

HEATHER EXNER-PIROT, PHD

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

- Superior writing, research and analytical skills; able to articulate the subject from the reader's perspective
 - Effective in a variety of presentation settings; commands attention
 - Well-organized; prioritizes tasks and meets deadlines; outcome oriented
 - Strong interpersonal competencies; relates well to all kinds of people
 - Widely trusted; able to maintain composure in difficult situations
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EDUCATION

PhD in Political Science University of Calgary, Calgary AB	2011
Master of Arts in Political Science Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's NF	2002
Bachelor of Arts in International Studies (High Honours) University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon SK	2000

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

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| Strategist for Outreach and Indigenous Engagement
College of Nursing, University of Saskatchewan | 2013-19 |
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- Improved the Indigenous undergraduate student proportion from 9.2% in 2012/13 to 19.9% in 2018/19 - the highest of any nursing or professional health science college in the country.
 - Developed and maintained health and education related initiatives with diverse stakeholders provincially, nationally and internationally.
 - Implemented innovative and progressive recruitment and support strategies to achieve a retention rate of 89% amongst Indigenous undergraduate students.
 - Established a Northern Nursing Education Network with 12 institutions from 7 countries to share best practices in rural/remote nursing workforce development.
 - Led a team of advisors to implement student support strategies and community outreach efforts to our campuses in Regina, Prince Albert, La Ronge, Ile a la Crosse and Yorkton.
 - Supported the College's governmental relations with the Ministries of Health and Advanced Education.
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| Post-Doctoral Fellow
Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Saskatchewan | 2012-13 |
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- Identified taxation challenges and opportunities in First Nation and northern jurisdictions in order to promote revenue generation and financial independence.
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| Graduate and Research Officer
International Centre for Northern Governance and Development, University of Saskatchewan | 2010-12 |
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- Managed community driven research initiatives, including development of internship placements, field research planning, funder relations, and communication of findings.

- Responsible for the graduate student experience including facilitating distance learning opportunities for northerners.

Program Assistant

2003-05

Office of Undergraduate Studies, University of the Arctic

- Promoted distance learning opportunities and increased the scope of offerings for northern students on behalf of a large consortium of universities and colleges across Canada, Alaska, Greenland, the Nordic countries and northern Russia.

CURRENT ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEADERSHIP ROLES

Board Member, Saskatchewan First Nations Economic Development Network **2012-**

- Responsible for communications including newsletter, blog and social media.
- Assist with event planning and partnership development to build capacity of First Nations entrepreneurs and Economic Development Corporations.

Contributor, Radio Canada *Eye on the Arctic* website **2012-**

- Contribute articles on northern-relevant political and economic issues.

Managing Editor, *Arctic Yearbook* **2013-**

- Administer the copyediting, design, publication and marketing of an open access, international peer-reviewed volume.

Chair, Canadian Northern Studies Trust **2017-**

- Select and manage a national, interdisciplinary adjudication committee, and oversee evaluation of 170+ scholarship applications for \$1.5 million in awards.

Editorial Board Member, *Canadian Foreign Policy Journal* **2017-**

- Conduct peer review, contribute scholarly content, and provide editorial advice.

Board Member, *Arctic Institute* **2017-**

- Provide financial oversight and strategic guidance for top ranked Arctic think tank in Washington D.C.

Research Associate **2019-**

L'observatoire de la politique et la sécurité de l'Arctique, Ecole nationale d'administration publique

- Collaborate on research projects related to Arctic politics.

TEACHING AND RESEARCH

- Lectured in various Political Studies and Northern Studies courses at the University of Calgary and University of Saskatchewan since 2008
- Authored or co-authored over 35 peer-reviewed journal articles, book chapters, and edited volumes, focused on issues related to northern, Arctic and Indigenous governance, economic development, education and health.
- Chaired numerous provincial and national conferences and workshops, including on rural revitalization, telehealth and community greenhouse development.
- Presented at over 40 conferences and events nationally and internationally.