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**EDUCATION AND WORK:**

2008-2010 Co-Chair, Indigenous Peoples Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers (AAG). (Board member, 2006-2008).

2005-Present Professor of Geography and Native American and Indigenous Studies, The Evergreen State College, Olympia, Washington.

*Co-taught undergraduate programs such as:*

A People's Geography of American Empire,  
American Frontiers: Homelands & Borderlands,  
Anti-Indian Movements: Origins, Images and Responses,  
Blood and Borders: Tradition and Transformation in Central Europe,  
Catastrophe: Community Resilience in the Face of Disaster,  
Commodities, Conflict, and Cooperation,  
Conceptualizing Place: Pacific Northwest Native Art and Geographies,  
Decolonizing Place Names,  
Food, Place, and Culture,  
Indigenous Natural Resource Management on the Pacific Rim.  
Making Effective Change: Social Movement Organizing & Activism,  
Native Decolonization in the Pacific Rim (three class trips to New Zealand),  
Political Economy and Social Movements,  
Resource Rebels: Environmental Justice Movements Building Hope,  
Revitalizing Community (Student-Originated Studies),

*Graduate programs:*

Climate Change and Pacific Rim Indigenous Peoples (Evergreen Master of Public Administration–Tribal Governance program).  
Supervised theses on tribal resource management and collaborative responses to climate crisis (Evergreen Master of Environmental Studies program).  
Ph.D. dissertation committees (Oxford University, Columbia University, Concordia University of Montreal, University of Victoria, Université Bordeaux Montaigne).

2002-2005 Assistant Professor of Geography and American Indian Studies, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

*Taught courses:*

Native Geographies, Introduction to American Indian Studies,  
International Environmental Problems and Policy,  
Human Geography,  
Geography of Russia and Eastern Europe.

*Faculty/student collaborative research projects:*

Rural Somali and Hmong immigrants, Native sustainable agriculture.

- 1998-2002 Ph.D. in Geography, with Graduate Minor in American Indian Studies,  
University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- Dissertation: *Unlikely Alliances: Treaty Conflicts and Environmental Cooperation between Native American and Rural White Communities*, on tribal alliances with white resource users (farmers, ranchers, fishers) from the 1970s to the 2000s.  
Funding: Udall Dissertation Fellowship and University of Wisconsin Fellowship.  
Graduate Advisor: Dr. William Cronon.  
Lecturer on Map Reading and Interpretation (1999-2001).
- 1998 M.S. in Geography,  
University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- Thesis: “Reflections on the Development of  
*Wisconsin’s Past and Present: A Historical Atlas.*”
- 1996-2000 Vice President, Wisconsin Cartographers’ Guild  
Madison, Wisconsin
- 1987-1996 Cartographic editor, Mapping Specialists, Ltd.  
Madison, Wisconsin
- 1986-1987 Assistant Editor, General Learning Corporation  
*World Newsmaps of the Week* and *Newsmaps of U.S. History*  
Northbrook, Illinois
- 1984-1985 Assistant Copy Editor, Encyclopædia Britannica, Inc.  
Chicago, Illinois
- 1984 B.S. in Geography and B.A. in History,  
University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 1979 Graduated from Blake Schools,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

**BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS:**

- 2024 *Mountain Name Change Project* (report by Evergreen students in “Decolonizing Place Names” to Puyallup Tribe Heritage Division, on changing Mount Rainier’s name).
- 2022-23 *Olympia’s Hidden Histories* (ArcGIS StoryMaps walking tours by students in Evergreen’s “American Frontiers” and “Taking Back Empire” on the displacement of Indigenous, immigrant, and natural communities in downtown Olympia. Recipient of 2024 Heritage Award from the Olympia Historical Society).  
<https://artforces.org/hiddenhistories>
- 2021 *Removing Barriers: Restoring Salmon Watersheds through Tribal Alliances* (online publication on dam, dike, and culvert removals, with Alexander McCarty and students in Evergreen’s “Conceptualizing Place: Pacific Northwest Native Art and Geographies”). Download two parts at <https://sites.evergreen.edu/removingbarriers>

