

# Crystal Miller

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Enrolled citizen, Walker River Paiute Tribe

## EDUCATION

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### University of Arizona

PhD in American Indian Studies (GPA 4.0)

Focus: Federal Indian Law and Policy/Tribal Constitution Reform

Committee Chair: Dr. Mary Jo Tippeconnic Fox (Commanche)

**Tucson, AZ**

Graduation Date: May 2025

### Arizona State University

MS in American Indian Studies (GPA 3.7)

Committee Chair: Dr. David Martinez (O'ohdam)

- Thesis: Where Sovereignty Lies: The Walker River Paiute Tribe's Fight to Defend and Protect Unceded Lands and Sacred Sites from U.S. Militarization
- Organization/Awards: Honors, AIGSA, President's List

**Tempe, AZ**

Graduation Date: July 2022

### Humboldt State University

BA in Social Work (Rural and Indigenous Communities) (GPA 3.8)

Minor in Native American Studies (Culture and Community) (GPA 4.0)

- Organization/Awards: Deans List, President's List

**Arcata, CA**

Graduation Date: May 2020

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### Fresno City College

AA in American Indian Studies (GPA 3.5)

- Organization/Awards: Deans List

**Fresno, CA**

Graduation Date: May 2018

## Teaching Experience

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### Adjunct Lecturer

California State University San Marcos

AIS 307: American Indian Women and Activism

January 2025- May 2025

### Adjunct Lecturer

California State University San Marcos

AIS 101: Introduction to American Indian Studies

January 2025 – May 2025

### Adjunct Lecturer

California State University San Marcos

AIS 101: Introduction to American Indian Studies

August 2024 - December 2024

### Interim Instructor

California State Polytechnic, Humboldt

NAS 101: Introduction to Native American Studies

January 2023 – May 2023

## Research Experience

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Native American Fish and Wild Life Society Research & Publication Committee

**Northglen, CO**

2023

**Desert Research Institute**  
Climate Education Fellow

**Reno, NV**  
2023- Present

**Curriculum Development**  
Climate Change Curriculum Development for the Walker River Paiute Tribe

**Schurz, NV**  
2022

**Walker River Paiute Tribe**  
Lead Naval Researcher

**Schurz, NV**  
2021-22

## **HONORS AND AWARDS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

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Native Leadership Institute Cohort	2024-25
Russell J. and Dorothy S. Bilinski Fellow	2024-25
Emerging Professional of the Year, Native American Fish and Wildlife Society	2023
Native American Fish and Wild Life Society National Scholarship	2023
Native Forward (AIGC) Scholarship	2023-24
American Indian Studies GIDP Graduate College Fellowship	2023
Native American Fish and Wild Life Society National Scholarship	2022
American Indian Studies Graduate College Fellowship	2022
Native Forward (AIGC) Scholarship	2022
ASU Graduate College Fellowship Award	2021-22
Arizona State University: The College Student Leader	2021
ASU Graduate College Fellowship Award	2020-21
American Indian Graduate College: Special Higher Education Program (SHEP)	2021
Jack Montoya Scholarship	2020
NV/CA Housing Authority Scholarship	2018-20
Walker River Paiute Tribal Scholarship	2018-20
ASU Writing Workshop Scholarship	2020
President's List	2020-22
Dean's List	2018-20

## **POLICIES DEVELOPED**

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<b>Walker River Paiute Tribe</b> Constitution and Ordinance Committee Bylaws	<b>Schurz, NV</b> 2024
<b>Walker River Paiute Tribe</b> Human Resources Policies	<b>Schurz, NV</b> 2024
<b>Walker River Paiute Tribe</b> Temporary Shelter Policies and Contracts	<b>Schurz, NV</b> 2024

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

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<b>Alliance for Tribal Clean Energy</b> Deputy Senior Advisory of Policy, Tax and Federal Government Relations	<b>Washington, D.C.</b> August 2024- Present
<b>Sovereignty First Native Consulting Firm</b> Chief Executive Officer, Owner	<b>Schurz, NV</b> May 2024- Present
<b>Walker River Paiute Tribe</b> Tribal Administrator	<b>Schurz, NV</b> 2023- 2024
<b>University of Arizona, Native Nations Institute</b> Manager of Tribal and Direct Services	<b>Tucson, AZ</b> 2022-2023
<b>Walker River Paiute Tribe</b> Program Director/CEO	<b>Schurz, NV</b> 2017-21

