

EDUCATION

PhD	Interdisciplinary Studies Anthropology & Engineering	University of Alberta Commenced Fall 2018	
	Thesis topic: <i>New approaches to communities, communication and consultation through the lens of geothermal energy development on the traditional lands of Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation</i>		
MA	Professional Communication	Royal Roads University	2012
Certificate	Technology-Communication Sciences	Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität	2010
App. BA	Communications in Professional Writing with Distinction	MacEwan University	2007
Diploma	Professional Writing with Distinction	MacEwan University	2005
Certificate	Japanese Language and Culture Program	Kyushu Women's University	2003

AWARDS AND HONOURS

- 2019 Action Canada / Public Policy Forum Fellow
- 2019 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)
Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship - Doctoral Program (CGS-D)
- 2019 University of Alberta President's Doctoral Prize of Distinction
- 2019 Best Presentation, University of Alberta Future Energy Systems Student & Post-doctoral Fellow Colloquium
- 2019 Friends of the University of Alberta Society Graduate Award
- 2019 Canadian Anthropology Society (CASCA) Student Travel Grant
- 2019 NSERC/Beakerhead Science Communication Scholarship
- 2019 Worldwide University Network Researcher Mobility Fund Award
- 2019 Bryan-Gruhn Graduate Research Award
- 2019 Clifford H. Skitch Travel Fund Award
- 2019 Department of Anthropology Graduate Student Travel Award
- 2018 GRA Rice Graduate Scholarship in Communications
- 2018 Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarship
- 2018 Friends of the University of Alberta Society Graduate Award
- 2018 Max Bell Public Policy Training Institute Travel Award
- 2017 Canada C3 Expedition Travel Award (declined)
- 2015 Royal Roads University Alumni Excellence Award
- 2015 Duncan Craig LLP Laurel Awards Finalist
- 2014 Alberta Council for Global Cooperation Top 30 Under 30 Award
- 2012 Royal Roads University Chancellor's Award
- 2005 MacEwan University Students Association's Student of the Year Award

- 2005 Jason Lang Scholarship
- 2005 Selected through a juried competition to present my literary work in the Edmonton Voices Literary Reading Series
- 2004 Louise McKinney Scholarship
- 2002 Association of International Education, Japan (AIEJ) Scholarship – Foreign exchange program scholarship (Tuition, board & stipend)
- 2001 Canada Millennium Excellence Awards Program Local Entrance Scholarship
- 2001 Alexander Rutherford Scholarship
- 2000 Nacel Canada National Scholarship – Foreign exchange program scholarship (Tuition & board)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering, Geotechnical Centre University of Alberta
Communications & Grant Strategist / Event Coordinator Sept. 2009 – present

- Assisted in securing research funding through coordinating, writing and revising grant proposals and organizing government funding agency site visits
- Organize and promote special events (conferences, short courses, workshops and seminars)
- Compile promotional materials, research articles and publications (print and online)
- Co-developed a Risk Communications Module to train postsecondary students across Canada

Department of Communication, Bachelor of Communication Studies MacEwan University
Sessional Instructor Sept. 2018 – present

- Instructor for PROW 211: Writing Fundamentals (Fall 2019 Term)
- Co-instructor for BCSC 101: Communication and Human Interaction (Fall 2018 Term)

United Nations Association in Canada

Alberta Project Officer Nov. 2011 – Nov. 2015
Short-term Consultant Jan. 2006

- Coordinated and implemented the Multimedia & Multiculturalism Programme (2011-2013), #uniteYEG Crowdmapping Project (2014) and FIFA Football for Hope Programme (2015) in Alberta
- Directly reached out and engaged over 5,000 ethno-cultural minority and First Nations youth through the development, coordination and promotion of education-for-action programs
- Indirect reach of 500,000 individuals through media and social media campaigns
- Initiated partnerships and liaised with ethno-cultural communities, educational institutions, nongovernmental organizations and media outlets across Alberta
- Prepared grant applications and funding reports for program sponsors
- Reviewed and summarized the UN-Habitat World Urban Forum 2006 discussion papers (Our Sustainable Cities: Turning Ideas into Action) for incorporation into the “Youth of Today, City of Tomorrow” Resource Manual for Secondary Teachers in Canada

