# 2024 Satellite Summit Agencies in Action

## **Speaker Biographies**

### **Ayla Aymond**

Based in Spokane, Ayla Aymond is a regional archaeologist for Washington State Parks. Ayla has 20 years of experience in archaeology and cultural resource management and has conducted fieldwork in the Pacific Northwest, Alaska, and throughout the Upper Midwest. Her research interests include arctic archaeology, zooarchaeology, and textile conservation. Originally from Minnesota, Ayla relocated to Washington to attend graduate school at Central Washington University where she earned a Master's degree in Resource Management in 2015. In her spare time, Ayla enjoys sewing, craft beer, and exploring the world by bicycle.

### **Chris Bailey**

Chris Bailey is a member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. As a Cultural Protection Specialist, he develops relationships with state and local agencies throughout Grand Ronde's Ceded Lands with the goal of protecting cultural resources. He also engages in public outreach through organized tribal youth archaeology camps, public archaeology events, and presentations covering a variety of topics related to his work and culture. In addition to this work, Chris is also a storyteller and enjoys sharing stories and learning new ones.

### **Kayley Bass**

Kayley Bass is a regional archaeologist for the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission (WSPRC), based out of their southwest region. Prior to WSPRC, Kayley worked as an archaeologist for the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife and as a tribal archaeologist for the Spokane Tribe of Indians Preservation Program. Kayley holds a bachelors in Anthropology from the University of Washington and masters in Cultural and Environmental Resource Management from Central Washington University.

## **Blake Brady**

Blake is an Administrative Assistant with Grant Services at the WA State Recreation & Conservation Office (RCO). The Summit Team thanks her for her considerable expertise with the I.T. and logistics of the Natural Resources Building.

## **Allyson Brooks**

Dr. Brooks is the WA State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and Director of the WA State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP).

## **Megan Duffy**

Megan joined RCO as its director in May 2021. She has spent her career caring for Washington's rich natural heritage. After graduating with a law degree, she went to work with Ross Strategic, where she helped government agencies develop policies and programs for environmental issues. She then joined RCO as a policy specialist and went on to become the executive coordinator of the Governor's Salmon Recovery

Office, which is charged with implementing the state's salmon recovery strategy. She promoted to the Washington Department of Natural Resources, where she served as the department supervisor, overseeing the daily operations of the agency and its 1,500 employees. While there, she was appointed to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, which oversees the State's grant program for salmon recovery projects. Before returning to RCO, she served as the deputy director of the Washington Liquor and Cannabis Board. Megan has lived in Washington since 1997 and enjoys hiking, running, and paddle boarding with her family.

#### **Jennifer Ferris**

Jennifer Ferris is the Washington Cultural Resources Business Class Lead at HDR. She has 23 years of professional and technical experience in archaeology and cultural resources management. Jen earned her BA in Anthropology at the University of Washington and her MA in Anthropology at Washington State University. She likes to promote cultural resources protection and education and has been on the Summit's Agenda Planning Committee since 2016. She enjoys spending time with her family doing many activities, including cooking, hiking, camping, kayaking, traveling, and watching her kids play sports.

#### **Louis Fortin**

Louis Fortin is the Scientific Consultation Manager for the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) where he manages a team of archaeologists. Prior to his management role, Louis was one of two State Lands Archaeologists for DNR. Since finishing his PhD from Washington State University, Louis worked within CRM for a decade. Louis' role at DNR is to provide regulatory guidance and coordination to their archaeologists and program management within Timber Sales, Recreation, Natural Areas, Land Transactions, Alternative Energy, Land Leasing, Forest Roads, and Engineering.

#### **Jennifer Horwitz**

Jennifer is an environmental planner and NEPA practitioner with over 25 years of experience on public infrastructure projects in the Pacific Northwest. She finds the most interesting projects to be the ones at the intersection of cultural resources, biological and ecological resources, and community stakeholders. Jennifer has a Master of Science degree in Economics from Illinois State University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. She is a certified mediator in Washington State specializing in interpersonal and work-place conflict resolution, and she holds a certificate in Environmental Conflict Resolution from the John S. McCain III National Center for Environmental Conflict Resolution.

#### **Zoe Irish-Stout**

Zoe Irish-Stout recently accepted a position as the Northwest Region Tribal Liaison for the Washington State Department of Transportation. Prior to this position, Zoe has 7 years of professional experience in Environmental Science, Permitting, and Planning, ranging from California to Washington state. Originally from California, Zoe has her Bachelor's Degree in Geology from the University of California at Santa Cruz. She

relocated to Washington to in 2022 to experience the PNW. In her spare time, Zoe enjoys gardening, crafting, and reading.

