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Central Council Hires Business & Economic Development Director



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Gail Dabaluz

The Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Central Council) is pleased to announce Gail Dabaluz has been hired as the Director of the Business & Economic Development Department (BEDD).

“Gail brings valuable 8(a) business development and federal government contracting experience with her,” stated Chief Operating Officer Corrine Garza. “Central Council’s administration looks forward to Gail joining our management team.”

The BEDD Director is responsible for achieving and maintaining sound business and program planning systems to enhance tribal growth in businesses and in new programs which include project/program planning and development along with securing, administering, and implementing grants and contracts to meet tribal objectives and community needs.

Gail attained her Master of Arts degree in Alaska Native Studies and Rural Development from the University of Alaska-Fairbanks, Bachelor of Arts degree in Cultural Anthropology from the University of Hawaii at Hilo, and is a PhD candidate at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks in Indigenous Studies. She was previously employed as Senior Contract Manager at Goldbelt Wolf, LLC; Grant Manager with the State of Alaska; and Indian Self Determination Specialist with the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

“I am so excited to be working for Central Council,” said Gail. “It is a pleasure to be returning home to work for our tribal membership in the Business and Economic Development Department. I look forward to collaborating with tribal members, communities and our strategic partners.”

Gail is the daughter of James Young, Jr. of Hydaburg and Geraldine (Brown) Williams of Juneau. Her maternal grandparents are the late Judson and Selina (Lena) Brown and her great grandparents are the late James and Mary (Spurgeon) Brown. Her paternal grandparents are the late James Young, Sr. and Florence (George) Young. Gail's Tlingit Name is *S'eenaakw'* and she is of the Raven moiety and *L'uknaχ.ádi* clan. She is married to Leroy Dabaluz and has two children, Ke'alalakina (22) and Pietr (7).

Gail will begin her new position on August 7, 2013; her office is located at 9097 Glacier Highway. Please join Central Council in welcoming her.

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