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**Professional Profile**

**Accomplished community outreach specialist, event organizer, and project director** with 10 years’ experience working with stakeholders in northeastern Nevada, including 8 years direct engagement with regional Native American communities.

**Relevant Expertise**

* Successful experience developing partnerships with a range of organizations including local and state governments, tribal governments and communities, non-profit groups, and private businesses for academics, fundraising, and civic engagement.
* Extensive presentation work before stakeholders, partners, the public, and media on civic and Native American issues.
* Strategic and tactical planning for sustainable, multi-partner, non-profit and academic projects, including brand/theming development, creative design, data collection, metric analysis and reporting for organizational and federal regulatory standards.
* Proven record of event organization for informational, fundraising, and community purposes.
* Familiarity with non-profit budget management, financial, and reporting requirements.

**Professional Experience and Accomplishments**

***The Rurals of Nevada* – Substack (ruralsofnevada.substack.com) 11/15/22 – present**

Author

Occasional article series arguing that rather than a single entity, rural Nevada is composed of three different regions with remarkedly different demographics, economies, and policy concerns.

**Gavorsky Consulting Inc** (Elko, NV) **07/23/21 - present**

President and Principal Consultant

* Primary market is rural non-profits, tribes, and local governments, with services to develop, promote, and manage projects with a constant emphasis on self-sustainability at the community level and public outreach and liaising with state-level projects.
* Winner of the 2024 Pinnacle Award for Community Relations from the Las Vegas Valley Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America for the First 5 Nevada.
* Winner of the 2023 Pinnacle Award for Community Relations from the Las Vegas Valley Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America for the Nevada Child Care Fund.
* Recent Client Project Example—First5Nevada.org: State-wide effort to promote new state-wide online resource for parents with children 0-5 not only connecting them with support services but also with resources to promote the healthy development of all children in Nevada. Successfully signed up parents from every rural county in Nevada.
* Completed Project Example: State of Nevada Treasurer’s Office, “Nevada Recovers” American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) public outreach and community data collection project from July to November 2021. Organized a series of 26 rural Nevada and tribal public meetings (in-person, Zoom, and hybrid) to discuss pandemic experiences and local needs, as well as administer surveys across the state to collect information from citizens.

**Elko County Poll Worker 05/25/2024 – present**

* Primary duties include voter check-in, signature verification, and the voting machine set-up and tear-down.
* Worked in polling locations in both Elko and Owyhee (Duck Valley Reservation) during the 2024 Primary and General Elections.

**Never Back Down PAC 07/10/23 – 01/17/24**

Northeast Nevada Political Director

* Primary duties involved conducting outreach and resources for the Ron DeSantis for President 2024 campaign covering Elko, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, and White Pine counties.
* Recruited volunteers and precinct captains in preparation for the 2024 Presidential Preference Caucus in Nevada.
* Compiled rural and local issue briefing papers for the Nevada and national teams.
* Organized parade floats with volunteers and debate watch parties in fall 2023.

**U. S. Census Bureau** (Elko, NV)  **08/05/19 – 08/27/21**

Tribal Partnership Specialist

* Primary duties involved identifying, planning, and conducting outreach to over 250 tribal and non-tribal communities and organizations across Nevada to build strategic partnerships to increase response rates to the 2020 Census.
* Supported Census field operations as needed, including recruiting, law enforcement briefings, tribal land access, and questionnaire assistance.
* As Nevada Tribal Team Lead, coordinated a three-person team to devise an outreach strategy and ensure coverage of tribal communities and organizations across the state, which included developing responses to the COVID-19 crisis to keep dispersed partners aware of 2020 Census operational adjustments.
* Responsible for maintaining records of partner interactions and commitments as well as monitoring response rates and other Census operational data to coordinate outreach activities as needed.
* With the conclusion of major field operations in October 2020, was offered an extended position through August 2021 conducting post-Census operational follow-ups including data dissemination, program analysis, and client correspondence on the release of 2020 Census data.

