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1. Executive Summary 2024-2025

The Center for World Indigenous Studies (CWIS) Annual Report covers the period from October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025. This year, CWIS continued its work to support, document, and share Indigenous knowledge, fostering collaboration with communities, scholars, and global audiences. Guided by our mission to advance and uphold Indigenous rights, facilitate dialogue, and promote justice, CWIS ensures that Indigenous voices remain central in research, education, and cultural preservation.

Through these initiatives, CWIS demonstrates that **preserving Indigenous knowledge and supporting communities go hand- in- hand with strengthening cultural continuity, access to information, and Indigenous-led scholarship worldwide.**

2. Our Mission

Protecting Indigenous Rights and Resources by Advancing Traditional Knowledge

CWIS is an independent, non-governmental research and education organization founded in 1984. Our mission is to advance the knowledge and ideas of Fourth World peoples while fostering constructive dialogue with metropolitan states. Guided by the principle that shared knowledge reduces conflict and builds cooperation through mutual consent, CWIS promotes democratic relationships that help preserve cultural diversity and enrich the world.



Section I

3. Leadership & Governance

3.1. A Message from the Chair

Dear Friends,

This past year has been one of growth, reflection, and renewed commitment at the Center for World Indigenous Studies. Across our projects — from preserving 45 years of Indigenous knowledge in the CWIS Digital Library, to making the *Fourth World Journal* open access, to expanding our work in Traditional Medicine, to completing our first feature-length documentary, *BreakPoint: The Untold Story of the Constitution Express* — we have witnessed how knowledge can bridge generations, empower communities, and inspire global change.

At the heart of this work is a simple truth: Indigenous knowledge is a living, evolving force for the future. Each preserved archive, each published article, and each shared story strengthen cultural continuity and advance Indigenous-led scholarship worldwide. Each connection in the field with individuals, families, and communities deepens this work, reminding us that knowledge lives in relationships as much as in records.

None of this would be possible without the dedication of our staff, students, volunteers, donors, the Board of Directors, and the global community that supports CWIS. Your belief in our mission makes this work sustainable and transformative.

As we look ahead to the upcoming year 2025-2026, we remain committed to deepening our partnerships, expanding access, growing our work in Traditional Medicine, and ensuring that Indigenous voices continue to guide the path toward justice, resilience, and sustainability.

With gratitude and determination,

Leslie Korn

Center for World Indigenous Studies

Board of Directors and Personnel

3.2. Board of Directors

- **Leslie E. Korn, Ph.D., MPH** – Chair of the Board
- **Amy Desjarlais, B.A., MA** – Secretary of the Board (Anishinabe [Canada])
- **Skʷumq̓nálq̓s (Amelia Marchand), MELP** – Treasurer (Okanogan, Moses-Columbia, Palus, Chief Joseph Band of Wallowa Nez Perce, and Sinixt [USA])
- **Kʷilsołcís (Joaquin J. Marchand), MPA** – Director (Sinixt [USA], Blackfeet, and Iroquois)
- **Henry Cagey** – (Lummi Nation [USA])
- **Kū Kahakalau, Ph.D.** – (Hawaiian – [US-occupied territory])
- **Martha Schmidt, LL.M.** – Educator on Human Rights and the Rights of Ecosystems
- **Gillian Joseph** – (Ihaŋktonwan Dakota)

3.3. CWIS Personnel & Contributors

Personnel contributing to the work of the Center include:

- **Janneth Castellanos** – Information Management Specialist
- **Melina Corona** – Managing Editor, Fourth World Journal
- **Claudia García** – Digitization and Preservation Project, Intern Coordinator
- **Ángel Estrada** – Software Engineer
- **Juan Salvador Gradilla** – IT programmer
- **Leslie Korn** – Director of Research, Center for Traditional Medicine Director
- **Max Valladares Montalban** – Cinematographer
- **Samuel Stoker, MA** – Web Manager
- **Marina Urdapilletta, MA** – Library and Information Specialist, Historian
- **Michel Medellin Valdez** – Graphic Artist

Section II

4. Global Impact – Advancing Indigenous Knowledge and Rights

The Center for World Indigenous Studies (CWIS) bridges traditional knowledge with contemporary tools to advance cultural preservation and education worldwide. This year, CWIS turned decades of expertise into measurable impact, preserving and sharing traditional knowledge through digital platforms, research, multimedia, and educational programs.