**The Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Japan
Communications Editor**

Tokyo, Japan
Feb. 2006 – Feb. 2008

- Compiled (content, design and layout), edited and managed the production of all Chamber publications (newspapers, directories, online newsletters and trade policy papers), promotional materials (media releases, event notices, posters, brochures, sponsorship kits, advertisements and articles for third-party publications) and websites
- Rebranded the Chamber including crafting new key messages and redesigning the main website
- Liaised and collaborated with other Chambers of Commerce within Japan and across Asia

**Faculty of Engineering
Assistant Editor**

University of Alberta
May 2005 – Feb. 2006

- Assisted in the planning, editing and production of the *U of A Engineer* (Faculty Alumni magazine) and the 2006 Engineering Faculty Calendar
- Re-organized, managed and wrote content for the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering website and its seven affiliated research group websites
- Compiled promotional materials (posters, brochures, newsletters and media releases) and assisted with event planning (open houses and reunions)
- Prepared and edited manuscripts, reports, journal papers and theses

**Department of Communications and External Relations
Writer and Editor**

MacEwan University
Aug. 2005 – Feb. 2006

- Compiled and edited publications for MacEwan staff, including *MacEwan Today* (newsletter) and MacEwan Midweek (online newsletter)
- Managed employee intranet website and online photo galleries using Adobe Creative Suite programs (Photoshop, Illustrator and InDesign)

**The Support Network
Editor-in-Chief**

Edmonton, Alberta
Jan. 2004 – Jan. 2006

- Recruited and managed a group of in-person and virtual volunteer writers for the Youth One program
- Brainstormed story ideas, features and columns with section editors and organized the editorial calendar for Youth One's online magazine
- Presented Youth One's unique virtual volunteer model at the International Association for Volunteer Effort (IAVE) World Volunteer Youth Conference in 2005 (Barcelona, Spain)

PUBLICATIONS

Baker, K.E., Giang, V. and Lefsrud, L.M. (2018) Risk Communication Teaching Module. Minerva Canada: Mississauga, ON.

Giang, V. (2015) Mainstream media and national identity constructions: A commentary on Kathleen Buddle's 'Consolidating codes: "Technosociability" and Winnipeg's NDN youth networks'. *Journal of Applied Journalism & Media Studies*, 4(1): 111-116.

Giang, V. (2015) Sports UNites Youth Leadership Manual. Ottawa: United Nations Association in Canada.

- Giang, V. (2013) Canada's mainstream media workforce diversity as an indicator of Canadian society's acceptance and inclusion of ethno-cultural communities: A case study of promising practices developed by the United Nations Association in Canada. *International Journal of Organizational Diversity*, 12(1): 73-85.
- Giang, V. (2012) Multimedia & Multiculturalism Programme (Edmonton) Youth Tool Kit. Ottawa: United Nations Association in Canada.
- Giang, V. (2011) The state of science communication and education outreach for Aboriginal youth in Alberta, Canada, and applications for other marginalized youth populations (Abstract). *Fourth International Conference for Theory and Practice in Education*. 9-11 June, Budapest, Hungary.

CONFERENCE PAPERS / PRESENTATIONS (*presenter)

- *Giang, V., Palmer, A. and Lefsrud, L. (accepted, 2020) New approaches to communities, communication and consultation through the lens of geothermal energy development on Indigenous traditional lands. World Geothermal Congress. 27 April-1 May, Reykjavik, Iceland.
- *Giang, V., Cangiano, K., Lefsrud, L. and Palmer, A. (accepted, 2020) Indigenous youth engaging in community-led research to decolonize renewable energy development. caISES 2020 Annual Gathering. 28 February-1 March, Saskatoon, SK.
- *Giang, V. (2019) Engaging communities and adaptive change. International Short Course on Landform Design for Sustainable Mining. 5-10 December, Edmonton, AB.
- *Giang, V. (2019) Decolonizing approaches to renewable energy development through Indigenous community-led research and engagement. Joint meeting of the American Anthropological Association (AAA) and the Canadian Anthropology Society (CASCA). 20-24 November, Vancouver, BC.
- *Wilson, G.W., Beier, N.A. and Giang, V. (2019) An introduction to oil sands tailings: Innovations and challenges. Tailings 2019. 10-12 July, Santiago, Chile.
- *Giang, V., Cangiano, K., Palmer, A. and Lefsrud, L. (2019) Power and protocol: Indigenous oral histories and geothermal energy development. University of Alberta Future Energy Systems Student & Post-doctoral Fellow Colloquium. 7 May, Edmonton, AB. *****Best presentation*****
- *Giang, V., Palmer, A. and Lefsrud, L. (2019) New approaches to communities, communication and consultation through the lens of geothermal energy development on the traditional lands of the Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation. Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA) 79th Annual Meeting. 19-23 March, Portland, OR.
- *Giang, V., Cangiano, K., Lefsrud, L., Palmer, A., Gehman, J. and Banks, J. (2018) (Poster) Socio-economic roadmaps to commercial geothermal energy production in Western Canada. University of Alberta 2nd Annual Future Energy Systems Open House. 3 October, Edmonton, AB.
- *Giang, V. (2018) Intersections of public policy: Indigenous rights, renewable energy and the environment. Max Bell Foundation Public Policy Training Institute. 8 June, Edmonton, AB.
- *Giang, V. (2012) Canada's mainstream media workforce diversity as an indicator of Canadian society's acceptance and inclusion of ethno-cultural communities. *Twelfth International Conference on Diversity*. 11-13 June, Vancouver, BC.
- *Giang, V. (2011) The state of science communication and education outreach for Aboriginal youth in Alberta, Canada, and applications for other marginalized youth populations. *Fourth International Conference for Theory and Practice in Education*. 9-11 June, Budapest, Hungary.

