

**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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**TESTIMONY OF ERIC HEMENWAY**

**ON BEHALF OF**

**THE LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS**

1     **Q.     Please state and spell your name for the record.**

2     **A.     Eric Paul Hemenway**

3     **Q.     Describe your training in historic research.**

4     **A.     My training in Odawa history began with my childhood. I grew up in Cross Village, MI.**  
5     My mother, LTBB tribal Citizen, Peggy Hemenway, immersed our family in Odawa history and  
6     culture. She was instrumental in the Tribe's federal reaffirmation efforts in the 1980s and was on  
7     the Tribe's Tribal Council during this time. Due to her efforts, I was constantly exposed to  
8     Odawa history through events, elders and historians throughout my childhood and teen years in  
9     Cross Village. In addition, Cross Village had a vibrant Odawa community when my family lived

1 there and many of my closest friends were Odawa from there. I was gaining historical and  
2 cultural knowledge through my friends and their families as well during my youth.

3 I began my career as a professional historian on Odawa history in 1997 when I worked as  
4 a research assistant for Dr. James McClurken, Lansing, MI. While working for Dr. McClurken, I  
5 learned the basics of conducting historical research, managing information and curating historic  
6 materials. All of the work I did for Dr. McClurken focused on Great Lakes tribal history, with an  
7 emphasis on Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa. Dr. McClurken is one of the preeminent  
8 scholars on Odawa history, with a particular focus on LTBB Odawa.

9 In 2006 I started working for LTBB Odawa in the Archives, Records and Cultural  
10 Preservation Department. I started out as a Research Assistant. I began working within the LTBB  
11 Archives, organizing the existing materials. In 2007, the majority of my work within the  
12 Archives focused on work under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act  
13 (NAGPRA). For the next several years, the vast majority of work was under NAGPRA. During  
14 my time doing repatriation for LTBB, I used my expertise in historic research to write over thirty  
15 successful repatriation claims under the law. Many of these claims were specific to LTBB Odawa  
16 and needed substantial, historic evidence to affiliate human remains and items to the Tribe. In  
17 2009 I was chosen to serve on the National NAGPRA Review Committee, a federal commission  
18 that oversees the work under the law.

19 In 2012 I became the Director of LTBB Repatriation, Archives and Records. At this point  
20 I was no longer doing NAGRPA work for LTBB but focusing on collecting historic information  
21 and using that information to support the Tribe and create historic, educational materials. These  
22 projects have included numerous exhibits, signs, publications, media, presentations, lesson plans

1 and consultations with the state of Michigan and National Park Service on Odawa history. I have  
2 given hundreds of lectures/presentations within my 15 years at LTBB, been published, have  
3 worked on over a dozen exhibits and interviewed for numerous media projects. My resume  
4 attached at Exhibit 1 describes the scope of projects I have worked on.

5 I have developed and honed my historic research skills through on-the-job training and  
6 completing a wide variety of projects over the last 18 years as a professional historian. Each new  
7 project I undertake I am forced to learn more, gather new information, effectively use that  
8 information and present it in the most appropriate manner for each specific project. The diversity  
9 of the projects I have completed has broadened my scope of historical research and created new  
10 depths of understanding of the history of LTBB Odawa. In addition, I am continually adding new  
11 materials to the archives and utilizing those materials in all of my work. I have been immersed in  
12 Odawa history my whole life but with added emphasis as a professional historian within the  
13 LTBB government as an employee for the last 15 years. I have become very knowledgeable of  
14 the collections within the LTBB Archives and how to use those collections to create the best  
15 historical project I can create. I am constantly surrounding myself with other professionals in the  
16 field, many times through collaborations on projects, to make myself a better and well-rounded  
17 historian.

18 **Q. Is the resume attached to this testimony a full and accurate listing of your**  
19 **education, employment history, academic and professional achievements?**

20 **A.** Yes.

21 **Q. Who is your current employer?**

22 **A.** The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

1 **Q. What is your position and how long have you held that position?**

2 **A.** I am the Director, Archives and Records. I have been Director for 9 years but have  
3 worked within the department for 15 years total.

4 **Q. Describe your job duties.**

5 **A.** Overseeing Archives staff, ensuring their job duties are being carried out and any  
6 administrative responsibilities that are related to the Director position, such as budgets, reports,  
7 timesheets, etc. Supporting the LTBB government, when requested, by providing historical  
8 information and resources, which include summaries, presentations, primary sources, reports,  
9 photos, maps, etc. Supporting tribal citizens in their historical research.

10 I Manage the materials within the Department, both physical and digital, and acquire new  
11 materials for the Department, both physical and digital. I use these materials to create historical,  
12 educational materials, including but not limited to: exhibits, signs, lesson plans, media,  
13 publications, presentations and consultations. My resume attache as Exhibit 1 contains includes a  
14 complete list of educational outreach.

15 In addition, I also take care of several historic Odawa cemeteries.

16 **Q. Where were the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians traditional villages**  
17 **located in relation to the Straits of Mackinac?**

18 **A.** LTBB Odawa have had historic villages located at: St. Ignace, Ainse, Mackinac Island,  
19 Mackinac City, Bois Blanc Island and Round Island.