### Sarah Johnson Humphries

Sarah Johnson Humphries a Secretary of the Interior qualified archaeologist with over 18 years of experience in and around Washington. Sarah is currently the Cultural Resources Unit Manager for the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) where she is responsible for the agency's cultural resources compliance process for grant funded projects. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Western Washington University and a Master of Arts degree from Simon Fraser University in British Columbia. Before joining RCO in 2021, she was a senior archaeologist at Equinox Research and Consulting International for almost 10 years. Sarah has conducted cultural resources training for construction crews and land managers, helped train dozens of new archaeological technicians, and completed hundreds of archaeological surveys and investigations. She enjoys using GIS and GPS technology, working closely with staff at tribal governments, and presenting at area professional conferences. Sarah grew up in Olympia and has worked and traveled in Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, Oregon, Wyoming, and British Columbia. She loves to read, garden, camp, and paddle with her spouse and two kids.

### **Katherine Kelly**

Kat Kelly is the Cultural Resources Division Manager at the WA State Department of Fish & Wildlife (DFW).

### Roger Kiers

Roger Kiers is the Cultural Resources Program Supervisor for the Washington State Department of Transportation, where he has been employed since 2007. Prior to WSDOT, Roger was engaged in agency and CRM work in the Seattle area after receiving his M.A. in Anthropology from the University of Washington. Born and raised in Tumwater, Roger feels privileged to still be living and working in this corner of the world.

## **Katy Leonard-Doll**

As a Field Archaeologist at Antiquity Consulting since June 2023, I primarily lead crews in cultural resource surveys, monitor construction work, and assist in writing reports for our work throughout western Washington. In addition, I am in the process of creating a Pacific Northwest archaeobotanical reference collection at Antiquity Consulting. My research interests are focused on archaeobotany and plant-people relationships on the Northwest Coast. These interests include Indigenous foodways and food sovereignty, as well as how the relationship between plants and people may have changed with the onset of settler colonialism in the region.

#### Phil LeTourneau

As the King County Historic Preservation Program's Senior Archaeologist, Phil LeTourneau assists County agencies with all aspects of archaeological resources management. He reviews County construction projects for potential impacts to archaeological sites; provides archaeology training for County employees; assists

County agencies in developing scopes of work and cost estimates for archaeological consultants; reviews archaeological work by consultants for County agencies; represents the County in Section 106 review of non-County projects; and conducts public outreach (artifact ID days, etc.). Prior to joining HPP in 2007, Phil had 20 years of archaeology experience, including 9 years as a consultant in Seattle. He received a PhD in Anthropology from the University of New Mexico in 2000. He is an Archaeology Curatorial Associate at the University of Washington's Burke Museum.

#### Maddie Levesque

Maddie Levesque (they/them) is the DAHP compliance reviewer for all non-transportation-related, federal/state-funded, and locally permitted projects involving WA's built environment. They also manage the LGBTQ Underrepresented Communities Project with DAHP and serve on several LGBTQ place-based history committees and boards throughout the United States. Maddie started their career focusing on cultural landscapes at the Pacific West Region of the National Park Service before moving to DAHP. They have a deep passion for innovative preservation solutions for LGBTQ place-based history and helping others connect with their material culture.

### **Maurice Major**

Mo Major is the Stewardship Archaeologist at the WA State Parks & Recreation Commission.

#### **Cassie Manetas**

Cassandra (Cassie) Manetas is the Cultural Resources Supervisor for the Washington State Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) Megaprograms. She received her BS in Anthropology from UC Davis in 2007 and her MA in Archaeology from Portland State University in 2011. With an academic focus in zooarchaeology, over the course of her 18 years in the field she has worked on projects from the Northern California Coast, the Great Basin, the high arctic, the Columbia Plateau, and Puget Sound. After working for the U.S. Forest Service and in consulting while in school, she joined WSDOT in 2012 and served as the lead archaeological monitor for the SR 520 and the Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement (AWV) programs. In her current role she is the lead technical specialist conducting project cultural resources reviews, consulting with local tribes and other stakeholders, and supervising a team of archaeologists ensuring compliance for the SR 520, AWV, I-405, and Puget Sound Gateway (SR509 and SR167) Programs.

#### Pat McCutcheon

Pat is a Professor of Anthropology at Central Washington University's Department of Anthropology and Museum Studies. There, in addition to anthropology and archaeology, he teaches and advises students in the Cultural and Environmental Resource Management graduate program and the American Indian Studies Program. He has lived and worked in the Pacific Northwest most of his life; his field school was on San Juan Island in 1984, and since then, he has led over 25 field schools in the region focusing on archaeology on the slopes of Mount Rainier and the east Saddle Mountains in central Washington. Pat is devoted to working with students and sharing his experiences doing archaeology. He has organized two Northwest Anthropology Conferences at CWU and regularly attends NWAC with his students to share their

research collaborations. His most recent interests are taking him into the realm of indigenous archaeology and working with Native American communities to create space for their voices and facilitate the appropriation of archaeological theory, method, and technique.

### **Laura Murphy**

Laura Murphy has worked as the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe's archaeologist since 2003. Ms. Murphy assists the Tribe in locating and protecting cultural resources both on and off the Reservation. Prior to working for Muckleshoot, Ms. Murphy worked for cultural resource management firms in Washington State and in several Eastern states for the previous eight years. She enjoys her role with the Tribe's Preservation Program and continues to learn from her exposure to Tribal experiences and perspectives.

