

Rj wepāloki, MFA

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Summary:

- Interdisciplinary curriculum/goal development
- Multi-sensory, multi-modal, hands-on
- Individualized, relationship-based approach
- Expressive Art Therapy techniques
- Nature-Immersion and Human-Animal Interaction
- LGBTQQIA2S* populations

Teaching Experience: 1994 - 2019

Director of Special Education, Pre-school teacher, Advocate and Case manager

Universal Pre-k program, The Racker Center at Owego Elementary School; Ithaca, New York

Multi-age Classroom Teacher

Trauma-Informed psycho-social education; Kindle Farm School; Newfane, Vermont

Academic Tutor

Neurodiverse high school population; The Putney School; Putney, Vermont

Shop Arts and Metalsmithing Instructor

Psycho-social educative model, alternative day-program high school; Dearborn Academy; Arlington Massachusetts

Freelance Coach and Tutor: Interdisciplinary Academics, Arts, & Creative Writing

Putney, Vermont

Classroom Assistant, Substitute, After-school Program

Elizabeth Ann Clune Montessori; Ithaca, New York

Art Instructor

Solo & Group Courses; All ages; Vermont & Distance Learning

Sculpture Department Director and Summer Instructor

The Putney School Summer Program; Putney, Vermont

Civil Rights Statewide Advocacy program

Facilitator, panelist, and student representative; Maine Attorney General's Office; Augusta, Maine

Four Winds Nature Institute Instructor

Environmental and natural sciences education, ages 5-10; Putney Central Elementary School; Putney, Vermont

Education:

Masters Psychology/Counseling CMHC Coursework (Current)

Focus: Expressive Art Therapy, LGBTQIA* populations, Nature Immersion therapies, Human Animal interaction
Goddard College, Plainfield, Vermont

Master of Fine Arts, Interdisciplinary Arts (2010)

Goddard College, Plainfield, Vermont

Bachelor of Fine Arts (2002)

Ceramics, Metals, and Silversmithing Sculpture Programs;
Minor: Language and Literature: LGBTQIA* studies
Maryland Institute, College of Art, Baltimore, Maryland

Permaculture Design Certificate, Earthworks, Reading the Landscape 2014 - 2018

Certification as Designer, Consultant, and Educator; Permaculture Research Institute; The Channon NSW, Australia

Continuing Education 2013-2019

- **Language Arts, Music, and Art:** New York state Prek certification course
- **Co-Creating Well-Being:** Supporting Children and Families Through Trauma
- **Trauma-Informed Classroom:** Children, Families, and Trauma: What we need to know to support healing and resilience; Human Centered Design
- **Registered Behavioral Technician:** ReThinkEd's 43 hour credential
- **Multi-Tiered Intervention** in schools
- **Trauma Responsive Care and the Three R's:** Resilience, Relationship, and Renewal
- **Dynamic Core Goes to School:** Physical, sensory, and emotional Foundations for learning
- **Essentials of Resilient Community**
- **Human Development Through Nature's Design**
- **Walking in Two Worlds,** balancing traditional and contemporary Navaho/Diné worldviews

Studies Abroad: 1996 - 2015

- Togo, Benin; Africa
- Belize; Central America
- Mexico; North America
- Ireland, Spain, England; Europe

Arts and Juried Exhibitions, Publications, Awards, Residencies: 1998 - 2020

<p>Toy-Maker, Marionettes/Puppets, Playground Design Wepāloki llc & wplkSculpted; Putney, Vermont (1998-2018)</p>	<p>Goldsmith, Jeweler/Sculptor, Graphic Designer — Wepāloki llc & wplkSculpted; Putney, Vermont (1998-2016) — David-Brooks Goldsmith; Hallowell, Maine (2002)</p>
<p>Artist Development Grant (2012) Vermont Arts Council, Montpelier, Vermont</p>	<p>Breaking into Business (2012) Vermont Arts Council, Montpelier, Vermont</p>
<p>Home School Hudson Writing Residency Program (2016) accepted; The Home School; Hudson, New York</p>	<p>— Putney Craft Tour; Putney, Vermont — Brattleboro Area Farmers Market; Brattleboro, Vermont — Putney Farmers Market; Putney, Vermont — Winter Farmers Market by Post Oil Solutions; Brattleboro, Vermont</p>
<p>Just Jewelry Augustine, Kathy. 2010. Just Jewelry. Highland, MI. New Art Review. pages: 13 - 15.</p>	<p>Pinned Down By Pronouns Amato, Toni and Davies, Mary. 2004. Pinned Down By Pronouns. Jamaica Plain, MA. Conviction Books. page 186.</p>
<p>Art With Feeling (2010) Sharon Arts Gallery, Peterborough, New Hampshire</p>	<p>Commonwalk Arts Festival (2010, 2011) Art for a Sustainable Future; Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire</p>
<p>MFA Thesis Website Exhibition (2010) Goddard College; Plainfield, Vermont</p>	<p>Art on the Avenue (2010, 2011) Affordable Housing Program, CDC Houston, Texas</p>
<p>Oppression Dismantling Training and Workbook (2002) Co-Creator</p>	<p>Natural Playground Design 2012-2013 Hilltop Montessori School, Brattleboro, Vermont</p>
<p>Board Member and Consultant 2017-current Vermont Wilderness School, Brattleboro, Vermont</p>	
<h2>Healthcare/Medical:</h2>	
<p>Medical Director 2001, 2002 Friends Summer Camp, South China, Maine</p>	<p>Wilderness First Responder certified 2001 Wilderness Medical Associates; Bethel, Maine</p>
<p>Lifeguard and Advanced CPR certified 2000 - 2007 American Heart Association; American Red Cross</p>	<p>Certified Water Safety Instructor certified 2000 American Red Cross</p>
<p>Veterinary Technician 2003 - 2005 — Porter Square Veterinarian; Somerville, Massachusetts — Rice Village Animal Hospital; Houston, Texas</p>	