1 **Q. How have you acquired your knowledge of burials and other cultural resources in**  
2 **and near the Straits of Mackinac?**

3 **A.** I have acquired my knowledge of burials by being Anishnaabe/Odawa and growing up in  
4 Cross Village (which is near to Mackinac), where I obtained oral histories on burials of the  
5 Odawa. I also have been a professional historian on Odawa history for 18 years. During these 18  
6 years, I have read thousands of documents, dozens of books and reports, as well as numerous  
7 other primary sources, such as newspaper articles, photos, letters and other resources. I have used  
8 this information to write over thirty successful repatriation claims of ancestral human remains  
9 under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). Several of these  
10 claims were affiliated to LTBB and specific to the Straits of Mackinac. In doing the research for  
11 these claims, I had to demonstrate the historic presence of the Tribe at the area and the  
12 importance of honoring the dead in Odawa culture.

13 In addition to the NAGPRA claims, I have had to research Odawa burial locations for  
14 other projects, including exhibits, lesson plans, historic signs and numerous presentations. I also  
15 research the location of burials for the overall purpose of identifying and protecting sacred and  
16 historic sites for the Tribe. This information is shared with the Tribal Historic Preservation  
17 Office for LTBB, as well as being used internally for the tribal government. I utilize the full  
18 range of historic materials to produce as much information as possible on the location of burials  
19 and the significance they have for the Tribe.

20 **Q. Are there Odawa and other Native burial sites by the Straits of Mackinac?**

21 **A.** Yes, there are other Odawa and other native burials sites at the Straits of Mackinac.

1 **Q. How would you describe the significance of burial sites to the Odawa?**

2 **A.** Burial sites, their protection and honoring the dead are cornerstones of Odawa beliefs,  
3 tradition and culture. Its significance is seen every fall when Odawa families clean and decorate  
4 the graves of their kin. In addition to this activity, Odawa families hold "Ghost Suppers" or  
5 "Feast of the Dead" every fall. In this ceremony, the ancestors are remembered and fed. This is an  
6 ancient tradition, going back thousands of years.

7 **Q. How important is the protection of burial sites to the Odawa?**

8 **A.** It is of the utmost importance to the Odawa, based on their traditions and continued  
9 practiced of their beliefs in relation to their dead. There are numerous examples in the historic  
10 record of the Odawa citing the importance of being with their dead and taking care of them.

11 **Q. Have you examined a map of the proposed tunnel under the Straits of Mackinac?**

12 **A.** Yes.

13 **Q. Based on your knowledge of the proposed construction activity location would the**  
14 **construction disturb Odawa and other Native burials?**

15 **A.** Yes.

16 **Q. How would this disturbance of burial sites impact the Odawa?**

17 Disturbance of burials would be a direct violation of Odawa traditions, religion and  
18 beliefs. It would be seen as a further violation of their religious rights, which are protected under  
19 the Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1978. It would be seen as a disregard to their culture and  
20 way of life. Such violations create low self esteem, anger and withdrawal within Tribal  
21 community members, and perpetuate the on-going injustices the Odawa have suffered on their  
22 traditional homelands.

1     **Q.**     **Does this conclude your testimony?**

2     **A.**     Yes.

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**EXHIBIT 1**

**RESUME**

**Eric Paul Hemenway**  
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### **Education**

Bay Mills Community College, Attended August 1995 to December 1997. Major in History.

Graduated Harbor Springs High School, June 1995.

### **Experience**

Indigenous knowledge.

A lifelong involvement in multiple Anishnaabek/Odawa cultural practices and traditions within the Great Lakes, ranging from ceremonies to traditional use of natural resources. Contributing to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Traditional Medicine Program, 1998 to the 2018, by helping with ceremonies performed by the program.

The continuous immersion and involvement in Anishnaabek traditions and community has created a greater awareness of indigenous issues and accumulation of indigenous knowledge. This helps in all areas of my work that involve native populations, telling of native stories and educating non-natives on the history and contemporary issues of indigenous people in North America.

Professional experience.

A wide variety of collaborations with museums, universities, the National Park Service, historic groups, schools, local governments, state governments and Indian tribes on cross-cultural and historical projects with Michigan and indigenous themes. Collaboration on multiple museum exhibits, historic signs and web content, as well as development of school curriculum and lesson plans. Public engagement experiences, ranging from; radio, public talks, television, documentaries and newspapers. Contributing author to several books on native history, as well as numerous articles for magazines.

Extensive experience working under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). A multitude of writing accomplishments, which include publication in books, magazines and over thirty successful repatriation reports. Twenty years of managing historic, tribal records and conducting research. Ten years curating tribal artifacts. A diverse public speaking portfolio covering international, national, state and local audiences. In addition, sat on numerous boards and commissions, that include local, state and federal governments.

Taught English in Taiwan, Thailand and Laos

## **Employment**

**Director of Repatriation, Archives and Records.** Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Harbor Springs, Michigan. August 2012-Present.

Direct activities involving the collection, documentation and maintenance of historically and culturally sensitive materials, artifacts, documents and records relevant to the history and culture of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBB Odawa).

Develop and implement policies and procedures pertaining to tribal archives.

Organize materials within the LTBB Archives.

Perform research and collection materials pertaining to the history of LTBB Odawa.

Performing administrative duties for the department.

Conduct historical research pertaining to Anishnaabek/Odawa history.

Write reports, articles and book chapters regarding Odawa and Anishnaabek history.

Work in media such as radio, film, television and newspapers.

Presentations for schools, museums, governments and other organizations.

Supporting functions within the LTBB Odawa Government with historic information.

Creation of museum exhibits that focus on Odawa and Great Lakes history.

Development of historic signage and web content.

Collaborating with schools on educational materials on native history.

**North Central Michigan College,** Petoskey, Mi.

Adjunct Faculty. 2014-2017. Anishnaabek Culture and History SOC 115.

**National Preservation Institute.** Alexandria, Va. Faculty Instructor. 2015-Present.

**Bay View Association.** Petoskey, Mi.

Lifelong Learning Program. Odawa history. July 2014-2019.

