



## **Educator Biographies**

### **Hoffman, Michelle**

Michelle Hoffman is a retired school Superintendent and former educator in Fremont County School District #14, Wyoming Indian Schools. Michelle is currently working with Wyoming Public Broadcasting System as the Education Coordinator collaborating with Reservation area teachers on the Wind River Educational Modules. Michelle worked 30 years on the Wind River Indian Reservation as a teacher, Special Education Coordinator, Curriculum Coordinator, Middle School Principal and 11 years as the district's Superintendent. Michelle has recently collaborated with Alpheus Media and Vision Maker Media writing the Viewer Discussion Guide for "*What Was Ours*".

### **Abeyta, Ann**

Ann Abeyta is an enrolled member of the Eastern Shoshone Tribe. She grew up on the Wind River Reservation and attended elementary school at Fort Washakie and graduated from Wyoming Indian High School. Ann has an undergraduate degree in Elementary Education with an endorsement in Middle School Math from Utah State University. After teaching for three years, Ann realized the importance of furthering her education. She received a Master's Degree in Language and Literacy Development from Azusa Pacific University in Azusa, California. She worked in San Bernardino the majority of her career in education. In 2010 she returned back to Wyoming to work as an instructional facilitator for four years and is currently the Curriculum Coordinator at Fremont #21 in Fort Washakie.

### **Abeyta, George**

George Abeyta resides in Fort Washakie, WY. He is an enrolled member of the Eastern Shoshone Tribe. He graduated high school from Joel E. Ferris in Spokane, WA, obtained his B.A. in Elementary Education from the University of Wyoming and his M.A. from Grand Canyon University. He has been on the pow-wow trail for over 40 years and is an accomplished fancy dancer. He attended Fort Washakie Elementary as a youth where he has taught for 25 years. Mr. Abeyta is currently a 6th grade teacher. He has coached four seasons of athletics during each of his 25 years at Fort Washakie in cross-country, wrestling, basketball and track. George has been a coordinator for the Wind River Reservation Eagle Staff Runners Association since 1991. Abeyta is also the coordinator for the Eagle Spirit Dancers Dance Troupe, a Native American Performing Arts group that travels throughout the country sharing the beautiful gift of song and dance. He has also served as the Vice-Chairman of the Eastern Shoshone Entertainment Committee. This committee coordinates the Annual Eastern Shoshone Indian Days. This celebration is one of the largest pow-wows in America and was voted one of America's top 100 events along with Cheyenne Frontier Days to represent the great state of Wyoming.



### **Enos, Zedora**

Zedora Enos was born December 11, 1941 at the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Wind River Agency Indian Hospital. Her early education was at Fort Washakie BIA day school. She graduated high school from Flandreau Indian Boarding School in Flandreau South Dakota. After High School she worked for the Wyoming Travel Commission at the state capital building in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Zedora's postsecondary education includes: Sheridan Jr. College in Sheridan, Wyoming and Southwestern Indian Polytechnical Institute in Albuquerque, New Mexico receiving a degree in Optical Technology. She owned her own optical business for 14 years from 1986-2000. She is currently employed at the Eastern Shoshone Cultural Center.

### **Ferris, Morning Rae**

Born and raised on the Wind River Indian Reservation, Morning Rae Ferris is a member of the Northern Arapaho Tribe and an enrolled member of the Eastern Shoshone Tribe. In 2007, she relocated to Oregon to enter into a Master's program. There at the University of Oregon she studied Art Administration and Event Management and obtained her Master of Arts Degree in 2009. She also holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Art from Fort Lewis College. In her free time, Morning Rae enjoys creating art, running, mountain biking and spending time with her family.

### **Goggles, Janice**

Janice Yellowplume Goggles is an enrolled Northern Arapaho. She has been involved in education most of her life as a parent and then later as a teacher. She currently teaches Culture and Arapaho Language at St. Stephens Indian School. She graduated from the University of Wyoming Graduate with a degree in Elementary Education.

Janice is a mother of three and the grandmother of nine and has lived most of her life on the Wind River Reservations with the exception of her high school years which were spent in Oklahoma and another year in Washington.

In the past she has been involved with the Gifted and Talented Program at St. Stephens Indian School working on school wide projects with students and community. One of the more successful projects was developing the Buffalo Hide Tipi Project. The outcome of these were the videos produced by the late Dara Giglio Weller along with her brother George Giglio who filmed "*We Are Arapaho*" and "*Listening for a New Day*".

Janice is a Summer Scholar for Summer Institute for Teachers funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities 2017 entitled Teaching Native American Histories.

She is a lifelong learner hoping to learn more about her people and their stories.



**Miller, Veronica**

Veronica E. Miller is an enrolled member of the Northern Arapaho Tribe and has been an educator for the past 28 years. Veronica has a Bachelor's degree from the University of Wyoming and a Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction with an Emphasis in Literacy from Lesley University.

She has worked at Wyoming Indian Schools as a classroom teacher and Instructional Facilitator for 24 years and is currently the PK-12 Instructional Facilitator at Arapahoe Schools. Veronica has taught college courses for the University of Wyoming, Central Wyoming College, Wind River Tribal College and Osh Kosh Wisconsin. Her greatest endeavor has been working with the language revitalization attempts of the Arapaho Tribe. She continues to support educators and encourage her students to pursue higher education for the betterment of their tribe and families.