CONTRIBUTIONS IN OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Regular content contributor to *Geotechnical News*
- Technical Editor for the textbook Sharon, R. and Eberhardt, E. (in press, to be released 2020) *Guidelines for Slope Performance Monitoring*. Perth: CSIRO.
- Technical Editor for the 2019 version of the ENGG 404: Becoming a Leader in Safety and Risk Management courseware. University of Alberta Faculty of Engineering: Edmonton, AB.
- Technical Editor for the textbook Martin, C.D. and Stacey, P.F. (2017) *Guidelines for Open Pit Slope Design in Weak Rocks*. Perth: CSIRO. 398 p.
- Proofreader for Ng, N. (2012) *No, Really, Where Are You From? Personal Stories of Chinese Identity Retention and Loss*. Edmonton: Nancy Ng.
- Interviewer for Goyette, L. and Jakeway Roemmich, C. (2004) *Edmonton In Our Own Words*. Edmonton: University of Alberta Press.
- Published articles in various magazines and newspapers (e.g. *Geotechnical News*, *The Edmonton Journal*, *FORE! Magazine*, etc.)

INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND OTHER EVIDENCE OF IMPACT

- 2019 Selected among 16 leaders across Canada as an Action Canada Fellow
- 2019 Selected to be in the inaugural cohort of the Peter Lougheed Leadership College Dive Graduate Leadership Development stream
- 2019 Invited Lecturer for the International Short Course on Landform Design for Sustainable Mining (Edmonton, Alberta)
- 2019 Invited Lecturer for University of Alberta's Political Science (POLS) 261: International Relations (Spring Term)
- 2019 Invited Lecturer for University of Alberta's Human Geography (HGP) 252: Human Dimensions of Environmental Hazards (Winter Term)
- 2019 Invited Industrial Professional Speaker on "Careers in Communication" for MacEwan University's Bachelor of Communication Studies Program, Edmonton
- 2018 Invited Lecturer for University of Alberta's Human Ecology (HECOL) 300: Policy Development and Evaluation (Fall Term)
- 2018 Invited Presentation on "Technical Writing", University of Alberta Geotechnical Graduate Student Seminar, Edmonton (Fall Term)
- 2018 Invited to advise the University of Alberta Faculty of Graduate Studies & Research's Professional Development Advisory Board regarding opportunities for graduate students to work on industry-relevant research challenges
- 2018 Selected among 25 leaders across Canada to participate in the Max Bell Public Policy Training Institute
- 2018 Selected to participate in the UN Urban Thinkers Campus at the University of Alberta Contributed to the publication *The Edmonton We Need: Accelerating the Transition to Sustainability*
- 2017 Invited Lecturer for University of Alberta's Anthropology (ANTHR) 208: Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology (Fall Term)
- 2014 Invited to organize an interactive booth at the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada Alberta National Event, Edmonton