**National Park Service.** Consultant on native history. 2014-Present.

**Studies Weekly.** Contributing author for curriculum content. 2019-Present.

**NAGPRA and Living Museum Specialist.** Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Harbor Springs, Michigan. October 2009-August 2012.

Research historical records and gather cultural information to write repatriation claims for ancestral human remains and sacred items under the federal law NAGPRA. Coordinating repatriation tasks between tribes, museums and the National NAGPRA Program. Preparing historical reports to support repatriation claims. Retrieving remains and reburial of them. Retrieving and caretaking for sacred items when appropriate.

Worked on over 30 successful repatriations between 2007-2010, the highest number for any tribe or institution during this period. These repatriations resulted in approximately 400 individuals and hundreds of funerary objects returned, as well as over a dozen sacred items repatriated.

Coordinating with Emmet County, the State of Michigan, Universities and National Parks on historical events and providing information when needed to the above listed entities. Information includes Odawa involvement in significant battles, Odawa history in the state and providing accurate, historical and cultural information when requested for a variety of projects and events.

Working with other LTBB Odawa departments on a multitude of cultural and historical events, as well as providing assistance and information regarding Odawa culture and history to those departments.

Providing information to various media outlets on LTBB Odawa functions and projects. Such media have included over twenty newspaper articles, several radio and TV interviews.

Performing grave maintenance where Odawa people are buried within Emmet County. This includes painting crosses, repairing and replacing crosses, mowing grass, removing fallen limbs and dead trees. Maintaining records of what cemeteries Odawa people are buried in.

Maintaining historical records and documents pertinent to the history of LTBB Odawa. Gathering records and cultural items to enhance LTBB Odawa archives.

Performing presentations and providing information to both LTBB tribal members and non-tribal groups, schools, entities and governments.

Conduct interviews to gather oral histories from Anishnaabek in the Great Lakes region, to further enhance LTBB Odawa archives and records.

Presenting to historical groups, schools, universities, National Parks, museums and tribes on the historical, cultural, economic and social history of the Anishnaabek and Odawa in the Great Lakes.

Co-development of educational materials that focus on Odawa and native history in the Great Lakes. The partners of these materials are school teachers in public schools.

**Research/Repatriation Assistant.** Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians, Harbor Springs, Michigan.

February 2007- October 2009.

Conducting research, making contacts with institutions, and gathering documentation for repatriation claims for items that fall under appropriate NAGPRA categories for LTBBOI. Such items include sacred objects, objects of cultural patrimony and human remains. Preparing repatriation claims for human remains and items pertinent to LTBBOI. Working with the Michigan Anishnaabek Cultural Preservation Alliance (MACPRA) on dispositions for unidentifiable Native American human remains from Michigan. Duties include gathering research and documentation to support dispositions, consulting with museums on the disposition process, distributing information to parties involved in dispositions, preparing reports and testimony to present to the NAGPRA Review Committee concerning unidentifiable remains.

Maintaining proper working order of NAGPRA related documents for LTBBOI.

Gathering research for various projects involving LTBBOI, such as locating sacred areas, ancient villages and various cultural sites. Assisting in cultural activities for LTBBOI when needed. Assisting the Archives/Records department in maintaining and gathering records.

Performing grave maintenance where Odawa people are buried within Emmet County. This includes painting crosses, repairing and replacing crosses, mowing grass, removing fallen limbs and dead trees. Maintaining records of what cemeteries Odawa people are buried in and a list of each individual Odawa per cemetery. When remains are returned to LTBBOI, assist in reburial ceremony and reburial of remains.

Miscellaneous activities include helping other departments for LTBBOI with cultural activities and giving presentations at various functions when needed.

**Cultural Preservation Assistant.** Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians, Harbor Springs, Michigan.

April 2006-February 2007.

NAGPRA related tasks that include Section 106 replies, gathering research and documentation on human remains, sacred objects and objects of cultural patrimony in the museums and universities subject to NAGPRA. Assisting in the repatriation process for NAGPRA items relative to LTBB by making contact with specific institutions, obtaining critical documentation and assisting in structuring repatriation claims. Assisting in the reburial of human remains. Organization and filing of documents pertinent to the Cultural

Preservation Department and NAGPRA. Grave maintenance, such as mowing grass at cemeteries, fixing and replacing broken crosses and clearing fallen trees and limbs.

**Fasting Ceremonies Firekeeper.** May/September 2002. May/September 2003. May/September 2004. May/September 2005. May/September 2006. May/September 2007. May/September 2008. May/September/2009. May/September 2010. May 2011. May/September 2012. May 2013. May/October 2014. May/October 2015. May/October 2016. May/October 2017. April 2018. Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Traditional Medicine Program, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

Assist in the annual Spring and Fall fasting ceremonies held on Sugar Island, Mi. Duties include preparation of fasting ceremonies by helping fasters prepare items needed for fasting, fire keeping, participating in sweat lodges, taking fasters to and from designated areas, hauling wood, rock and water for sweat lodges.

**Painter.** Self-employed. Harbor Springs, Michigan.

April 2006- December 2006.

Interior painting for homes in Petoskey and Harbor Springs, Michigan.

**English Teacher.** Sangsovah Private School. Vientiane, Laos.

January 2003- January 2004.

English Teacher for multiple age groups, ranging from 10-30. Younger age groups worked on developing grammar skills, writing ability and becoming familiar with hearing English in conversation. Higher age groups with more advanced English worked primarily on speaking skills, sentence structure, some grammar and comprehension of a fluent English speaker. Activities and games were developed during the course of the year to help aid the students.