4.1. Project Focus 2024–2025

This year, CWIS advanced **four major projects** that strengthen our mission of preserving and promoting Indigenous knowledge:

- **Publications: The Fourth World Journal (FWJ)** – Transitioned to open access, expanding global readership and ensuring that critical scholarship is freely accessible to communities worldwide. We also began curating a two-issue special focus on women's traditional medicine, amplifying visibility of knowledge and practices too often overlooked in mainstream research.
- **Digital Preservation Project** – Expanded the CWIS digital preservation system, centralizing and safeguarding tens of thousands of files. By integrating advanced tools and cultural sensitivity, we are making Indigenous knowledge more accessible for research, education, and advocacy while preserving it for future generations.
- **Documentary Film** – Began production of a new documentary project, designed to share stories of resilience, tradition, and knowledge with global audiences. This film will serve as both a cultural record and an educational tool, amplifying Indigenous voices through visual storytelling.

- **Center for Traditional Medicine** – Updated the CTM webpage and advanced research efforts, making resources on Indigenous healing practices more visible and accessible. These updates support ongoing work to connect traditional medicine with contemporary health and community resilience initiatives.

4.2. Publications

4.2.1. Fourth World Journal: Promoting Indigenous Knowledge and Visibility

CWIS expanded the global reach and impact of Indigenous research this year through a major digital transformation of our flagship publication, the *Fourth World Journal (FWJ)*. By modernizing its infrastructure and amplifying its presence, we ensure that vital Indigenous scholarship is preserved and accessible to a worldwide audience. we expanded the range of articles accepted to include poetry, fostering greater diversity of representation. With support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, we are curating a special two-issue series on women's traditional medicine, bringing forward knowledge and practices too often overlooked in mainstream scholarship.



Volume 24, Number 2 – Winter 2025

Published August 18, 2025, this issue explored critical themes including territorial rights, protection of Indigenous resources, and the role of resilience, tradition, art, and activism in defending Indigenous territories and cultures.

FULL ISSUE



Volume 25, Number 1 – Summer 2025

Published June 2, 2025, this special edition of the Nations International Criminal Tribunal featured nine in-depth articles examining Indigenous rights, justice, and international law, highlighting contemporary scholarship and advocacy.

FULL ISSUE

a) Publication Achievements

A website was also developed to accompany this edition, offering extended context, enabling any Indigenous nation to adapt the charter to its needs, and providing related resources: [Nations International Criminal Tribunal](#)

b) Digital Milestones

- Achieved Digital Object Identifier (DOI) status for all FWJ articles dating back to 1984, and assigned DOIs to all references, enabling permanent discoverability and seamless access through the global library system.

The Special Issue for the Nations International Criminal Tribunal (NICT)

The NICT Charter and the Realization of the Rights to Self-Determination of Indigenous Nations and Fourth World Peoples

Hiroshi Fukurai

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Downloads

New Academic Indexes

Applied to and accepted by new academic indexes, significantly increasing global visibility:

- Informit
- Ulrichsweb (*Ulrich's Periodicals Directory*)
- EBSCO
- Google Scholar
- Gale Academic OneFile
- Electronic Journals Library (EZB)

- Continuing to apply for additional indexes next year as FWJ completes its transition to full peer review.

c) Content Dissemination

- Launched video abstracts and a strategic social media campaign, significantly increasing the global visibility and readership of FWJ publications.

ci) FWJ Migration

- Successfully transitioned FWJ to Open Journal Systems (OJS), modernizing the platform with a mobile-responsive design and multilingual support, improving access for a global readership.

- <https://fwj.cwis.org/>

cii) Expanding Voices

- Broadened inclusion criteria to welcome a wider range of Indigenous expression. Alongside scholarly articles, FWJ now publishes photo essays, poetry, and personal reflections, ensuring the journal reflects the diverse voices, traditions, and creative practices of Indigenous communities.

ciii) Looking Ahead

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CENTER FOR WORLD INDIGENOUS STUDIES

CALL FOR PAPERS SPECIAL EDITION
Fourth World Journal: Call for Papers January 2026 and June 2026

Across Indigenous communities around the world, women are at the heart of traditional medicine. As healers, midwives, spiritual leaders, and keepers of botanical and ecological knowledge, their work nourishes individual health and the health of entire communities.

The Fourth World Journal (FWJ) is proud to announce a two-part special edition dedicated to honoring the role of women in traditional medicine. We invite practitioners, scholars, activists, artists, and community members to contribute their voices to this vital conversation. Your stories, experiences, and reflections are needed now more than ever.

