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**EDUCATION:**

Forest Recreation Management (1996) Sir Sandford Fleming Lindsay, Ontario	B.A. Honours Environmental Studies (2005) Wilfrid Laurier University Waterloo, Ontario	MES Environmental Studies (Current) Wilfrid Laurier University Waterloo, Ontario
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**BACKGROUND:**

2018-Present	Senior Project Manager, Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources
2015-2017	Senior Land Manager, Southwest Ontario, Lafarge Canada, Mississauga Ontario
2014-2015	Teaching Assistant: Cultural Geography and Field Research, Wilfrid Laurier University
2013-2014	Senior Team Lead, Indigenous Community Relations and Crown Consultation, AECOM Canada, Guelph Ontario
2008-2013	Resource Liaison Specialist, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
2006-2008	Environmental Planner and Indigenous Consultation Lead, SNC Lavalin, Toronto
2005-2006	Resource Management Coordinator, Dehcho First Nations, Fort Simpson Northwest Territories
2002-2005	Research Assistant, Wilfrid Laurier University, Kluane National Park and Reserve, Yukon
1998-1999	Operations Manager, Toonoonik Sahoonek Outfitters, Pond Inlet, Nunavut

**EXPERIENCE:**

David Cook brings a breadth of experience to CIER with over 15 years working with Indigenous organizations and communities across Canada. David's experience includes ensuring the Crown's constitutional duties and obligations are met with regards to Indigenous consultation. In addition, he has lead multi-ministry working groups and Indigenous consultation efforts such as investigating provincial changes to Crown consultation for natural resource issues including the use of traditional knowledge in natural resource management decisions. He was also an instructor for Aboriginal Cultural Awareness and The Duty to Consult through the government of Ontario.

David has designed and executed traditional knowledge studies directed at the creation of national and provincial park management plans, mining and exploration, hydro-electric projects, and land use planning. David was the lead Aboriginal Liaison Officer at SNC-Lavalin where he gained invaluable experience working as the project manager for the socio-economic and traditional knowledge study for the Bathurst Inlet Port and Road project in Nunavut. He has also developed Indigenous capacity building programs for isolated communities in Nunavut, Northwest Territories, Yukon, Alberta, British Columbia, and Ontario.

As the Resource Management Coordinator for the Dehcho First Nations David was responsible for reporting to Dehcho Leadership on Environmental Impact Assessment reviews, resource development proposals, and creating and executing traditional knowledge studies to be used in resource management and land use planning. He was a member of the Dehcho Land Claim negotiations team, the Mackenzie Valley Pipeline negotiations team, the Northwest Territories Environmental Audit

Committee, and the Territorial Species at Risk working group. He was also instrumental in the creation of the *Keepers of the Water*, an Indigenous freshwater conservation management conference comprised of Indigenous communities within the Mackenzie River watershed. David has spent many years living in and working with Indigenous communities across Canada and has developed a firsthand understanding and deep respect of the issues and challenges facing Indigenous communities.