



On the surface, I am an employee of the Project Management Office at TRU and gaining valuable connection points to all facets of Thompson Rivers University life. I have previously worked in the Registrar's Office in the Systems and Reporting department which offered valuable engagement with many committees at TRU. I have also enjoyed the committee work in both my personal and professional careers in the past. Currently I find myself very busy with Labour and Project Committees.

I have an interesting mixture of experience that has come from my involvement in fields outside of TRU within the community of Kamloops, but also broader areas of both BC and Alberta with the Financial Industry, Federal Tax offices and even Border Security and immigration laws.

What drew me to Kamloops, was Thompson Rivers University, though not directly. I supported an Alumni through their journey at TRU by giving up my government career and relocating to Kamloops for the ultimate pursuit in education. The experiences that my family had with the staff at TRU was something that has emotionally impacted us and we decided that this was the place to raise a family.

I am more than my occupational roles though. I have great interests in my academic field of Political Science/International Relations and those roles that allow me to engage with more influential decision-makers and learn from the leaders of both civic, provincial and federal public policy makers. These interests arise out of my family member's struggles and my feelings at the time of helplessness as an individual to enact change. This has created a passion for First Peoples acknowledgements and relationship reparation, the LGBTQ Community voice and influence and support for Autism Awareness.

I am an ongoing learner in both my occupational roles and academically. I continue to work towards a graduate degree while also strategically thinking and planning for the next educational opportunity that finds me, however, my current goal is to always work within the systems we have carefully put in place to influence and offer opinions to decision makers that turn into both peaceful and meaningful change for our varied communities at TRU. I would be proud to join the Board of Governors and participate in the value they offer here at Thompson Rivers University.