**English Teacher.** Wushan Secondary School, Taipei, Taiwan.

January 2002- March 2002.

English teacher for secondary classes. Ages varied from 13-18. Emphasis on conversational skills along with pronunciation of words and letters. Development of self-confidence in using English outside of the classroom.

**Painter.** John Ottimer Painting. Goodhart, Michigan.

February 2001-December 2001. April 2002-December 2002. February 2004-November 2004. March 2005-December 2005.

Interior and exterior painting for homes in Emmet County. Staining log homes, deck refurbishing and power washing of homes.

**Research Assistant.** McClurken and Associates, Ethnohistorical Consultants, Inc. Lansing, Michigan.

February 1997- December 2000.

Conducting research and gathering of documents for Anishnaabek tribes in the Great Lakes region, for various purposes including hunting and fishing rights, reservation

boundaries, federal acknowledgement and historical presence in areas of interest. Duties included to maintain the working order of records and documents in the archives, reproduction and creation of documents for the archives. Transcribing handwritten documents. Maintenance of archival calendar. Conducting interviews.

**Day Care Assistant.** Bay Mills Child-Parent Center. Bay Mills Indian Community, Chippewa County, Michigan.

September 1995- December 1996.

Daily caretaking of children between the ages of 1-5 years old. Duties included providing a safe environment for the children, feeding the children and cleaning the facility.

### **Commissions and Boards**

NAGPRA Review Committee. Appointed to the NAGPRA Review Committee January 2009-June 2013. 4-year term. Federal Commission.

Emmet County Historical Commission. Appointed February 2009. 2-year term. Reappointed May 2011. Reappointed August 2013. Reappointed August 2016-18 County Commission.

The Michigan Commission on the Commemoration on the War of 1812. Appointed May 2010-May 2014. 4-year term. State Commission.

Harbor Springs History Museum. Board of Trustees. Appointed June 2011-2014. Reappointed 2015-2017.

Michigan Humanities Council. October 2013-November 2016. Reappointed October 2016-2019.

Michigan Humanities Council Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Action council 2021-present.

Michigan Historical Society. June 2013-December 2016. Reappointed 2016-19.

Michigan Heritage Council. November 2013-Present day.

Michigan Historical Commission. July 2016- August 2020. Reappointed 2020-2024. State commission.

American Philosophical Society Center for Native American and Indigenous Research consulting scholar. 2015-Present.

Little Traverse Conservancy. August 2016-2022.

## **Publications, Media and World Wide Web**

“Trials and Tribulations in a Tribal NAGPRA Program”. *Museum Anthropology*. 2010.

“Into the North”. WCMU Publications. 2012. TV documentary.

“War of 1812 in the Old Northwest. WGTE Public Media. Sept. 20. 2012. TV documentary.

“Finding Our Way Home: A handbook for tribes, universities, museums and individuals working towards repatriation under NAGPRA”. Handbook on NAGRPA repatriations made possible by a National NAGPRA Documentation grant. Author.

*American Indians in the Civil War*. 2013 Editor Robert Sutton. Contributing author.

“America from the Ground UP”. PBS television. 2013. TV documentary.

*Accomplishing NAGRPA: Perspectives on the Intent, Impact and Future of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act*. Editors Sangita Chari and Jaime Lavalee. 2013. Contributing author.

Development of Native American content for National Park Service War of 1812 website “*Stories of the War of 1812*”. 2014-15. <http://www.nps.gov/subjects/warof1812/index.htm>

*Essence of Emmet Historical Series Part I: Pre-contact through 1812*. 2014. Contributing author.

*Essence of Emmet Historical Series Part II: 1813 to 1917, the Century of Contrasts*. 2015. Contributing author.

*Essence of Emmet Historical Series Part III: 1918 to 1960 The War and Recovery Years*. 2016. Contributing author.

*Essence of Emmet Historical Series Part IV: 1960 to the Present*. 2017. Contributing author.

The Odawa Indians. Petoskeyarea.org. July 2014.

<http://www.petoskeyarea.com/index.php?catid=196&preview=1>

Native American History. Beaver Island Birding Trail. Oct. 2014.

<http://www.beaverislandbirdingtrail.org/islands.html#nativeamericanhistory>

“A School of No Choice: Harbor Springs Indian Boarding School”. *Chronicle Membership Magazine of the Historical Society of Michigan*. Fall 2015.

“Forced to Fit In: Indian Boarding Schools”. *Michigan History for Kids*. Sep/Oct. 2015.

“Anishnaabek Ogichiddak: Native Warriors” *Michigan History for Kids*. Nov/Dec. 2015.

“A Leap into Northern Michigan History.” Jan Harmer. Contributing author. 2015

"The Land of the Crooked Tree". *Michigan History for Kids*. Jan/Feb. 2016.

"Falling Leaves Woman: An Indigenous Artist for the Ages". *Chronicle Membership Magazine of the Historical Society of Michigan*. Spring 2016.

"The Burt Lake Burn Out" *Michigan History Magazine*. Jan/Feb. 2016.

"Native American Boarding Schools have nearly killed Michigan's native language" Michigan Radio interview. 2016.

"A Time That Defines the Year: Winter in Odawa History". Little Traverse Conservancy Winter 2017 newsletter.

"History of Michigan's Indian Industrial Schools". Michigan radio interview. 2017.

"History of Company K". Michigan radio interview. 2017.

Michigan Open Book Project. Digital text book for public schools. Contributing author. 2017.

River Raisin National Battlefield Park Video. Interview for historical film shown at the park. 2017.