- 2014 Invited Speaker at MacEwan University's United Nations Day celebration
- 2014 Invited Speaker at the International Day of Peace celebration, Edmonton
- 2014 Invited Speaker at Alberta Council for Global Cooperation's Peccha Kucha Night: Human Rights in Action, Edmonton
- 2014 Invited Presentation on "What does Pluralism Mean for Edmonton?" at Norquest College and at the Somali Canadian Education & Rural Development Organisation (SCERDO), Edmonton
- 2014 Speaker at UNA-Canada Edmonton Branch's 65th anniversary and public panel on the UN Millennium Development Goals
- 2013 Invited Speaker at Me to We's "Mighty Peace Day", Grande Prairie
- 2013 Invited Speaker at the University of Alberta's inaugural Human Rights Awards ceremony
- 2013 Invited Speaker for MacEwan University's United Nations Day celebration
- 2013 Invited Panelist and Workshop Presenter for the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo's Diversity Summit (Workshop: Multiculturalism, Youth & the Media), Fort McMurray
- 2013 Invited Panelist for I Matter Day, Edmonton
- 2013 Invited Presentation on "The Power is Yours: Using Technology to Change the World" at Maskwacis Cultural College, Maskwacis
- 2013 Invited Presentation on "Peace and Stereotypes in the Media" for the John Humphrey Centre for Peace and Human Rights' Young Peace Builders Camp, Edmonton
- 2013 Invited Presentation on "Technical Writing", University of Alberta AREMA Student Chapter, Edmonton
- 2012 Invited Speaker at the City of Edmonton's inaugural Declaration of the UN International Day of the Girl celebration, Edmonton
- 2011 Invited Panelist on "The Future of Communication" for MacEwan University's Bachelor of Communication Studies Program, Edmonton

INTERVIEWS AND MEDIA COVERAGE

- 2019/09/09 "Knowing each other's energy," *Future Energy Systems* website, University of Alberta.
- 2015/08/17 "Sports program trains and mentors Aboriginal youth," *Alberta Sweetgrass – The Aboriginal Newspaper of Alberta*, Aboriginal Multi-Media Society
- 2015/05/22 "UNA-Canada Sport-in-a-Box and FIFA Football for Hope project," *The Edmonton Journal Multimedia*, Postmedia Network Inc.
- 2014/09/23 "UN International Day of Peace," *CBC Edmonton – RadioActive*, CBC Radio
- 2014/09/19 "United Nations Millennium Development Goals," *Global News Edmonton – News at Noon*, Corus Entertainment Inc.
- 2013/07/18 "Building social cohesion in Canada using media," *Making Fort McMurray Our Home Radio Show*, KaOS 91.1 FM
- 2012/10/10 "UN International Day of the Girl," *The Edmonton Sun*, Postmedia Network Inc.
- 2012/05/10 "Multimedia & Multiculturalism Conference," *Local News Broadcast*, CKUA 94.9 FM
- 2012/03/27 "Is Edmonton Getting More Racist?" *Boots on the Ground*, Blog

RECENT COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT / VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Canadian Federation of Academic Women – Edmonton Chapter

Communications Officer, Executive Committee Apr. 2019 – present

University of Alberta Association of Graduate Anthropology Students

Webmaster Sept. 2018 – present

United Nations Association in Canada

Prairie Regional Director, National Board June 2017 – present

United Nations Association in Canada – Edmonton Branch

President Apr. 2019 – present
Chair, Bylaws Committee Mar. 2018 – Apr. 2019
Special Advisor, Ex-Officio Board Member Mar. 2018 – Apr. 2019
Past President & Returning Officer Feb. 2014 – Mar. 2018
Information Officer Feb. 2017 – Mar. 2018
President Feb. 2014 – Feb. 2015
Information Officer Feb. 2013 – Feb. 2014
Ex-Officio Board Member Nov. 2011 – Feb. 2013

University of Alberta Non-Academic Staff Association

Steward July 2014 – present

City of Edmonton Energy Transition Advisory Committee

Graduate Student Member Sept. 2018 – Aug. 2019

University of Alberta – Alberta Student Leadership Summit

Director, Schedule Programming July 2018 – Feb. 2019

United Nations International Day of Peace (Edmonton) Planning Committee

Member June 2014 – Oct. 2015

MacEwan University United Nations Day Planning Committee

Member Sept. 2012 – Oct. 2015

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

Japan Educational Exchanges and Services/Japan Foundation

Feb. 2008

Achieved Level 2 Certification (second-highest level of five) in the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (international standard exam administered by the Government of Japan)