

Megan Gough

PhD, In Progress

“You Never Sit by the Same River Twice: The Life Story of Stó:lō Grand Chief Archie Charles”

Meagan Gough is a PhD Candidate at USASK with a Major in Comparative Aboriginal History and Anthropology. Her Master’s research was also in Cultural Anthropology and based on a project undertaken in 2003 in collaboration with members of the Stó:lō First Nation in British Columbia. Her love of people and her belief in the value of celebrating and honouring the stories, teachings and traditions of those she works with, has inspired her travels and experiences working as a field researcher and oral history interviewer throughout North America.

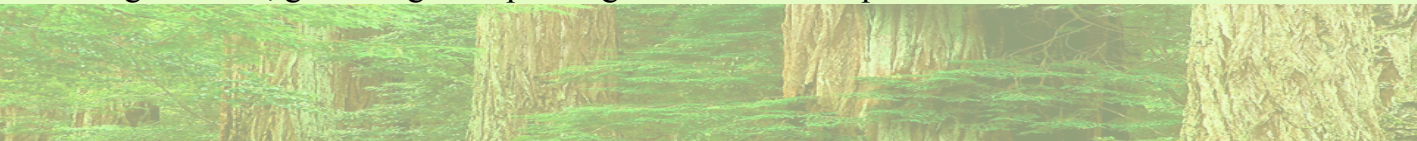
Since 2003, she has continued to work on projects as needed for the Stó:lō Research and Resource Management Centre, working from 2011-2013 as their staff researcher. Her

recent work includes interviewing cowboys and ranchers in Saskatchewan to record their cultural traditions related to the land. Her PhD dissertation is based on recording the life history of Stó:lō Elder and Grand Chief Archie Charles. In 2009, she was chosen for the SPARKS Program, serving as a historical researcher for Indian and Northern Affairs Canada Residential Schools Resolution West. Currently, she is working for the Indian Residential Schools Adjudication Secretariat



(IRSAS) as a researcher conducting oral history interviews with Aboriginal community stakeholders and former students of residential schools about the form and value of a “traditional approach” to engagement in their communities.

Her research interests include: life history and testimonio writing; folklore; intersections between orality and literacy; dialogism; Aboriginal oral history and tradition (and protocol for its transmission); community-based research methodologies; the history of carnivals and professional wrestling. In her spare time she can be found enjoying music, attending concerts, gardening and spending as much time as possible outdoors.



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