Mackinac State Historical Parks Video. Interview for visitor center film shown at the park. 2017.

"Hemingway's Michigan". Documentary film. Guest Interview. 2017.

"Mackinac-Our famous Island. TV Documentary. Detroit Public Television. 2018.

"Native American Stories" TV Documentary. Central Michigan University. 2018.

*Michigan Maritime Heritage Special Resource Study*. National Park Service. Contributing author. 2019.

Interlochen Public Radio, Native Voices. 2020.

Federation of State Humanities Councils Podcast. "Telling Difficult Stories"

Michigan Public Radio Stateside. "The Anishnaabek in the War of 1812".

Indigenous activists shine a light on the history of residential schools. CBS Nightly News. July 10, 2021

*The Vanished*. NBC Nightly News. August 22, 2021.

Ted Talk, Alpena, Mi 2021. "A Story is More Than Words".

## **Exhibits**

"Zhimaagnishak Miikaanhs: The Odawa Warriors' Journey to Fort Necessity". Fort Necessity National Battlefield, National Park Service, Farmington, PA. July 3, 2010-July 3, 2011.

"The Odawa Warriors' Journey". Pellston, Mi. August 2011-May 2012.

"Legacy of the Odawa". Little Traverse Historical Society. Petoskey, Mi. Aug-Sept. 31, 2011.

"Soldiers in the Shadows: The Story of Company K, Michigan's all Indian Regiment in the Civil War". Museum exhibit at Pellston Airport, Oct. 2012-April 2013

"Turning Point: The War of 1812 from the Native American Perspective". Harbor Springs History Museum, Harbor Springs, Mi. June 15, 2013-May 2014.

"Anishnaabek Art: Gifts of the Great Lakes". Harbor Springs History Museum. Harbor Springs, Mi. June 2015-July 2016.

"Into A New World" Weltmuseum Wien, Vienna, Austria. 2017. Grand Reopening of permanent exhibits. Worked with Weltmuseum North American curator for several years on the development of permanent exhibit of North American tribes, which LTBB Odawa is one of the featured tribes of this exhibit.

Newberry Library. Digital Exhibit "Midwest Connections". 2019.

Mackinac State Historic Parks. 2011-Present. Consulting partner and contributing writer for multiple exhibits for the parks. Fort Michilimackinac permanent exhibits. Biddle House Mackinac Island Native American Museum.

Michigan Historical Center. Consulting partner, contributing writer on updating and installation of permanent exhibits. 2011-Present Day.

Holy Childhood Boarding School. Dennis Museum, Traverse City, Mi. Temporary exhibit 2021.

Kindred. Traditional Arts of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. Temporary exhibit 2021.

## **Signs**

"Dark Sky Discovery Trail". Emmet County. Fall 2013

McGulpin Lighthouse Trail. Emmet County. 2013.

Mackinac State Historic Parks Native American Cultural Historical Trail Signs, Mackinac Island, Mi. 2016

Michigan Department of Transportation, Welcome Center Anishnaabek Culture and History Display Sign. Mackinac City, Mi. 2016.

M-119 Tunnel of Trees Scenic Heritage Highway Committee Chief Sagima Sign, Harbor Springs, Mi. 2016.

### **NAGPRA Repatriation Claims**

2007. Kansas Historical Society. Claim for sacred items. Affiliated to LTBB Odawa.

2008. St. Louis Science Center. Claim for sacred items. Affiliated to LTBB Odawa.

2008. Michigan Technological University. Joint claim for human remains.

2008. Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Claim for funerary objects and sacred items. Affiliated to LTBB Odawa.

2008. Hasting Museum of Natural and Cultural History. Joint claim for human remains.

2008. Kingman Museum. Joint claim for human remains.

2008. Logan Museum of Anthropology Beloit College. Claim for funerary objects and sacred items. Affiliated to LTBB Odawa.

2008. New York State Museum. Claim for funerary objects. Affiliated to LTBB Odawa.

2008. Mackinac State Historic Parks. Claim for human remains. Affiliated to LTBB Odawa and 2 other tribes.

2008. Muskegon County Museum. Joint claim for human remains.

2008. Public Museum of Grand Rapids. Claim for human remains. Affiliated to LTBB Odawa.

2008. Michigan Historical Center. Claim for human remains. Affiliated to LTBB Odawa.

2009. New York University College of Dentistry. Joint claim for human remains.

2009. Montclair Art Museum. Claim for human remains. Affiliated to LTBB Odawa.

2009. Kalamazoo Valley Museum. Joint claim for human remains.

2009. University of Michigan. Claim for human remains. Affiliated to LTBB Odawa.

2009. Public Museum of Grand Rapids. Joint claim for human remains.

2009. Public Museum of Grand Rapids. Joint claim for human remains.

2009. Milwaukee Public Museum. Claim for sacred items. Affiliated to LTBB Odawa.

2009. Detroit Institute of Arts. Joint claim for human remains.

2009. Illinois State Museum. Claim for sacred items. Affiliated to LTBB Odawa.

2010. Western Michigan University. Joint claim for human remains.

2010. University of Nebraska. Joint claim for human remains.

2010. Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Claim for sacred items. Affiliated to LTBB Odawa.

2010. Central Michigan University. Joint claim for human remains.

2010. Cranbrook Institute of Science. Joint claim for human remains.

2011. Office State Archaeologist Michigan Historical Center. Joint claim for human remains.

2011. University of Michigan. Claim for funerary objects. Affiliated to LTBB Odawa.

2011. University of Michigan. Joint claim for human remains.

2013. University of Michigan. Claim for funerary objects. Affiliated to LTBB Odawa.

**Presentations.**

NAGPRA Review Committee. Presented seven times before the NAGPRA Review Committee, between 2007-2009, requesting the disposition of Native American Human Remains from various museums across the country.