**Great Basin College** (Elko, NV) **08/15/12 – 06/30/18**

Professor of History (40+ hours per week)

* Primary duties were teaching a 5/5 course load with 150-200 students a semester in live, hybrid, and online formats.
* Developed presentations for students and public audiences using Power Point and video.
* Worked 3 years with Western Shoshone communities on the Great Basin Indian Archives and the Shoshone Community Language Initiative.
	+ Cataloged and designed archival holdings system for Native American materials in the Great Basin Indian Archives at Great Basin College.
	+ Developed with legal counsel and corporate and academic partners holding agreements to insure ethical and legal ownership of Western Shoshone archival materials by the Western Shoshone communities.
	+ Managed Western Shoshone student interns to film, digitize, and catalog more than 70 Western Shoshone Elder oral histories and related transcripts for digital archive.
	+ Worked with Western Shoshone Community Language program instructors to provide online access to Shoshoni language materials developed by the Shoshone Community Language Initiative.
	+ Negotiated film use rights for Western Shoshone Film Series.
	+ Made Native American community, stakeholder, public, and media presentations on the Great Basin Indian Archives project for fundraising and informational purposes.
	+ Served 5 years on the Virtual Humanities Center at Great Basin College, a National Endowment of the Humanities grant-funded project.
	+ Served 18 months as Director of Virtual Humanities Center, requiring oversight and planning of budget and progress reports for internal and federal regulatory purposes.
	+ Interviewed community, corporate, and public stakeholders to devise areas where the Virtual Humanities Center could help address current and future concerns.
	+ Made public presentations for fundraising purposes in conjunction with required $1 million grant matching campaign.
	+ Led technical team in development of archival database system currently used as basis for Humanities Center.
	+ Worked with legal counsel to develop archival deposit agreements for guest artists and speakers to ethically protect both the artists and the institution.
* Led team in redesign of General Education curriculum, including identifying stakeholder interests and accreditation and transfer regulations as well as financial aid compliance.
* Organized public events for Constitution Day, the GBC Talks community discussion series, and “Dinner with a Professor” fundraising event.

**University of Alaska Anchorage** (Anchorage, AK)

Term Instructor of History (40+ hours/week)

**08/10/09 – 06/29/12**

* Primary duties were teaching a 4/4 course load with 200 students a semester.
* Organized a state-wide undergraduate history event attended by 30 students and 15 faculty throughout Alaska, including programming, advertising, facility rental, and catering.
* Participated in assessment of academic integrity issues, including helping conduct surveys, focus-group interviews, and writing final committee report.

**University of Georgia** (Athens, GA) **08/25/08 – 05/15/09**

Adjunct Instructor of History (20-25 hours/week)

**Emory University** (Atlanta, GA) **08/28/00 – 08/07/09**

Graduate Studies (40+ hours/week)

**Sailors Engineering Associates, Inc.** (Lawrenceville, GA) **06/26/89 – 08/25/00**

Environmental Technician (40+ hours/week)

* Primary duties: subsurface soil, soil vapor, and groundwater sampling for foundation design and storage tank contamination assessment and remediation.
* Developed in-house gas chromatography sampling process for soil vapor remediation and presented reports on the progress of 18- to 24-month remediation projects.
* Maintained OSHA hazardous material operations safety certification for 10 years, as well as general construction site safety practices.

**Selected Volunteer Community Work**

**Elko County Planning Commission January 2025 – present**

Appointed Member

**Elko County Debt Management Commission July 2024 - present**

Appointed Member

**National Historic California Emigrant Trail Interpretative Center Advisory Board**

Appointed Member **August 2022 – present**

* Provide oversight and guidance for the federally funded California Trail Interpretative Center located in Elko, NV.
* Appointed by the City of Elko as community member.

**Nevada Humanities** (Reno, NV) **March 2016 – October 2021**

Member, Board of Trustees

* Participate in strategic planning and guidance, as well as representing Nevada Humanities at public events.
* 4 years as member of Programming Committee reviewing 25-40 grant applications per year for distribution of $100,000+ federal funding annually.
* 3 years on Audit Committee (including 1 year as Committee Chair) working with outside auditing agency to oversee $600,000 - $700,000 annual budget.
* Completed second elected term in October 2021, which was the term limit for position set by Nevada state law.

**Elkokoak: The Basques of Elko** (www.humanities.gbcnv.edu/elkokoak) **May – July 2016**

Chief Online Exhibit Designer

* Designed and implemented online exhibit of local Basque heritage materials in conjunction with Smithsonian Institution.
* Worked with Elko Euzkaldunak (Basque Heritage Club) to collect and digitize 53 years of Elko National Basque Festival programs.
* Collaborated with Northeastern Nevada Museum and faculty specialists to identify and digitize relevant articles from the *Quarterly* magazine.

