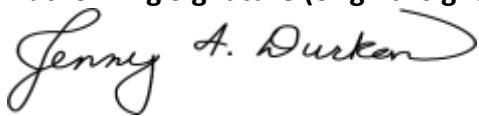




City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Racquel West</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Seattle Arts Commission</i>		Position Title: <i>Get Engaged Member</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		Council Confirmation required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Appointing Authority: <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	Date Appointed: 9/28/2020	Term of Position: * 9/1/2020 to 8/31/2021 <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
Residential Neighborhood: <i>West Seattle (District 1)</i>	Zip Code: 98116	Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED]
Background: <i>Racquel (she/her) grew up in West Seattle and recently graduated from the University of Washington-Seattle with a dual degree in Geography and History with a minor in American Indian Studies. She studies the physicality of representations within tribal museums and for marginalized communities which is useful in her current job as the Collections Outreach Coordinator for the Bill Holm Center for the Study of Northwest Native Art at the Burke Museum where she helps facilitate community visits to and with collections at the museum.</i>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): 		Appointing Signatory: <i>Jenny A. Durkan</i> <i>Mayor of Seattle</i>

*Term begin and end date is fixed and tied to the position and not the appointment date.

Racquel West

Education

B.A. in Geography and History, Minor in American Indian Studies Spring 2020
University of Washington - Seattle
Honors Geography Thesis: "And Still We Rise: We are all the Other in the PNW." Spring 2020
Honors History Thesis: "A 'Nurse Log:' How the Suquamish Museum Fosters Hybrid Landscapes." March 2019

Research Interest

Museum Spaces, Tribal Museum Spaces, Community Engagement, Indigeneity

Research Experience

Honors Geography Thesis May 2019 – June 2020
Department of Geography, University of Washington – Seattle
Advisor: Megan Ybarra

- Organize leadership team in order to distribute tasks
- Reach out to communities of color on campus
- Lead meetings to collaborate between those who decide to participate in the art gallery
- Curate theme throughout the art gallery, combining different ideas between the various participants to foster a cohesive narrative
- Create reflection points throughout gallery to deepen engagement with themes of gallery
- Fundraised \$7,000 for event planning, rentals and honoraria

Honors History Thesis April 2018 – March 2019
Department of History, University of Washington – Seattle
Advisor: Joshua L. Reid

- Collaborated with the Suquamish Tribe on the research, highlighting Indigenous knowledge systems
- Used Indigenous theories (hybrid landscapes) through a Historical methodology to structure the project
- Designed and conducted archival research to write history of Suquamish tribal museum
- Organized and facilitated two interviews for the project

Research Assistant September 2018 – December 2018
University of Washington – Seattle
Advisor: Megan Ybarra

- Created historical timeline of the Puyallup Indian Reservation
- Reviewed government documents to analyze policies that affected the Puyallup Tribe and their reservation

Honors & Awards

- College of Arts & Sciences Dean's Medalist, 2020
- Husky 100, 2020
- Chester William Fritz scholarship, 2019-2020
- Research Scholarship from the Mary Gates Endowment for Students, 2019
- Chester William Fritz scholarship, 2018-2019
- Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program (McNair Fellowship), 2019

Conference Presentations

Undergraduate Research Symposium May 2019
University of Washington – Seattle
Association of Washington Geographers April 2019
Central Washington University – Ellensburg
UW Summer Undergraduate Research Poster Symposium August 2016

University of Washington – Seattle

Professional Experience

Archiving, Suquamish Museum

April 2019 – present

Port Madison Indian Reservation

- Digitize manuscripts for filing records within collections
- Organize manuscripts to better access them

Collections Outreach Coordinator, Bill Holm Center (BHC)

November 2019 – present

Burke Museum, University of Washington – Seattle

- Prepare for and implement BHC onsite artist research grants and public requests from WA, OR, ID Native artists, and general public. This includes preparing object lists and retrieving and re-shelving artifacts.
- Contribute to team discussions on creating new and maintaining ongoing programs that use Burke collections for artists and tribes in WA, OR, ID.
- Track data for funding reports, including gathering and analyzing quantitative socio-economic data and qualitative data on our programming from BHC grant recipients through surveys.

Assistant Outreach Coordinator, Bill Holm Center

March 2019 – November 2019

Burke Museum, University of Washington – Seattle

- Assist Regional Outreach Coordinator and Collections Outreach Coordinator on their tasks (listed above under the Collections Outreach Coordinator position description).

