Gimiwan Research and Consulting Inc.

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What we do

Gimiwan Research and Consulting Inc. (Gimiwan) serves Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities and organizations by providing expert qualitative and quantitative research services, project management, communications strategies, and strategic facilitation.

Meet the team



Dr. Damien Lee, Gimiwan President, is a Fort William First Nation band member, and holds a PhD in Indigenous Studies (University of Manitoba). He is a leading expert in community-driven qualitative research. Damien has worked for not-for-profit organizations at regional, national and international levels, and has served various governance organizations, including for his home band - Fort William First Nation.



Sarah Werner, Gimiwan COO, is completing a masters degree in Indigenous Studies at the University of Saskatchewan. She is non-Indigenous and is a strong detail oriented qualitative analyst. Sarah has more than a decade's worth of experience providing administrative support for large organizations.



Caitlin Feeley, Gimiwan Project Officer, is a settler and holds an undergraduate degree in Sociology from Toronto Metropolitan University. Adept in qualitative and quantitative research methods, Caitlin provides research and facilitation for a broad range of projects.



Dr. Veldon Coburn, Gimiwan Associate, holds a PhD in Political Studies (Queen's University). He is a member of the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation, west of Ottawa, Ontario. Dr. Coburn is widely recognized for his quantitative and qualitative research expertise.



Dr. Marlene Pierre, Strategic Advisor, holds an honorary Doctor of Letters from Lakehead University and is a Fort William First Nation band member. She is recognized as an Anishinaabe knowledge holder and has been involved in reforming the Ontario justice system, specifically regarding the underrepresentation of Indigenous juries in Northwestern Ontario.