SCOPE OF THIS SPECIAL ISSUE

We welcome submissions that reflect the diversity and richness of women's involvement in traditional medicine. Possible themes include, but are not limited to:

- Personal narratives from traditional healers, midwives, or medicine women
- Community-based healing practices and their cultural significance
- The impact of colonialism, globalization, or environmental change on traditional medicine
- Innovations and adaptations within traditional healing systems
- Women's roles in ceremonies, rites of passage, and spiritual healing
- The relationship between land, body, and medicine
- Artistic, poetic, and narrative expressions of healing traditions
- Challenges and opportunities in passing knowledge to younger generations

We encourage work that respects and uplifts Indigenous epistemologies, expressed through storytelling, scholarship, art, and activism.

DEADLINES

January 2026 edition – Submission deadline: **September 1, 2025**
June 2026 edition – Submission deadline: **January 1, 2026**

For more information and submission guidelines, please refer to the full Call for Papers.

ABOUT CWIS & THE FOURTH WORLD JOURNAL

For over 40 years, the Center for World Indigenous Studies (CWIS) has amplified Indigenous voices and issues globally. The Fourth World Journal (FWJ) provides a platform for research, commentary, and analysis on the experiences of over 5,000 Fourth World Nations, representing 1.9 billion people. Through the FWJ, CWIS remains committed to centering Indigenous perspectives and advancing conversations that honor Indigenous knowledge, self-determination, and resilience.

Call for Papers – Special Edition 2026

Inviting submissions on Women's Traditional Medicine, Indigenous Knowledge, and Wisdom Ways.

4.3. Center for Traditional Medicine

The Center for Traditional Medicine (CTM) partners with traditional healers and knowledge holders to deliver pro bono health care, document plant-based remedies, traditional recipes, and oral histories. These efforts preserve traditional wisdom in digital form and return it to the communities from which it originates.

Commitment: Preserving and sharing traditional medicinal knowledge through ethical collaboration, ensuring Indigenous expertise endures for future generations and informs global health.

4.3.1 Our Impact

- Delivered ongoing healthcare in rural Indigenous communities in Cabo Corrientes, Mexico
- **Plant Documentation:** Cataloged 246 medicinal plants, including Latin names and biomedical research data.
- **Fieldwork:** Carried out expeditions in Cabo Corrientes (March & July 2025), photographing native species and recording healing practices with knowledge holders.
- **Knowledge Integration:** Built a cross-referenced master database linking medicinal plants to traditional recipes and cultural uses.
- **Digital Archives:** Expanded the digital library by digitizing healer testimonies, recipes, and historical materials.
- **Food Sovereignty Webinar (July 2025):** Leslie Korn spoke about the center's work at *"Indigenous Peoples' Right to Self-Determination: A Pathway for Food Security and Sovereignty"* hosted by International Center for Multigenerational Legacies of Trauma with panelists from Canada, Mexico, and Kenya, highlighting Indigenous-led solutions for sustainable land and food systems. [Watch & Learn More](#)

- Participated in the Regional Global Advocacy Roadmap (GAR) Workshop (Sept 25, 2025) on civil society action for WHO Traditional, Complementary, and Integrative Healthcare (2025-2034). Our participation reflected our commitment to the inclusion of Indigenous voices, epistemologies and medicines in the WHO Traditional Medicine Plan as well as to sharing news about the special issue of FWJ.

- **Website Development:** Launched Phase I of the new CTM webpage.

[Visit the Website](#)

- **Center for Traditional Medicine** – Updated the CTM webpage and advanced research efforts, making resources on Indigenous healing practices more visible and accessible. These updates support ongoing work to connect traditional medicine with contemporary health and community resilience initiatives.

4.4. Documentary Film Creation

CWIS amplified Indigenous voices worldwide through strategic multimedia initiatives. The feature-length documentary *BreakPoint: The Untold Story of the Constitution Express* (90 minutes) is now in post-production and scheduled for completion in November 2025. In parallel, CWIS produced and shared numerous FWJ interviews across YouTube and Facebook, spotlighting Indigenous perspectives on climate governance, food sovereignty, and land rights. These efforts make complex narratives accessible, engaging, and widely shared.

