Coordinator
Kamloops, BC July 2023

Artist's Gathering: Navigating A Digital Age

Event Coordinator
Kamloops, BC February 2023

2022 Kweseltken Kristmas Market

Main Event and Market Coordinator
Kamloops, BC November 2022

2 Rivers Remix "WE ARE STILL HERE" Music Festival

Market Coordinator
Lillooet, Kamloops, Cache Creek – July 2022

Re-Awakening Concert

Main Event and Market Coordinator
Kamloops, BC June 2022

Indigenous Voices in Fashion 2022

Co-organizer, Market Coordinator
Chase, BC June 2022

Kweseltken Kristmas Market

Main Event and Market Coordinator
Kamloops, BC November 2021

Indigenous Resurgence Fashion Show

Event Manager
Kamloops, BC August 2019

EXHIBITIONS

Art Exposed

Kamloops Arts Council, 2025 – Juried

Fantastic Fungi

Salmon Arm, 2024 – Group Exhibition

2nd Annual Redefining the Perspective: the many forms of Indigenous art

Kamloops, 2024 – Group Exhibition

sel-couth: smoke and shadow Exhibiton

Kamloops, 2023 – Solo Exhibition

Redefining the Perspective: the many forms of Indigenous art

Kamloops, 2023 – Group Exhibition

illumiNATIVE: Indigenous Youth Exhibition

Kamloops, 2020 – Solo Exhibition

Indigenous Resurgence Exhibition

Kamloops, 2019 – Group Exhibition

Artists for Reconciliation Interactive Exhibition

Kamloops, 2018 – Group Exhibition

PROFESSIONAL AFFILITATIONS

Music for the People

Board of Directors

Director-at-large

November 2024 –Present

Arts BC

Board of Directors

Thompson-Okanagan Regional Director

June 2023 –Present

City of Kamloops

Arts & Culture Engagement Committee

Committee Member

April 2022–Present

Farm to Cafeteria Canada

Indigenous Foodways

Project Advisor

March 2024 – Present

Indigenous Climate Adaptation Working Group (ICAWG)

Youth Advisor

July 2022 – March 2023

REFERENCES

Dr. Courtney Mason

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