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## DENISE SWEET

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### Profile

Offering professional and responsible work performance in direct and in supervisory capacities. Achievements in education, awards, and in publications. Consultancies in a broad range of projects.

### Experience

#### First Nations Organizer, 2018- present

- community organizing; voter education, voter engagement
- supervise 6 regional organizers
- [dee@conservationvoters.org](mailto:dee@conservationvoters.org)

#### Writer, 1980- present

- poetry, short story, creative non-fiction, blogger
- [www.deesweet.com](http://www.deesweet.com)

#### Associate Professor, 1991-2009

- Faculty member, Department of Humanistic Studies (HUS), UW- Green Bay
- Full course load during academic year with release time for advising student organizations and chair responsibilities
- Served as faculty senator and as chair for HUS and First Nations Studies departments
- Awarded Professor Emeritus status

#### Director of Conferences and Institutes, 1987-1991

- Developed, organized, and implemented various education programs for Arts and Sciences Outreach and UW- Extension at UW- Eau Claire: International Conference on Central America, Communiversity, WI Indian Arts Festival, Elderhostel, Rural Institute on Alcohol and Other Drugs of Abuse, WI Indian Youth Conference, to name a few.

#### Research Assistant, 1985-1987

- Assistant to the Dean of Graduate Studies and historical scholar, UW-Eau Claire, Dr. Ronald N. Satz
  - Editorial assistant for publication, Chippewa Treaty Rights (Satz, UW-Press:1991)
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### **Mentoring Assistant, 1980-1985**

- Assistant to mentoring program sponsored by the Adult Opportunity Program at UW- Eau Claire
- Student Assistant for American Ethnic Coordinating Office, UW- Eau Claire
- Student Lecturer, Foundations of Education Department, UW- Eau Claire

### **Education**

#### **University of WI- Eau Claire**

- B.A. English ~ First Nations Studies (3.35 cum. gpa) 1985
- M.A. English ~ Creative Writing (3.75 cum.gpa) 1987
- Master's Thesis: "That's What They Say: Oral Narratives of the Anishinaabeg/Ojibwe of the Great Lakes Region." UW-Eau Claire, 1987.

### **Skills**

- Community Organizing, primarily communities of color, First Nations
- curricular development and instruction, higher education
- Academic research
- Event/Program Development and Implementation
- Office Management and Supervisory Skills
- Extensive Public Speaking
- Grants writing
- Advanced Oral and Written Communication Skills
- Author/Contributor- 5 books of poetry, edited 3 anthologies of poetry, one published and distributed in So. Africa.

### **Awards**

- WI Posner Award for Poetry, 2019 (Council for WI Writers, Honorable Mention)
  - WI Posner Award for Poetry, 1998 (Council for WI Writers) 1st Place
  - Decorah Award for Poetry, 1998 (Native Writers of the Americas)
  - Outstanding Woman of Color, 1995, 1998 (WI Women's Council)
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● WI Poet Laureate, 2004-2008, appointed by WI Gov. James Doyle

● Distinguished Alumni Award, UW-Eau Claire, 2007

### References

● Ms. Julia McLester, Project Coordinator, Wise Women Gathering Place,  
920-490-0627

● Ms. Michelle Cottrell, Activities Coordinator, Elder Services, 920-869-1551

● Ms. Lois Strong, Director Oneida Commission on Aging, 920-869-2214

### Other

Cook, Manna For Life Soup Kitchen/Food Pantry, Green Bay, WI

● 9-12 hours/wk, volunteer, March 2018-present.

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