UW Pipeline Project, Telling Our Stories; Imagining Our Futures

September 2018 – June 2019

University of Washington – Seattle

- Acquired video editing skills to tell a compelling story
- Incorporated different stories from 5th graders to make a digital project on cultural expression

Yehawli Mentorship Program, First Nations @ UW

November 2018 – June 2019

University of Washington – Seattle

- Advised undergrads on classes, opportunities, successes, and areas of growth during UW experience
- Developed mature listening and communication skills during weekly check-ins
- Created network of undergraduate support and resources
- Facilitated the exploration of racial identity through self-reflection and poetry within mentor-mentee relationship

Leadership & Service Experience

Editor-in-Chief, Plenum Geography Undergraduate Journal

August 2018 – present

University of Washington – Seattle

- Manage team to: create community events, flyers, and submission documents for Journal
- Facilitate good communication through email and weekly meetings
- Manage journal submissions
- Foster the relationship between the Geography Department and the Journal

Treasurer, First Nations @ UW

October 2018 – June 2019

University of Washington – Seattle

- Organized finances; ensured the RSO was within budget for the 2018-2019 academic year
- Created budget plan for future treasurers
- Initiated proper use-of-funds protocol

Network Ambassador, Sustainability Action Network

September 2017 – November 2018

University of Washington – Seattle

- Connected various UW student organizations to facilitate coalition
- Established an effective brand for the coalition in order to market the Earth Day x UW 2018 event.

Founder, Voter Engagement Committee

May 2017 – September 2018

University of Washington – Seattle

- Designed survey for student clubs to gauge student participation and interest in voting
- Analyzed responses in order to formulate action plan for increasing civic engagement on UW campus
- Presented at UW's Spring Celebration of Service and Leadership 2017
- Analyzed data from the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement to shape the UW action plan for civic engagement
- Navigating relationships between UW administration and UW student organizations

Vice Chair - head of Campus relations, WashPIRG

March 2017 – March 2018

University of Washington – Seattle

- Represented WashPIRG to ASUW board meetings
- Facilitated communication between the club and other entities on campus
- Created plan to improve relations on campus
- Effectively organized and carried out successful campaigns
- Lead activist trainings and workshops

Seattle Arts Commission Roster

16 Members: Pursuant to *ordinance 121006*, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 2-year terms (Get-Engaged member serves a 1-year term):

- 7 City Council-appointed
- 7 Mayor-appointed
- 1 Commission-appointed
- 1 Get-Engaged

Roster: (2021 Draft Roster)

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
2	M	1	1.	At-Large	Yeggy Michael	01/01/20	12/31/21	1 st	City Council
2	M	3	2.	At-Large	Quinton Morris	01/01/21	12/31/22	3 rd	City Council
			3.	At-Large		01/01/21	12/31/22	3 rd	City Council
1	F	2	4.	At-Large	Cassie Chinn	01/01/20	12/31/21	3 rd	City Council
2	F	1	5.	At-Large	Dawn Chirwa	01/01/20	12/31/21	3 rd	City Council
	F	3	6.	At-Large	Chieko Phillips	01/01/20	12/31/21	2 nd	City Council
			7.	At-Large	(submitted candidates)	01/01/20	12/31/21	1 st	City Council
6	M	3	8.	At-Large	Steven Galatro	01/01/20	12/31/21	3 rd	Commission
6	F	6	9.	At-Large	Sarah Wilke	01/01/21	12/31/22	3 rd	Mayor
2	F	1	10.	At-Large	Jescelle Major	01/01/21	12/31/22	3 rd	Mayor
6	F	3	11.	At-Large	Kayla DeMonte	01/01/20	12/31/21	1 st	Mayor
2	M	1	12.	At-Large	James Miles	01/01/21	12/31/22	2 nd	Mayor
6	F	2	13.	At-Large	Holly Jacobson	01/01/20	12/31/21	1 st	Mayor
9	F	3	14.	At-Large	Mikhael Mei Williams	01/01/21	12/31/22	2 nd	Mayor
			15.	At-Large		01/01/21	12/31/22	1 st	Mayor
2	F	1	16.	Get-Engaged	Racquel West	09/01/20	8/31/21	1st	Mayor

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

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	Men	Women	Transgender	Other/ Unknown	Asian	Black/ African America n	Hispanic/ Latino	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Other (Specification Optional)	Caucasia n/ Non- Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor	1	6				3				4			1
Council	2	3		1	1	3							
Other	1												
Total	4	9		1	1	6				4			1

Key:

*D List the corresponding *Diversity Chart* number (1 through 9)

**G List gender, M = Male, F= Female, T= Transgender, U= Unknown, O= Other

RD Residential Council District number 1 through 7 or N/A

Diversity information is self-identified and is voluntary.