



X'UNEI ❖ DU AANÍ KAWDINÓOK ❖ K'EIJÁAKW

* Lance Arron Twitchell *



Biography

Born in Skagway, Alaska, Lance A. Twitchell is from the Tlingit and Haida Indian Nations of the Northwest Coast, and the Yup'ik Native Nation of Western Alaska. Twitchell is an author, poet, artist, musician, traditionalist, a graduate of the University of Minnesota, and a graduate student at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. He is proficient in the Tlingit language, and works in various media to search for stories that need to be told, that contain a common suffering, joy, and knowledge. Lance's Tlingit names are X'unei and Du Aaní Kawdinóok, and his Haida name is K'eijáakw.

Education

- ⊙ **University of Alaska, Fairbanks** Fairbanks, AK 2007 - Present
 - ❖ Enrolled in Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing
- ⊙ **University of Minnesota, Twin Cities** Minneapolis / St. Paul, MN 1994 - 1999
 - ❖ Bachelor of Arts in English & Creative Writing, minor in American Indian Studies
- ⊙ **University of Alaska Southeast** Juneau, AK 2000 - 2007
 - ❖ Tlingit language & culture courses, Teaching Methods & Materials
- ⊙ **Sheldon Jackson College** Sitka, AK 2002 - 2007
 - ❖ Village Management Institute Courses
- ⊙ **Totem Heritage Center** Ketchikan, AK 1997-1998
 - ❖ Completed courses in Northwest Coast Design, Carving, Northwest Coast Native Art History, and Art Business Principles.
- ⊙ **Minnesota State University** Mankato, MN 1993-1994
 - ❖ Began work on B.A.

Business Experience

- ⊙ **Troubled Raven Productions** Owner, Multimedia Company 2000 - Present
 - ❖ Web & graphic design, traditional Northwest Coast Native design, pro audio studio production, computer repair, small business networking, and literature.
- ⊙ **University of Alaska Fairbanks** Teaching Assistant 2008 - Present
 - ❖ Teacher, ENGL111 — Introduction to Academic Writing
 - ➔ Develop syllabus & lesson plan, grade papers, conference with students, and assign final grades.
 - ❖ Tutor, UAF Writing Center
 - ➔ Assist students with writing assignments, from brainstorming to final revisions.
- ⊙ **National Park Service** Museum Technician 2007 - 2008
 - ❖ Gates of the Arctic National Park & Preserve / Yukon-Charley Rivers National Preserve
 - ➔ Provide curatorial collections management services, develop graphic design elements and templates for web and print publications.



- ◎ **University of Alaska Southeast** **Tlingit Language Researcher** **2007**
 * Researched methods of Tlingit grammar, recreated verb complex charts & created glossary documents.
- ◎ **Dzant'iki Héeni Middle School** **Tlingit Language Teacher** **2007**
 * Taught Beginning Tlingit to middle school classroom.
- ◎ **Perseverance Theatre** **Actor & Tlingit Language Coach** **2007**
 * Performed as "Ross" in a Tlingit Language & Cultural adaptation of Shakespeare's "Macbeth," and coached all actors and staff in Tlingit language lines and introductory language principles.
- ◎ **Organized Village of Kasaan** **Assistant Tribal Administrator** **2005 - 2006**
 * Worked to improve operational capacity and economic development for OVK, Managed the computer network in Kasaan, developed forms, and worked with committees to develop a Strategic Plan, Organizational Charts, and Policies and Procedures for Administration and Finance.
- ◎ **Skagway Traditional Council** **Tribal President** **1999 - 2005**
 * Worked with Native community to develop a Tribal Council, built administrative capacity of the Tribe to deliver Tribal Programs and to manage multiple grant programs & projects, and oversaw the construction of a 5,000 square foot facility that was the first Native owned community structure in over a hundred years in the Skagway area.
 * Worked with local community to develop a watershed council, and built a network between local Native community and various Tribal, Federal, and State agencies.
- ◎ **Inside Passage Arts** **Sales Associate** **1996-2005**
 * Assisted with a gallery in Skagway by providing art sales, experience with traditional Northwest Coast Native cultures and arts, and by contributing artwork to the gallery.

