Tamarack Song

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**EDUCATION**

1966-70 University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point

**Wildlife Conservation**

1971-72 University of Wisconsin – Green Bay

**World Cultures**

1975-76 University of Massachusetts – Amherst

**Community Design**

1977-78 University of Wisconsin – Madison

**Nonprofit Organization Law**

1983-84 University of Wisconsin – Madison

**Avian Flight Dynamics**

1975- present CONTINUING EDUCATION

*Courses and seminars in the following disciplines:*

Animal Tracking

Business and Leadership Consulting

Breathwork Therapy

Conflict Resolution

Comparative Religion

Counseling

Creative Writing/Poetry

Cultural Anthropology

Ecological Restoration

Environmental Education

Genetics

Leadership

Native American Studies

Nonprofit Organization Management

Psychology

Stress Management

Trauma Recovery

Wilderness Survival Skills

Zen Consciousness

**RESEARCH**

1972-75 **Timber Wolf Behavioral Study** Green Bay, WI

*Project Designer and Researcher*

Established living relationship with a pack of semi-domestic Eastern Timber Wolves to research their relationship dynamics.

1980-87 **Messenger Pigeon Project** Pembine, WI

*Founder and Director*

Developed a strain of homing pigeon (Columba livia domestica) able to deliver emergency communications and medications in areas of the world where technologically-based delivery systems are unsuitable or unavailable.

1983-84 **Cornell University Laboratory of Ornithology** Ithaca, NY

**Avian Orienteering Project**

*Breeding Program and Trials Manager*

Conducted a genetic assessment and reorganization of the breeding program for the world center of bird migration research.

1985-87 **Coldfoot Creek Community** Pembine, WI

*Cofounder and Researcher*

Organized an experimental intentional community of 24 members to test Skinnerian and hereditary behaviorist theories in a collective living situation.

2014-15 **Outdoor Experience Stress and Trauma** Three Lakes, WI

**Management Project**

*Lead Researcher*

Researched and experimented with methodologies for addressing

stress and trauma displays unique to wilderness immersion

experiences.

**TEACHING/COUNSELING/CONSULTING**

1972-present **Brother Wolf Foundation** Green Bay**-**Three Lakes, WI

*Founder and Director*

Dedicated to creating safe space for Wolves to run free, and to some renewing the age-old Human-Wolf relationship through education and direct immersion experiences.

1975-present **Teaching Drum Outdoor School**  Beecher-Three Lakes, WI

*Founder and Instructor*

Internationally renowned for its year-long wilderness immersion program. Curriculum: wilderness psychology, social organization, personal development, wilderness rescue, aboriginal lifeway skills.

1975-present **Snow Wolf Publishing Company** Green Bay-Three Lakes, WI

*Founder and Editor in Chief*

Publisher of materials by the founder and others on nature-guided personal transformation, environmental restoration, and outdoor skills.

1975-present **Healing Nature Center** Beecher**-**Three Lakes, WI

*Cofounder and Codirector*

With a focus on nature-based stress reduction, trauma recovery, self-discovery, and renewing the personal relationship with nature, the Center is also dedicated to environmental restoration.

1976-present **Consultant**

For startup nonprofits, small businesses, artisans, healthcare practitioners, established organizations needing revitalization, and organizational leadership.

1987-present **Other Teaching Engagements**

Courses, workshops, and seminars in my areas of expertise on a contractual basis to colleges, elementary and secondary schools, and museums in the United States and Europe.

1990-present **Counselor**

Relationship, Child Development, Trauma Recovery, Personal Coach. Private unlicensed practice.

2005-06 **Northwoods Community Secondary School** Rhinelander, WI

Taught the gifted and talented creative writing course, *Writing in the Heart Voice*.

2006 **Bird Study Skin Collection** Three Lakes, WI

Established and curated the largest collection of native bird feathers and study skins in northern Wisconsin, for scientific and educational purposes.

2007-08 **Student Practicum Supervisor** Victoria, BC

School of Child and Youth Care, University of Victoria.

2014 **Educating and Cultivating Our Community Leaders** Led this

University of Wisconsin community development workshop for Oneida

Co. WI. business, infrastructure, media, and educational leaders.