## **INTERNSHIPS**

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<b>Walker River Paiute Tribe</b> Water Resources and Land Department	<b>Schurz, NV</b> 2021- 21
<b>Walker Rive Paiute Tribe</b> Social Services/ICWA	<b>Schurz, NV</b> 2019-20
<b>Walker River Paiute Tribe</b> Elder's Center	<b>Schurz, NV</b> 2018-19

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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<b>IdeaFest: Interdisciplinary Journal of Creative Works and Research from Humboldt State University</b> Reclaiming Indigenous Women's Roles in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1<sup>st</sup> Author</li></ul>	<b>Arcata, CA</b> 2020
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## **INVITED PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOPS AND ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS**

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<b>Nevada State Legislature Presentation (Invited)</b> Testified on Behalf of the Walker River Paiute Tribe	<b>Schurz, NV</b> 2024
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<b>Salish Kootenai College Workshop (Invited)</b> Protecting Sovereignty by Applying Indigenous Education	<b>Pablo, MT</b> 2023
<b>Washington DC Congressional Interns Program Udall Center</b> Instructor	<b>Washington DC</b> 2023
<b>Native American Fish and Wildlife Society National Conference</b> Co-Stewardship Initiatives and Abroad Models	<b>Anchorage, AK</b> 2023
<b>Washington DC Congressional Interns Program Udall Center</b> Instructor	<b>Washington DC</b> 2022
<b>Indian Nations Conservation Alliance Workshop (Invited)</b> Government to Government Relations	<b>Hondah, AZ</b> 2023
<b>Bureau of Indian Affairs Workshop (Invited)</b> Tribal Relations Training	<b>Sacramento, CA</b> 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presented on past tribal relations with federal entities</li> <li>• Trained 100 BIA attendees on tribal relational practices between federal and tribal entities</li> </ul>	
<b>United Tribes Technical College Tribal Leaders Summit Conference</b> The Economic Challenge of Native Nation Building	<b>Bismarck, ND</b> 2022
<b>Native American Fish and Wildlife Society Regional Conference</b> Indigenous Climate Change Curriculum	<b>Albuquerque, NM</b> 2022
<b>Native American Fish and Wildlife Society Regional Conference</b> Cultural and Sacred Site Protection	<b>Albuquerque, NM</b> 2022
<b>Nevada State Legislature Presentation (Invited)</b> Testified on Behalf of the Walker River Paiute Tribe to protect their Sacred Sites	<b>Nixon, NV</b> 2021
<b>American Indian Student Association Conference (AISA)</b> Healing Historical Trauma	<b>Tempe, AZ</b> 2020

## **CERTIFICATES**

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<b>Arizona State University</b> Graduate Writing Workshop	<b>Tempe, AZ</b> 2021
<b>National Indian Justice Center</b> Certificate Program	<b>Larkfield, CA</b> 2022
<b>Pathway to Law Initiative</b> Native American Pathway to Law program	<b>Tempe, AZ</b> 2021
<b>Humboldt State University</b> Certificate Program	<b>Arcata, CA</b> 2020
<b>University of Nevada, Reno</b>	<b>Reno, NV</b>

Grant Writing Workshop

2019

## GRANTS

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**Community Change Grant (Awarded)**  
\$19.8 million

**Walker River Paiute Tribe**  
2023

**Recycling Grant Program (Awarded)**  
\$75,000

**Walker River Paiute Tribe**  
2023

## LEADERSHIP

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**Public Lands Rule Advisory Council Nomination**  
Nominated by: Walker River Paiute Tribe  
Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California  
National Women’s Resource Center  
Indigenous Grassroots Council  
Indigenous Led

**Department of the Interior**  
**Washington, DC**  
2024

**Secretary Tribal Advisory Committee**  
Nominated by: Walker River Paiute Tribe  
Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe

**Department of the Interior**  
**Washington, DC**  
2023

**UMass Chan Medical School**  
Lifeline for Moms Postpartum Mental Health National Advisory Council

**Worcester, MA**  
2022-Present

**Walker River Paiute Tribe**  
Secretary – Empowering Community Alliance

**Schurz NV**  
2023 - Present

## SERVICE/OUTREACH

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**Save Our Schools Arizona Network**  
Walking in Two Worlds

**Chandler, AZ**  
2021

**Fresno City College**  
Cultural Community Service/Facilitation

**Fresno, CA**  
2018

**Minarets High School**  
Youth Conference Keynote Speaker

**Auberry, CA**  
2018

## MEMBERSHIPS

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- American Indian Graduate Student Association Member
- ITEPP- Humboldt State University

## REFERENCES

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- On request