Artistic Accomplishments

- ◎ **University of Alaska Fairbanks** **Art Award** **2009**
 * *Third Place*, Fairbanks Arts Association *New Media: art via digital technology* jurored art exhibition for "X'ix'ch (Frog)."
- ◎ **Alaska Native Heritage Month** **Art Award** **2008**
 * *Winner*, Alaska Native Heritage Month Art Showcase for "Du Xoonx'i Yán, Dleit Geedí"
- ◎ **University of Alaska Fairbanks** **Writing Awards** **2008**
 * *Winner*, Harold McCracken Award for Outstanding Fiction and Nonfiction Writing About Alaska and the North Country.
 * *Honorable Mention*, Northern Light's Essay Contest.
 * *Recipient*, George McDaniel Writing Fund (private scholarship).
- ◎ **Tidal Echoes Literary Magazine** **Published Fiction Author** **2007**
 * Short Story "The Saving Son" published.
 * Two pieces of artwork published.
 → *Eagle Reflections* and *Ax Léelk'w (My Grandfather)*
- ◎ **Various Multimedia Projects** **Troubled Raven Productions** **2003 - Present**
 * Art Sales
 → Limited edition prints developed with printmaker Chris Nowicki: "Raven, Coho, & Box of Wisdom" and "Raven with Babies."
 → Online store maintained at www.cafepress.com/troubledraven
 → Artwork sold to collectors from United States, Canada, Columbia, South Africa, Poland, New Zealand, Spain, and Italy.
 → Custom designs developed for memorial ceremonies, personal gifts, and tattoos.
 * Web & Graphic Design — designed the following sites:
 → Southeast Tribal Department of Transportation (www.setdot.org)
 → Skagway Traditional Council (www.skagwaytraditional.org)
 → Organized Village of Kasaan (www.kasaan.org)
 → Kasaan Bay Watershed Council (www.kasaanbaywatershed.org)
 * Engineered Heartsongs audio CD for artist Shane Horton

- ◎ **Northern Tlingit Language Dictionary** **Author and Publisher** **2005 - Present**
 * Compiled, organized, and self-published a 1st and 2nd edition of a Tlingit Language Dictionary that focuses on nouns and other parts of speech, but not verbs.
- ◎ **Interior Tlingit Language Immersion** **Camp Coordinator** **2006**
 * Worked with the Carcross Tagish First Nations (CTFN) to design and execute a four day Tlingit language immersion camp at the Skookum Jim Tribal Camp.
- ◎ **Skagway Traditional Council** **Published Author** **2003 - 2006**
 * Worked in partnership with the Carcross-Tagish First Nations (CTFN), Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), and the U.S. National Park Service to develop a series of five interpretive signs to document the Native community in and around the Skagway area, and the impacts of the Gold Rush and other modern settlements.
 → www.troubledraven.com/stc-signs
- ◎ **Northwest Coast Design** **Course Instructor** **2003 - 2006**
 * Worked with the Kasaan City School to teach traditional Northwest Coast Native Design
 * Worked in partnership with Skagway Traditional Council to teach traditional Northwest Coast Native Design design elements and prepare button blankets for the Skagway Native community
- ◎ **Alaska Native Heritage** **Cultural and Artistic Studies Instructor** **2000 - 2004**
 * Taught a six week Tlingit language and culture workshops for Little Dippers Daycare in Skagway
 * Taught Alaska Native Art, History, Culture, & Tlingit Language to grades 2-8
- ◎ **The Skaguay Alaskan – The Skagway News** **Published Author** **2001 - 2007**
 * “A Modern Tribe in a Historical Setting – a current history of the Skagway Traditional Council “(2005)
 * “The Fate of a Nation” – historical non-fiction on the history and future of Skagway’s Alaska Native community (2003 & 2004)
- ◎ **University of Minnesota** **Writing and Leadership Awards** **1998**
 * *Recipient*, Anna Augusta Von Helmholtz Phelan Scholarship in Creative Writing.
 * *Honorable Mention*, Martin B. Ruud Scholarship in Creative Writing.
 * *Candidate*, Donald R. Zander Award for Outstanding Student Leadership
 * *Recipient*, U of M Alumni Association Student Leadership Award
 * *Recipient*, U of M President’s Student Leadership & Service Award

Computer Proficiency

- ◎ **Office:**
 * MS Word, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint, Corel Word Perfect, QuickBooks Pro
- ◎ **Design:**
 * Adobe Photoshop, ImageReady, Illustrator, InDesign, Dreamweaver, Acrobat, Flash, digital photography
- ◎ **Audio:**
 * Sony Soundforge, Acid Pro, CD Architect, Roland VS-2480
- ◎ **Maintenance:**
 * Virus protection and removal, Disc Defragmenter, Disc Cleanup, Virus recovery, Windows analysis and recovery, spyware removal.
- ◎ **Hardware:**
 * Basic computer construction skills, ability to diagnose and replace hardware, perform windows repairs & updates, and build and repair small networks and network components.