**PUBLISHED WORKS**

**BOOKS**

1994 ***Journey to the Ancestral Self***,Station Hill Press.

2010 ***Whispers of the Ancients: Native Tales for Teaching and Healing in Our Time***, University of Michigan Press.

2011 ***Song of Trusting the Heart****,* Sentient Publications.

2013 ***Entering the Mind of the Tracker: Native Practices for Developing Intuitive Consciousness and Discovering Hidden Nature*,** Bear & Company.

2015 ***Extreme Survival Meat: A Guide for Safe Scavenging, Pemmican Making, and Roadkill****,* Snow Wolf Publishing Company.

2016 ***Becoming Nature: Learning the Language of Wild Animals and Plants***, Bear & Company.

2017 ***Zen Rising: 366 Sage Stories to Enkindle Your Days,*** Snow Wolf Publishing Company.

2019 ***Truthspeaking: Ancestral Ways to Hear and Speak the Voice of the Heart,*** Snow Wolf Publishing Company.

2019 ***The Healing Nature Trail: Forest Bathing for Recovery and Awakening,*** Snow Wolf Publishing Company.

2019 ***A Forest Bathing Companion: The Rejuvenating Power of a Healing Nature Trail Walk,*** Snow Wolf Publishing Company.

2020 ***Like a Shadow: The Life and Training of a Guardian Warrior,*** Snow Wolf Publishing Company.

2021 ***Fat Moons and Hunger Moons: The Turn of the Seasons for Northwoods Natives*** (with Moses Amik Beaver), Snow Wolf Publishing Company.

2022 ***Blossoming the Child: A Guide to Child Friendly Parenting,*** Snow Wolf Publishing Company.

2023 ***Becoming You: 3 Steps to Emotional Freedom and What Keeps You from It,*** Snow Wolf Publishing Company.

**CONTRIBUTIONS**

2000 ***The Native American Oral Tradition,*** Lois Einhorn, Ph.D., CT: Preagar Press, 2000.

Contributed the foreword to this scholarly treatise on stories, orations, prayers, and songs.

2005 ***Cakes and Ale for the Pagan Soul,*** edited by Patricia Telesco, Berkeley, CA: The Crossing Press, 2005.

Chapter contribution entitled “The Gifting Way: How Abundance Came to Me”

2006 ***Forgiveness and Child Abuse***, Lois Einhorn, Ph.D., Bandon, OR: Robert D. Reed Publishers, 2006.

Contributed the introduction and a chapter for this pioneering book on childhood sexual abuse. Patch Adams, Arun Gandhi, Derrick Jensen, Daniel Quinn, Bernie Siegel, and Kurt Waldheim contributed as well. The author is the recipient of the 2004 Heroine of Forgiveness, Reconciliation, and Peace Award (formerly granted to Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr., Nelson Mandela, and Desmond Tutu).

**ARTICLES**

1980-present **Other Published Works**

Essay contributions to several books.

150 articles in trade and popular magazines, including *Lotus* and *Conscious Choice.*

2005-2010 **Field Editor, *Wilderness Way* Magazine**

**MEDIA APPEARANCES**

October 2008 MTV’s True Life: Living Off the Grid

Chosen as the season premiere, the hour-long show follows two students through my Wilderness Guide Program. Over one million viewers.

November 2008 Canadian Broadcasting Corporation: Real Survivor Documentary

Another narrative of the Wilderness Guide Program.

June 2012 Gaia Network: Merging with Nature with Tamarack Song

2013-present Forty-plus international summits, television programs, and radio interviews.

**PEACE AND SOCIAL ACTIVISM**

1968-70  **Catholic Peace Fellowship**, active member

1968-82 **Fellowship of Reconciliation**, active member

1969-70  **Military Draft Counselor**, Quaker trained

1969 **Conscientious Objector to War** petition to Draft Board

1971 **Valley Peace Vigil**, organizer Kaukauna, WI

1979  **Nonviolent Activist Training** Denver, CO

October 2011 **Bioneers Annual Conference**, keynote speakerAnchorage, AK

**ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION**

1972 **Brother Wolf Foundation**  Green Bay-Three Lakes, WI

Founded a Timber Wolf education center and sanctuary for mistreated and abandoned Wolves.