**Education**

**Doctor of Philosophy in History** - Emory University (Atlanta, GA)

**Bachelor of Arts in History, *summa cum laude*** - Oglethorpe University (Atlanta, GA)

**Associate of Arts, History, with highest honors** - Georgia Perimeter College (Clarkston, GA)

**Education — Certifications**

**Certificate in Non-Profit Management** – Nonprofit Leadership Center – December 2022

**Tribal Engagement Training** – Seventh Sovereign LLC – November 2021

**Data Analytics Certificate** - Cornell University – June 2020

**Skills Summary**

* Extensive professional working relationships with northeastern Nevada rural and tribal community organizations, as well as state and federal organizations through the Nevada Recovers Project, 2020 Census work, Nevada Humanities, and the management of a National Endowment for the Humanities grant.
* Successful working relationships with indigenous communities and organizations throughout the state of Nevada.
* Wide-ranging professional presentation experience before student, academic, and public audiences, for educational, entertainment, informational, and fundraising purposes.
* Report preparation experience, including production of charts and graphics, for academic, technical, philanthropic, media, and financial purposes.
* Media presentation experience in both radio and television.
* Professional work experience with Microsoft Office (including Word, Excel, Power Point, and Access), Adobe Acrobat, Dreamweaver, and Photoshop, and web, video, and social media software.
* Centrally located for and experienced with travel throughout northeastern and rural Nevada counties, and experience with travel to remote, rural Native American communities.
* Language Skills: French (professional fluency); German (reading knowledge)

**Example Media, Public Presentations, and Reports**

**Recent Writing:** “Rural Nexus: Tribes, Counties, State, and Infrastructure”, Rurals of Nevada article published 20 March 2024

https://ruralsofnevada.substack.com/p/rural-nexus-tribes-counties-state

 Recent article analyzing a Nevada legislative bill (AB519) and the various conflicting concerns it created. Example of the articles that appear in the Rurals of Nevada series.

**Recent Radio Presentation:** “Community Conversations for Northeastern Nevada”, GlobalOneMedia (Talk Radio 107.7 FM, Elko), 17 December 2024

Part 1: https://elkoconversation.com/album/scott-gavorski-part-1/

 Part 2: https://elkoconversation.com/album/scott-gavorski-part-2/

This two-part radio presentation was done for the relaunch of the “Community Conversation for Northeastern Nevada” radio program. Part 1 discusses non-profits, grants, and outreach strategies for rural Nevada. Part 2 is a broader discussion of developmental issues facing Elko County and northeastern Nevada.

**Report:** “Nevada Recovers Final Report—Listening Tour” (submitted to the Offices of the Treasurer and the Governor), 8 November 2021

https://purduemarion.qwilr.com/Nevada-Recovers-Report-u9DHENzRLOzs

Final team report on outreach efforts throughout Nevada for the Nevada Recovers project to help direct funding from the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA).

**Media:** “Saving the Western Shoshone Language” (KNPR, Las Vegas), 25 September 2017

https://knpr.org/knpr/2017-09/saving-western-shoshone-language

Panel interview with Director of the Great Basin Indian Archives and the Shoshone Community Language Initiative.

**Public Presentation:** “2020 Census Update” (Elko County), 19 February 2020

https://elkocounty.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\_id=5&clip\_id=1473

Update for the Elko County Board of Commissioners on 2020 Census operations.

**Public Presentation:** “Defining Native Americans: The Blood Quantum Issue” (Great Basin College), 15 November 2017

www.kaltura.com/index.php/extwidget/preview/partner\_id/2096981/uiconf\_id/39808892/entry\_id/0\_bkwbwfs4/embed/auto?&flashvars[streamerType]=auto

Public presentation with Native American speakers in partnership with the California Trail Interpretative Center and the Western Shoshone Newe Ghani Cultural Center.

**Scholarly Work:** "L'État comme propriétaire?: Schools as Property in Nineteenth-Century France," *Institutions and Power in Nineteenth-Century French Literature and Culture*, eds. Kate Griffiths and David Evans. Amsterdam and New York: Rodopi Press, 2011; 219-34.