Mackinac Historical Society. January 2009. Native Americans during the 19<sup>th</sup> century in northern Michigan.

Western Michigan University. October 2009. Department of Anthropology. The importance of repatriation and Odawa history.

Michigan State University. February 2010. Michigan State University Indigenous Law Program. NAGPRA and Michigan Tribes.

Lewis & Clark and the Indian Country, a traveling exhibit. Petoskey Public Library, Petoskey, Mi. May 2010. Keynote speaker for opening of the exhibit.  
Fort Necessity National Battlefield. July 2010. Grand Opening of the exhibit “The Odawa Warriors’ Journey”. The role of warriors in Anishnaabek society.

Fort Necessity Battlefield, Pa. National Park Service. July 2010. Presented on the role of Odawa warriors in Anishnaabek society in Michigan during the opening of the “Warriors Journey” exhibit held at Fort Necessity.

NAGPRA at 20 Years. November 2010. Conversations about the Past, Present and Future of NAGPRA. Symposium organized by the National NAGPRA Program and George Washington University Museum Studies Program and George Washington University Anthropology department to look at the past, present and future of NAGPRA. Presented on several sessions, as well as being a member of the planning committee.

Colgate University. March 2011. Form and Content: A Symposium on Cultural Property.

Harbor Springs Historical Society. April 2011. Company K, the All Anishnaabek Union Sharpshooter Unit.

Essence of Emmet County, The Land, The Lives, The Legends. March 2011. A three-day lecture series covering the history and culture of Emmet County, Mi.

World Archaeological Congress Inter-Congress Conference, Indianapolis, Ind. June 2011. Changing Relationships on Repatriations-A View from the Great Lakes.

Purdue University. Wiping Away the Tears. November 2011. A symposium discussing the effects the War of 1812 had on Native American communities in the Great Lakes.

Mackinac State Historic Parks, Mackinac Island, Michigan. Michigan state park bicentennial celebration of the War of 1812. June 2012.

University of Michigan Law School. Tribes, Sept. 2012 Museums and NAGRPA.

Cheboygan Historical Society. Oct. 2012. Company K and the Civil War.

Little Traverse Conservancy. June 2013. The historical ties water has to the Odawa.

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Youth Warriors Camp. Anishnaabek warriors. July 2013.

Michigan Historic Preservation Network annual conference. Presented on Odawa history in Emmet County. Petoskey, Mi. May 2017.

National Council for the Social Studies annual conference. San Francisco. “ The Indigenous Perspective A Story Seldom Told”. Co-presented on native lesson plans developed with Harbor Springs history teacher. 2017.

Roc Your Mocs Educational Programs. Lansing, Mi. Presented on native history for educational series sponsored by the Michigan Historical Center. 2017.

Roc Your Mocs Educational Programs, Lansing Mi. Presented on contemporary native issues as part of this educational series. Topics included missing native women and appropriation of native culture. 2018.

Michigan Historical Society, Local History Conference. Casting Lines: Fishing, Politics and the Odawa. Sterling Heights, Mi. 2019.

Michigan Council of Social Studies Annual Conference. Keynote speaker. 2019.

Elk Rapids Public Library. Odawa history in northern Michigan. Elk Rapids, Mi. 2019.

Beaver Island Historical Society. Odawa history of the Beaver Islands. Beaver Island, Mi. 2019.

Little Traverse Museum. Native people in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Petoskey, Mi. 2019.

Association of Municipal Cemeteries annual meeting. Odawa burials and caretaking of the dead. Traverse City, Mi. 2019.

American Philosophical Society. Digital Knowledge Sharing Workshop. Indigenous Archives and Public History: A Conversation with Eric Hemenway and Brian Carpenter. Philadelphia, PA. 2019.

University of Michigan Institute for Social Change. Public lecture. Our Voices From The Past Carry Us Into The Future. Ann Arbor, Mi. 2019.

Michigan State University Extension Annual Conference. Trauma Informed: An Odawa Perspective and More Than a Mascot: The Problem With Appropriation of Native Culture. Traverse City, Mi. 2019.

Harbor Springs High School Graduation Commencement Speaker. 2020.

#### Educational Outreach/Presentation Activities 2021

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic of 2021, majority of in person programs were cancelled or rescheduled

Harbor Springs Public Schools. Multiple presentations on Odawa history.

Petoskey Public High School. Presentation on Odawa history.

#### Educational Outreach/Presentations Activities 2020

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic of 2020, majority of in person programs were cancelled or rescheduled.

Michigan History Museum, Lansing, Mi. Michigan Anishnaabe Heritage Day, Sept. 2020. Presentation on Odawa history.

Harbor Springs High School. Numerous presentations on Odawa history, grades 9-11.

Petoskey Public High School. Presentation on Odawa history

#### Educational Outreach/Presentations Activities 2019

- Harbor Springs public schools historical presentations. Harbor Springs, Mi.
- Kids Biking Initiative. Presented on Odawa history for program that involves multiple grade schools in Emmet County that incorporate biking into a field trip.
- Pellston public schools historical presentations. Pellston, Mi.
- Petoskey public schools historical presentations. Petoskey, Mi.
- Boyne City public schools historical presentation. Boyne City, Mi.
- Little Traverse Conservancy. Multiple presentations on Odawa history in northern Michigan.
- North Central Michigan College presentation on Odawa history. Petoskey, Mi.
- Podcast with Michigan State University Extension.
- 4-H presentation on Odawa history. Mackinac City, Mi.
- Professional development for Mackinac State Historic Parks. Mackinac City, Mi.
- Michigan State University. Presentations on Odawa history. East Lansing, Mi.
- University of Michigan. Presentations on Odawa history. Ann Arbor, Mi.

