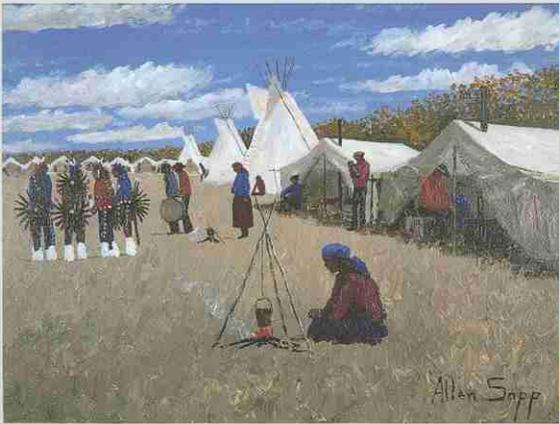


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Aboriginal History and a minor in Anthropology. Her Master's degree was also in Cultural Anthropology. Her love of people, as well as her belief in the importance of maintaining stories and traditions, has inspired her travels and diverse experiences working as a field researcher across North America as well as her interest in First Nation's participation within museums. In 2000, she worked as an intern at the Navajo Nation Museum to explore community views of repatriation with members of the Navajo community in Window Rock, Arizona. This experience inspired her Master's work in 2003, which was based on collaboration with members of the Stó:lô First Nation in British Columbia to explore how repatriation could best proceed in accordance with their local cultural values, identity and history. She has also worked as a research assistant at the Museum of Civilization in Hull. Her current PhD Research is based on recording the Life histories of Three Stó:lô elders she met in 2002. She spends her time listening, talking with and learning from people she admires and respects and finds in difficult to distinguish between her work and personal enjoyment.

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