
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

Writer, 1980- present

- poetry, short story, creative non-fiction, blogger
- 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)

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)

- 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.