#### Educational Outreach Activities/Presentations 2018

- The Significance of Winter for the Odawa. Presentation for Little Traverse Conservancy. Petoskey, Mi.
- The Season of Renewal. Presentation for Little Traverse Conservancy, Harbor Springs, Mi.
- "All of these changes for our home: a look at the personal changes Anishnaabek had to make after the war of 1812 in order to stay in Michigan" Presentation at River Raisin National Battlefield, Monroe, Mi.
- Harbor Springs public schools historical presentations, Harbor Springs, Mi.
- Petoskey High School historical presentations, Petoskey, Mi.

- Kids Biking Initiative. Presented on Odawa history for program that involves multiple grade schools in Emmet County that incorporate biking into a field trip.
- Mackinac Heritage Society. Presentation on Odawa history. Mackinac City, Mi.

#### Educational Outreach Activities 2017/Presentations

- Boyne City Middle School historical presentation, Boyne City, Mi.
- Harbor Springs Public schools historical presentations, Harbor Springs, Mi.
- Petoskey High School historical presentations, Petoskey, Mi.
- Kids Biking Initiative. Presented on Odawa history for program that involves multiple grade schools in Emmet County that incorporate biking into a field trip.
- Presentation to Drexel University history students, Harbor Springs, Mi.
- Charlevoix Leadership Academy. Presentation on Odawa history. Charlevoix, Mi.
- Little Traverse Leadership Academy. Presentation on Odawa history. Petoskey, Mi.
- Lansing First Presbyterian Church. Presentation to youth group for church on Odawa history, Harbor Springs, Mi.
- Michigan Historical Society Annual Local Conference. Presentation on Odawa Chief Wakazoo and Native Appropriation. Sterling Heights, Mi.
- Wayne State University. Presentation on Odawa history for Early American History class. Detroit, Mi.

#### Educational Outreach Activities/Presentations 2015

- Harbor Springs Schools Presentation, Harbor Springs, MI
- War of 1812. Presented at Cheboygan Library, Cheboygan MI
- Michigan Historical Center collaboration, multiple projects.
- Presentation to Wayne State University, Detroit MI
- Presentation to Harbor Springs Schools, Harbor Springs, MI
- Presentation at North Central Michigan College. Petoskey, MI
- Essence of Emmet Presentation, Emmet County, MI

#### Educational Outreach Activities/Presentations 2014

- Essence of Emmet Presentation, Emmet County, MI
- Presentation to Sleeping Bear Dunes, Traverse City, MI
- MSU Indigenous Law Conference
- Leadership Little Traverse Presentation. Petoskey, MI
- Civil War Event, Presented at St. Petersburg.
- Odawa History, Presented to Crooked Tree Youth Leadership Program, Harbor Springs, Mi.

- Odawa History/Culture, Presented to North Central Michigan College World Religion class, Petoskey, Mi.
- Odawa History/Culture, Presented to Title VII Program, Harbor Springs, Mi.
- Emmet County Historical Commission Meeting, Pellston, MI.
- Odawa in the War of 1812, Presented at Detroit Public Library, Detroit, Mi.
- Interpreting Indian involvement in the War of 1812, Presented to National Park Service, New Orleans, Mi.
- Indian Removal and Trail of Tears, Presented to Harbor Springs Middle School Social Studies class, Harbor Springs, Mi.
- Michigan Humanities Council Meeting, Lansing, Mi. (board member)
- Harbor Springs Public Schools (Middle and High), Harbor Springs, Mi. Collaboration with school teachers on history lesson plans and historic presentations.
- Historic Presentations, Consultation on Historic Interpretation and Park Programming, Presented at River Raisin National Battlefield, National Park Service, Monroe, Mi.
- Collaboration on War of 1812 Exhibit and Historic presentations, Presented at Harbor Springs History Museum, Harbor Springs, Mi..
- Historic Interpretation and Content for Emmet County Signage, Publications and Presentations at county events, Provided to Emmet County Government, Michigan.
- Native American Literature and History, Presented at Alanson High School, Alanson, Mi.
- Consultation on historic use of area by the Odawa, Presented at Sleeping Bear Dunes, National Park Service, Glen Arbor, Mi.
- War of 1812 Historic Interpretation and Content for Website, Provided to National Park Service Mid-West Region
- Odawa History, Presented to Little Traverse Conservancy, Petoskey, Mi.
- Civil War Exhibits, Presented to Michigan Historical Center, Lansing, Mi.
- Historic Interpretation at Site, Provided to Mackinac Historical Society, Mackinaw City, MI.
- Historic reenactment of War of 1812 Battle planning, Provided to Mackinac State Historic Parks.
- Odawa trade routes in the Great Lakes Presentation with NPS and Michigan Historical Center, Presented Michigan Preservation Historic Network Annual Meeting
- Odawa History/Culture, Presented to Crooked Tree Alternate School, Petoskey, Mi.
- Odawa History/Culture, Presented to North Central Michigan College, Petoskey, Mi.
- Historic Presentation on War of 1812, Presented to Detroit Library, Detroit, MI..
- Michigan Humanities Council meetings, Lansing, MI.
- International Repatriation Exhibit participation, Provided to Wesleyan University, Conn..
- Historic Content on Odawa Play, Presented to Petoskey Choral Society, Petoskey, MI.
- Historic Programming Consultation, Provided to Edsel and Eleanor Ford House Museum, Detroit, MI.
- War of 1812, Presented to Michigan Historical Society Spring Conference.
- Repatriation of Funerary Objects from Northern Michigan Consultation and Assistance, Provided to National Museum of the American Indian, Washington D.C..
- Repatriation of Human Remains from the State of Michigan Consultation, Provided to University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.