- 2017 *Unlikely Alliances: Native Nations and White Communities Join to Defend Rural Lands* (Seattle: University of Washington Press Indigenous Confluences series); Foreword by Winona LaDuke.  
Website: <https://sites.evergreen.edu/unlikelyalliances>
- 2012 *Asserting Native Resilience: Pacific Rim Indigenous Nations Face the Climate Crisis* (Corvallis, Ore.: Oregon State University Press). Co-edited anthology with Alan Parker, as an initiative of the “First Peoples: New Directions in Native Studies” collaboration of four university presses.  
Foreword by Billy Frank, Jr.; Contributed sections of anthology.  
Web: <http://osupress.oregonstate.edu/book/asserting-native-resilience>  
TEDx talk: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UoCRa9mT4Qs>
- 2010 Co-authored “Declaration of Key Questions about Research Ethics with Indigenous Communities,” with the Indigenous Peoples Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers (AAG).
- 2006 *Climate Change and Pacific Rim Indigenous Nations*  
Edited report to tribal government leadership, by the Northwest Indian Applied Research Institute (Olympia, Wash.: The Evergreen State College).
- 2000 *Mapping Wisconsin History*  
Teacher’s guide accompanying *Wisconsin’s Past and Present*, by the Wisconsin Cartographers’ Guild (Madison, Wis.: State Historical Society of Wisconsin Office of School Services).
- 1998 *Wisconsin’s Past and Present: A Historical Atlas*  
by the Wisconsin Cartographers’ Guild (Madison, Wis.: University of Wisconsin Press). Chief editor; produced maps and text. Three printings of 5,000 each; winner of the 1999 State Historical Society Book Award of Merit.

**SELECTED ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS:**

- 2025 “Tribal Collaborations in Developing Place-Based Pedagogies for Public-Facing Student Projects,” in *The Professional Geographer*.
- 2024 “Intercultural Alliances” in edited volume *Environmental Justice in North America*. Paul C. Rosier, ed. (Routledge).
- 2024 “Lessons of Kristallnacht, “Civil War,” and Mass Deportation,” on *Counterpunch*, Z.
- 2021 “The Resilience Doctrine: A Primer on Disaster Collectivism in the Climate and Pandemic Crises,” 4-part article series in *Counterpunch*; presented as 2-part lecture to Evergreen’s Pandemic Academy (2020).  
<https://sites.evergreen.edu/zoltan/The-Resilience-Doctrine>
- 2021 Chapter on “Indigenous Methods” (with Renee Pualani Louis) in *Research Ethics for Human Geography: A Handbook for Students*, Helen F. Wilson & Jonathan Darling, eds. (SAGE Publishing).

- 2019 “Native/Non-Native Alliances: Challenging Fossil Fuel Industry Shipping at Pacific Northwest Ports,” In *Environmental Activism on the Ground: Small Green and Indigenous Organizing*, Jonathan Clapperton & Liza Piper, eds. (University of Calgary Press).
- 2018 “Māori Opposition to Fossil Fuel Extraction in Aotearoa New Zealand” in *Racial Ecologies*, Nishime, Leilani, and Kim D. Hester Williams, eds. (University of Washington Press).
- 2016 “Where are the Cowboys in the Standing Rock standoff?,” on *Counterpunch*, Z.
- 2014 “The Fish Helped to Bring People Together: An Interview with Zoltán Grossman,” in *Nation to Nation: Treaties Between the United States & American Indian Nations*, Suzan Harjo, ed. (Smithsonian Books).
- 2014 “The Cowboy Indian Alliance Rises to Protect our Common Land and Water,” *CommonDreams, Portside*.
- 2013 “Unlikely Alliances: Idle No More, and Building Bridges Through Native Sovereignty,” *Unsettling America, Counterpunch, Z*.
- 2010 “The Native Renaissance of Washington's Tribal Nations,” *Association of American Geographers (AAG) Newsletter* (November).
- 2008 "Indigenous Nations' Responses to Climate Change," *American Indian Culture and Research Journal* (AICRJ) Vol. 32, No. 3.
- 2007 "Anti-Indian Movements," in *Encyclopedia of Race and Racism*, (Farmington Hills, Mich.: Thomson Gale / Macmillan Reference USA).
- 2007 "Somali Immigrant Settlement in Small Midwestern U.S. Communities: The Case of Barron, Wisconsin," with Jessica Schaid in *From Mogadishu to Dixon: The Somali Diaspora in a Global Context*, Abdi Kusow and S. Bjørk, eds. (Lawrenceville, N.J.: Africa World Press/The Red Sea Press).
- 2006 “Native Americans,” with Kate A. Berry and Homana Pawiki, in *Contemporary Ethnic Geographies in America*, Ines M. Miyares and Christopher A. Airriess, eds. (Lanham, Md.: Rowman & Littlefield).
- 2006 "A Century of U.S. Military Interventions: From Wounded Knee to Iraq," in *U.S. History Uncensored: What Your High School Textbook Didn't Tell You*, by Carolyn Baker (iUniverse, Inc.). Updated at <https://sites.evergreen.edu/zoltan/interventions>
- 2005 "Unlikely Alliances: Treaty Conflicts and Environmental Cooperation Between Native American and Rural White Communities," *American Indian Culture and Research Journal* (AICRJ) Vol. 29, No. 4.
- 2004 "Defending a Common Home: Native/non-Native alliances against mining companies in Wisconsin." with Dr. Al Gedicks in *In the Way of Development: Indigenous Peoples, Civil Society, & the Environment*. (London: Zed Press).