**Moss-Reman, Iva**

Iva Moss-Redman is an enrolled member of the Northern Arapaho Tribe and resides in the Arapahoe community, on the Wind River Reservation. In 2006, Iva graduated from the University of Utah with a BS in Elementary Education. Iva was part of Cohort two under the American Indian Teacher Training Program, which was directed by Dr. Bryan Brayboy. After graduation, Iva was hired by Arapahoe School, Fremont County School District #38, to be a middle school math teacher. Later in 2014, Iva graduated with a MS in Natural Science and Middle Level Mathematics from the University of Wyoming. The work Iva had to do in order to attain her masters degree was that she had to write a Plan B paper entitled, Arapaho Mathematics: The Symmetry of the Symbols. Now and currently, Iva teaches S.T.E.M. for grades 6-12 at Arapahoe Middle School and Arapahoe Charter High School. Iva has done numerous projects with her students that integrate the Arapaho culture into their learning experiences, connecting culture with mathematics and science.

**Oldman, Alberta**

Alberta Oldman is a member of the Northern Arapaho Tribe. She has lived her entire life on the Wind River Reservation. Her educational background includes Central Wyoming College where she graduated with an Associates of Arts degree. Then went on to the University of Wyoming/Casper College to continue pursuing her degree. In 2000, she graduated from the University of Wyoming with a Bachelor's of Arts in Elementary Education. Then from 2000-2013, she worked at St. Stephen's Indian School as a Middle School teacher in a variety of capacities. In 2015 to current, she has been employed by Wyoming Indian Schools as the Middle School Arapaho Language and Culture Teacher.



**Redman, Michael**

Michael Redman is an enrolled member of the Northern Arapaho Tribe and resides in the Arapahoe community, on the Wind River Reservation. In 2003 Michael graduated from Central Wyoming College with two AS degrees, in Psychology and Secondary Education. In the summer of 2003 Michael was selected into Cohort 1 in the new program American Indian Teacher Training Program. The program was started by Dr. Bryan Brayboy. Michael graduated from the University of Utah in 2005 with a BS in Special Education. In 2006 Michael was hired by Arapahoe School, Fremont County School District #38, as a primary Special Education teacher. In 2008, Michael moved over to the Arapaho Immersion school at Great Plains to teach preschool students in the Arapaho language. In 2012 Michael was hired by St. Stephen's Indian High School to teach the Arapaho language and culture. He is presently employed at St. Stephen's Indian School as the Arapaho Culture teacher, where he is integrating technology into his classroom by introducing gaming and mapping. He is also the Head Coach for High School Girls Basketball at St. Stephens.

**Ridge Bear, Michael Eugene**

Michael Eugene Ridge Bear is an enrolled member of the Northern Arapaho Tribe. He resides in Ethete on the Wind River Reservation. He is the Traditional Drum Keeper of the Northern Arapaho Eagle Society for the Ethete District. He is one of few younger speakers of the Arapaho Language and has extensive knowledge of the traditional songs and culture of the Arapaho tribe. He is a graduate of Central Wyoming College with a Native American Studies degree and is in the process of completing his bachelors in Secondary Social Studies Education at the University of Wyoming. He began teaching the Arapaho Language at Arapahoe School, Fremont County School District #38 his first four years before becoming the High School Arapaho Language and Culture instructor at St. Stephens Indian School in 2010. After 2 years he moved to Wyoming Indian High School, Fremont County School District #14 as the current Arapaho Language and Culture Instructor. He was also employed by the Northern Arapaho Tribe's Master Apprentice program under the Wind River Tribal College, as a Language Trainer to assist in the Arapaho Language. He currently serves on the Board of Education for St. Stephens Indian Schools as Chairman and also sits on the Arapaho Language Immersion School's Core Project Team for St. Stephens.



**St. Clair, D. Lynette**

Lynette St. Clair is an enrolled Eastern Shoshone and is currently a Shoshone Culture Teacher at Wyoming Indian Middle School in Ethete, WY. Lynette holds a State of Wyoming Teacher Certification in Shoshone Language, a Bachelor's Degree in Public Relations with a Minor in Organizational Communication, and a Master's Degree in Native American Leadership. She is an education consultant, working with numerous state and local agencies on curriculum development and education documentaries relative to the Wind River Reservation. Lynette is a member of the Fremont County School District 21 Board of Trustees, Shoshone Resource Advisory Committee, and Wyoming Department of Education Social Studies Review Committee.

**Washakie, John R.**

John is an enrolled Eastern Shoshone and was born August 23, 1943 at the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Wind River Agency Indian Hospital. His early education was at Fort Washakie BIA day school and Crowheart public school. He graduated high school from Fort Sill Indian School (a BIA boarding school), at Lawton, Oklahoma. After high school he served in the U.S. Army, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division, and a veteran of the Vietnam War. John's postsecondary education includes: Associates of Arts, Central Wyoming College (1974) and a Bachelor of Arts in History (1976), University of Wyoming. A partial list of John's work experience includes, Tribal administrator, Shoshone Business Councilman (18 Years), and Deputy Tribal Water Engineer. He is currently employed by Fremont County School District 21 as a Library Cultural Specialist.