#### Educational Outreach Activities/Presentations 2013

- Odawa History, Presentation with Michigan State University Extension at LTBB Odawa government complex, Harbor Springs, Mi.

- Participation in historic movie produced by Mackinac State Historic Parks on Pontiac's War of 1763. This movie is currently part of their permanent exhibit at MSHP in Mackinac City. Over one dozen LTBB Odawa were used in this movie. Movie shot in Mackinac City and Lansing, Mi.
- 18<sup>th</sup> Century Economics, Presented to Mackinac Historical Society, Mackinac City, MI.
- Presentation to North Central Michigan College class on U.S. History, Petoskey, Mi.
- Odawa Trade Routes in the Great Lakes, Conference call with National Park Service.
- Odawa History, Presented to LTBB Youth Program, Harbor Springs, Mi.
- Monthly Emmet County Historical Commission Meeting, Pellston, Mi. (board member)
- Odawa History, Presented to Petoskey Public Library Earth Day program, Petoskey, Mi.
- Anishnaabek Leaders, Presented at Bay Mills Community Tribal College, Bay Mills, MI.
- Odawa in the Civil War, Presented at Harbor Springs History Museum, Harbor Springs, Mi.
- LTBB Archives and Native American Literature, Presented to Alanson High School Global Writing class, Alanson, Mi.
- National Park Service Webinar on War of 1812.
- Monthly Emmet County Historical Commission Meeting, Pellston, Mi.
- State of Michigan War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission Meeting, Lansing, Mi. (board member)
- Odawa in the Civil War, Presented to Cheboygan Historical Society, Cheboygan, Mi.
- Odawa history, Presented to Alanson High School Global Writing class, Alanson, Mi.
- Pontiac's War of 1763, Presented at Michigan Historical Society Conference, Livonia, Mi.
- Pontiac's War of 1763, Presented at University of Pennsylvania and the McNeil Center for Early American History, Philadelphia, Pa.
- Michigan/Odawa history regarding Indian Boarding Schools, Presented to Alanson High School, Alanson, Mi.
- Odawa in the Civil War, Presented at Essence of Emmet historical program and presentations, Petoskey, Mi.
- Odawa use of Water and Land, Presented at Little Traverse Conservancy, Harbor Springs, Mi.
- Odawa History in Michigan, Presented at Smithsonian Teacher training program, Ionia, Mi.
- Odawa history during the 18<sup>th</sup> Century, Presented at Grand Valley State University conference on western Michigan history, Grand Haven, Mi.
- Odawa History, Presented at Petoskey Public Library, Petoskey, Mi.
- Odawa History, Presented to LTBB Human Resource department programs, Harbor Springs, Mi.
- Function and activities of LTBB Archives, Presented at North Central Michigan Library conference, Petoskey Michigan.

### **Planning Committees.**

NAGPRA at 20 Years. Conversations about the Past, Present and Future of NAGRPA. 2010.

Essence of Emmet County. The Land, The Lives, The Legends. 2011.

World Archeological Congress Inter-Congress Conference. 2010.

The Odawa Warrior's Journey. Museum exhibit on display at Fort Necessity National Battlefield, Pa. 2009.

The Odawa Warriors' Journey. Museum exhibit on display, in Pellston, Michigan. Aug 2011-Aug 2012.

Legacy of the Odawa. Museum exhibit on display in Petoskey, Mi. Aug-Sept. 31, 2011.

Soldiers in the Shadows: The Story of Company K, Michigan's all Indian Regiment in the Civil War. Museum exhibit at Pellston Airport, Oct. 2012-April 2013. Michigan Historical Center June 2013-Dec. 2013.

Turning Point: The War of 1812 from the Native American Perspective. Museum exhibit on display at Harbor Springs History Museum, June 2013-May 2014.

War of 1812 Bicentennial Scholars Work Group, organized by Organization of American Historians and National Park Service. 2012-2014.

Michigan History Museum. Anishnaabe Exhibit Planning Committee. 2016-Present.

Harbor Springs Public Schools Strategic Planning. 2019.

Michigan Department of Education Social Studies Standards revision committee. 2018-21.

Michigan Anishnaabe Heritage Day, Michigan History Museum. 2020-Present.

Indigenous Chicago Advisory Group Meeting, Newberry Library. 2021-Present.

Grand Rapids Public Museum Anishnaabek exhibit working committee. 2021-Present.

### **Training.**

Working with Traditional Healers on various ceremonies and providing assistance when needed. 1997-Present.

NAGPRA Training presented by the National NAGPRA Program, National Park Service. Washington D.C. April 2007.

Michigan State University, Michigan Indian Day Conference. September 2007.

Traditional Anishnaabek Burial Procedure Seminar. Sugar Island, Michigan. December 2007.

Making the Transition from Staff to Supervisor. Petoskey, Mi. Feb. 2013.

Development of Odawa based curriculum. LTBB Odawa. Aug. 2013.

**Awards.**

Legacy Award 2010. Grand Rapids Public Museum.

Harbor Springs Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award. 2015.

Michigan Humanities Council 2019. Humanities Champion of the Year.

**Volunteer.**

Little Traverse Bay Bands Odawa Youth Lock in. Harbor Springs High School. December 2007-2010.