- 2003 "From Enemies to Allies," with Debra McNutt, in *Multiracial Formations: New Instruments for Social Change*, Gary Delgado, ed. (Oakland, Calif: Applied Research Center).
- 2001 "Let's Not Create Evilness for This River: Interethnic Environmental Alliances of Native Americans and Rural Whites in Northern Wisconsin," in *Forging Radical Alliances Across Difference: Coalition Politics for the New Millennium*. Jill M. Bystydzienski and Steven P. Schacht, eds. (Lanham, Md.: Rowman & Littlefield).
- 1992 "Indian Issues and Anti-Indian Organizing," in *When Hate Groups Come to Town: A Handbook of Effective Community Responses*. (Atlanta: Center for Democratic Renewal).

**Other publications:** <https://sites.evergreen.edu/zoltan/zoltanwritings/>

**Other presentations:** <https://sites.evergreen.edu/zoltan/zoltantalks/>

**SERVICE PROJECTS AND AWARDS:**

- 2024-25 Member of Investment Policy Disappearing Task Force (DTF), formed as part of Evergreen State College agreement with Evergreen Gaza Solidarity Encampment.
- 2021-Present Advisory Board member for Evergreen's Center for Climate Action and Sustainability. Coordination group for Climate Justice and Resilience Speaker and Event Series.
- 2020-2023 Board member of Rachel Corrie Foundation for Peace and Justice
- 2019 Coordinator of "Oceania Rising: Peace Pivot to the Pacific" speaking tour of Okinawa, Guam, Hawai'i community organizers to the Pacific Northwest.
- 2016 Visiting Scholar at University of Hawai'i-Mānoa Department of Geography, conducting spring sabbatical research on military bases and Native Hawaiians.
- 2014 Recipient of "Enhancing Diversity Award" by the Association of American Geographers, with four colleagues in Indigenous Peoples Specialty Group.
- 2013 Conference organizer for Weaving Indigenous and Sustainability Sciences: Diversifying our Methods (WIS<sup>2</sup>DOM) Workshop, The Evergreen State College Longhouse, and Nisqually Tribe Field Tour. Contributed to NSF publication.
- 2012 Volunteer for Tribal Canoe Journey preparations at Squaxin Island Tribe, as part of Revitalizing Community program; developed "Guidelines for Working with Native Communities," The Evergreen State College.
- 2011 Member of Name Change Committee of The Evergreen State College and Squaxin Island Tribe (to change "Squaw Point" back to its Coast Salish name).
- 2010-Present Advisory board for Center for Community-Based Learning and Action (CCBLA).
- 2009 Organizer of Blue Line March along Olympia's sea-level rise shoreline, as part of the 350.org International Day of Climate Action.

- 2008 Attended United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues climate change session, New York, as an Observer from International Geographical Union's Indigenous Peoples' Knowledges and Rights Commission.
- 2008-2014 Civilian member of board of directors of G.I. Voice, and its Coffee Strong resource center for soldiers and veterans, near Joint Base Lewis-McChord.
- 2007 Organizing committee member for Citizens' Hearing on the Legality of U.S. Actions in Iraq (edited report of tribunal held at Evergreen-Tacoma).
- 2006-Present Climate Change and Pacific Rim Indigenous Peoples Project, The Evergreen State College. Co-organized 2015 and 2017 Indigenous Climate Justice Symposiums. <https://sites.evergreen.edu/indigenousclimate>
- 2006-2012 Senior Research Associate, Northwest Indian Applied Research Institute, The Evergreen State College, Olympia, Wash.
- 2003-2005 Member of Eau Claire Staff and Faculty for Peace and Justice. Faculty advisor to Amnesty International at University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.
- 2001 Excellence in Media Award (Concerned Citizens of Newport, Wisconsin).
- 2001 Organizer, Citizens' Assembly for a Democratic & Sustainable Wisconsin
- 2000 Coalition Building and Mobilization Award (Mining Impact Coalition, Wis.)
- 1998 Hilary J. Waukau Environmental Excellence Award (Menominee Tribe).
- 1998 Stewardship Award for Citizen Achievement (WI Stewardship Network).
- 1996-2002 Host of "A Public Affair" call-in program on WORT Radio, Madison.
- 1995-2005 Co-founder of Wolf Watershed Educational Project to protect the Wolf River and Mole Lake from the proposed Crandon mine, Wisconsin.
- 1993-1994 Co-coordinator of Protect The Earth Gatherings on the Lac du Flambeau and Mole Lake reservations, Wisconsin.
- 1989-2005 Co-founder and Board of Directors member of Midwest Treaty Network
- 1988-1992 Trained Witnesses for Nonviolence for Ojibwe (Chippewa) spearfishing crisis
- 1985 Visited Philippine environmental and tribal groups as free-lance journalist.
- 1980-1984 Co-founder of Wisconsin Action Group for Environmental Responsibility.
- 1978-1980 Member of Black Hills Alliance, Minneapolis. International organizer for the Black Hills International Survival Gathering, South Dakota.

**Other service:** <https://sites.evergreen.edu/zoltan/zoltanservice/>