1972-87 **Coldfoot Creek Natural Area** Beecher, WI

Established and managed a 520 acre nature preserve containing several wetland and upland habitats unique to the Upper Great Lakes area.

1976 **Wisconsin Rare Habitat Conservancy**

Along with University of Wisconsin Wildlife professor Art Anderson, DNR Endangered Species Specialist Ruth Klug, and six other environmentalists and educators, laid the groundwork for a state Nature Conservancy-style habitat preservation organization.

2000-present **Little Prairie Wetland Restoration** **Project**

Consolidated ownership of a wet meadow and beaver pond valley, then initiated work with the Wisconsin DNR, the Army Corps of Engineers, and Ducks Unlimited to restore and protect the wetland.

2006-present **Backyard Wildlife Habitat**

Converted a typical lawn into a mini nature preserve for a community demonstration site, under the auspices of the National Wildlife Federation's *Backyard Wildlife Habitat* program and the Windstar Wildlife Institute's *American Wildlife Habitat Registry* program.

2006-07 **Military Road Scenic Byway**

Coordinated a grassroots effort to preserve a historic and scenic forest road that was threatened by development.

2008 **Wisconsin Wetlands Restoration Award Nomination**

“To promote recognition of Tamarack’s important work on behalf of wetlands.” – Becky Abel, Executive Director, Wisconsin Wetlands Association

2012-present **Three Lakes, WI Natural-Cultural Resources Committee**

Founder and past chair.

2014 **Terrestrial Invasive Plants Survey**

Secured the first town-level grant in Wisconsin to survey road right-of-way invasive species, develop a management plan, and generate educational materials.

2016 **Roadside Pollinator Habitat Improvement**

Secured a grant to establish native wildflower beds along roadsides in Oneida County, Wisconsin, to enhance butterfly and bee populations, which will increase agricultural production.

2017-present **Environmental** **Restoration Consulting**

Partnered with restoration specialist Baerbel Ehrig to formulate natural habitat management plans for public and private clients.

**NONPROFITS**

1976 **Green Bay Natural Foods Co-Op** Green Bay, WI

Initiated, cofounded, and served as consultant for the first organic and health-food grocery store in northern Wisconsin.

1979 **Northern Lights Natural Food Co-op** Iron Mountain, MI

Cofounded and served as consultant.

1972-present **Brother Wolf Foundation**

Founder and executive director (listed above)

1975-present **Snow Wolf Publishing**

Founder and executive director (listed above)

1975-present **Healing Nature Center**

Cofounder and executive director (listed above)

1975-present **Teaching Drum Outdoor School**

Founder and executive director (listed above)

**BUSINESSES**

1971-82 **Freedom Record Shop** Green Bay, WI

Founded three-city chain of music stores handling audio recordings and musical instruments. Locations in Green Bay, Manitowoc, and Appleton, Wisconsin.

1972-82 **The Chute Boutique** Green Bay, WI

Purchased and expanded the existing business, which purveyed imported clothing, tapestries, books, candles, and related items.

1973-present **Rental Properties** Various locations

Owned and managed retail and apartment units.

1976-79 **The Shire Restaurant** Green Bay, WI

Along with two partners, founded this college-town culture hub

sporting an open stage and serving a variety of foods and drinks, including vegetarian specials and imported beers and wines.

1979-80 **Evening Star Waterbed Gallery** Green Bay, WI

Founded this furniture store featuring waterbed-centered bedroom sets and handcrafted comforters. Largest waterbed retailer in metro area.

1982 **East Meets West Restaurant** Appleton, WI

Hired to revitalize this ailing downtown nightclub which specialized in business lunches and an evening seafood menu. Increased business fourfold in my 18-week management term.

1985-86 **Wilderness Herbs** Pembine, WI

Founded this cottage industry to provide employment for local residents in an economically depressed area. Based on wildcrafting medicinal botanicals for the wholesale market.