



“I hope to challenge my own biases, build relationships within the community and gain skills to support community-driven change.”

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This initiative aims to increase availability and accessibility of traditional foods and community-held food knowledge. A centrally located pantry will collect both community donations and purchases from Haida food producers to simplify the storage and acquisition of healthy, local foods for community programs. The pantry space will also be used for knowledge-sharing programs, driven by the requirements and desires expressed by the community.

In 2015 I participated in a field semester on Haida Gwaii focusing on natural resource management as it intersects with Indigenous rights and governance. I continued to live, work and volunteer in the community beyond that semester and was fortunate to witness a vast amount of locally-held knowledge on the harvesting and preparing of traditional foods.

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