#### Jordan Pickrell

Jordan Pickrell is a Senior Archaeologist at Historical Research Associates, Inc. (HRA) in Seattle, Washington. She has 20 years of experience in archaeology and cultural resource management. Jordan earned her PhD in anthropology, with a historical archaeology focus, from the University of Pennsylvania in 2012. She has conducted cultural resources studies in rural and urban settings in the state of Washington and across the United States. Her experience includes conducting and supervising cultural resources surveys, archaeological testing, data recovery excavations, and artifact identification and laboratory analyses. She also authors technical reports documenting the results of her projects. Jordan has been on the Agenda Planning Committee for the Cultural Resource Protection Summit since 2018.

### **Mary Rossi**

Mary Rossi is the Program Director for APT-Applied Preservation Technologies, a program of the Bellingham-based nonprofit Eppard Vision. She provides cultural resource consulting services and educational programming to a wide range of clients, including Tribal communities, government agencies, engineers, developers, and cultural resource professionals. Her primary mission-based service and labor of love is producing the annual Cultural Resource Protection Summit each May and the annual Satellite Summit each October. Thank you for the support! Mary has over twenty-five years of cultural resource planning experience, including six years as an employee of the Lummi Nation, first as an Archaeological Field Crew Supervisor on the Semiahmah Recovery Effort and then as the Tribe's first Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO). She currently serves as Chair of the City of Bellingham's Historic Preservation Commission and is a past Board member of the Association for Washington Archaeology (AWA) and the Planning Association of Washington (PAW). Mary received a Master's Degree in Anthropology from Western Washington University in 1998 (yes, last century). Her two dogs, Walter (70 lbs.) and Rey (10 lbs.), make sure she doesn't take herself too seriously.

#### **Carol Schultze**

Experienced Archaeologist with demonstrated success in research and analysis, in both professional and academic contexts. Skilled in NEPA, SEPA, Section 106 of the NHPA, Archival Research, Anthropological Archaeology, Settlement Pattern Analysis,

Mitigation, Historical Research, GIS, and data analytics. Strong research professional with a Ph.D. focused in Andean Archaeology from University of California, Los Angeles. Currently working on long term land management and stewardship opportunities as a Supervisory Archaeologist with the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) Cultural Resources Division. Published works available at https://ucla.academia.edu/CarolSchultze

#### Sarah Steinkraus

Sarah Steinkraus is an Archaeologist for the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office. Ms. Steinkraus is an SOI qualified archaeologist and architectural historian and holds a Master's degree in Forensic Anthropology. She has over 15 years of professional experience in the Pacific Northwest, Great Basin, Midwest, and Mid-Atlantic regions of the US, as well as Central Mexico, while working for consulting firms, tribes, and Central Washington University.

### **Amanda Taylor**

Amanda works with Willamette Cultural Resources Associates in Seattle. She has field experience in Alaska, California, Nevada, New York, Oregon, and best of all Washington. After graduating from the University of Washington in 2012, Amanda worked as a visiting Assistant Professor of Anthropology at Pacific Lutheran University through 2017. She has authored peer reviewed articles on toolstone acquisition, stone artifact analysis, and coastal shell midden surveys and co-edited a volume on identifying precontact house structures in the Salish Sea. She is a past editor of *Archaeology in Washington*, the journal of the Association for Washington Archaeology. These days, Amanda plans and writes about cultural resources management projects, gets out to do as much fieldwork as she can, and learns new things every day.

### Sarah Thirtyacre

Sarah Thirtyacre has over 25 years of experience in natural and cultural resources management, tribal relations, and public policy arena. Sarah recently joined the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) as the Tribal and Federal Affairs Liaison. Prior to joining WSDOT, Sarah was the Cultural Resources Program Manager for the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO). Sarah recently completed the Advanced Tribal Relations professional certification at Evergreen, a new year long program which was developed by Evergreen, DES and participating Tribes. When not working, she is most often spending time outdoors with her family and friends and converting her yard into an urban garden.

## **Troy Wilson**

Troy is an archaeologist/cultural resource specialist at RCO. Previously, he worked for Archaeological and Historical Services at Eastern Washington University and taught a wide range of anthropology courses at Washington State University, Lewis-Clark State College, Whitman College, and University of South Carolina-Aiken. He holds a bachelor of arts degree from Carroll College and a Master's and PhD degree from Washington State University.

### **David Witt**

Dave Witt is an Assistant State Archaeologist, reviewing utility scale green energy projects, projects submitted by RCO and Ecology, and SEPA code amendments. He hales from Los Angeles by way of New York, where he served as the Acting Director of the Office of Indian Nations Affairs, NYS DEC, before relocating to the Pacific Northwest. He has authored articles on consultation practices and the history of archaeology, among a variety of other topics. For fun he enjoys hiking, reading, and playing video games and D&D.