Commitment: *Sharing Indigenous knowledge through powerful and accessible media.*

4.4.1. Our impact

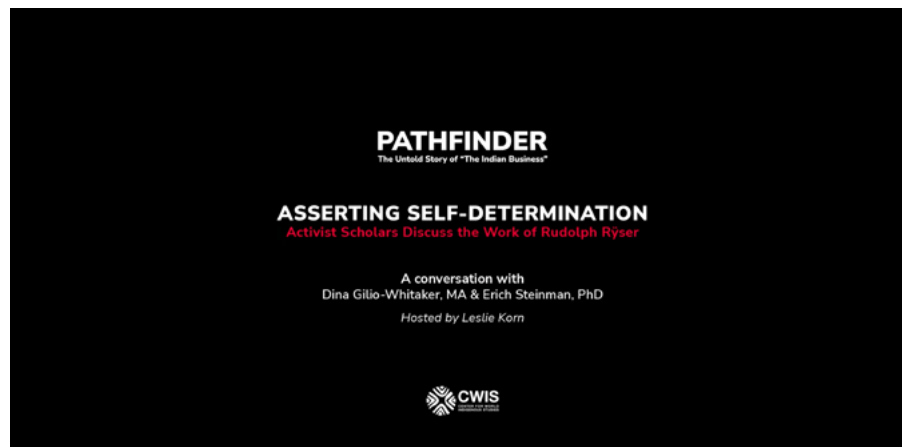
- **Documentary Production:** Advanced the feature-length documentary *BreakPoint: The Untold Story of the Constitution Express* to final editing, sharing pivotal stories of Indigenous leadership.

Synopsis:

Break Point: The Untold Story of the Constitution Express reveals one of the most significant yet little-known Indigenous rights movements in modern history. In 1980,

as the Trudeau government prepared to patriate Canada's Constitution from Britain, it moved to erase the rights of Indigenous peoples and dispossess them of their lands. In response, thousands of First Nations peoples, including grandparents and children, boarded trains to Ottawa to demand recognition. Led by Grand Chief George Manuel, backed by strategist Rudy Rýser, attorney Louise Mandell, and activists across Turtle Island, this historic mobilization became a defining moment in the centuries-long struggle for Indigenous self-determination and a crucible of collective resistance for sovereignty—a battle that continues today.

Asserting Self-Determination: Activist Scholars Discuss the Work of Rudolph Rýser



WATCH VIDEO

• **Expert Voices Amplified:** Produced and promoted video highlights featuring leading scholars and practitioners on Indigenous rights, law, and knowledge preservation.

- [***Hiding in Plain Sight***](#) – Andrew B. Reid, JD
- [***18 Broken Treaties***](#) – Tashina Boyer
- [***Introduction to the Nations International Criminal Tribunal***](#) – Sam Stoker, MA
- [***The Indigenous Oromo Nation***](#) – Muhammad Al-Hashimi, PhD
- [***NICT Charter and Self-Determination of Indigenous Nations***](#) – Hiroshi Fukurai, PhD

- **Book Review Spotlight:**

- [*The Hidden Roots of White Supremacy*](#) – Dina Gilio-Whitaker, MA

- **Internship Spotlight:** Created feature videos highlighting the contributions of CWIS interns.

- [*CWIS Internship Stories*](#)

4.5 Engaging the CWIS Community

Connecting with our global community is central to CWIS's mission. Through digital media, newsletters, and mentorship, we create opportunities for scholars, advocates, and community members to engage meaningfully in preserving and promoting Indigenous knowledge.

Commitment: *Fostering meaningful connections with a global audience.*

4.5.1. Our Impact

This year, CWIS continued to amplify Indigenous voices and perspectives through digital storytelling. We published 22 blogs and shared 164 social media posts in both English and Spanish, and sent 37 Newsletters sparking conversations across the globe. Connect with us and join the dialogue:

- [Instagram](#)
- [Facebook](#)
- [Bluesky](#)
- [Blog Posts](#)

4.6. The CWIS Digital Preservation Project: Safeguarding 45 Years of Wisdom



Communities & Collections All of DSpace ▾ Statistics

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Chief George Manuel and Rudolph C. Rýser Memorial Library

The Chief George Manuel and Rudolph C. Rýser Memorial Library safeguards over five decades of records that honor Indigenous knowledge, governance, and self-determination. Its collections capture both the struggles and achievements of Indigenous Nations across the world, preserving memory and guiding future generations.

Highlights of the collections include:

- Treaties, international agreements, and tribal resolutions
- Publications and archival materials on traditional medicine
- Records of sovereignty movements in the Pacific Northwest
- Testimonies from the Nicaraguan wars and Chittagong Hill Tracts in South Asia
- Documentation of Indigenous environmental protection and food sovereignty efforts

Together, these materials reveal how Indigenous communities assert sovereignty, maintain traditions, and respond to global challenges in law, politics, health, and the environment.

About the library

The Chief George Manuel Indigenous Library preserves over five decades of records on Indigenous knowledge, governance, and self-determination. Its collections include treaties, international agreements, tribal resolutions, publications, and archives of traditional medicine, reflecting the struggles and achievements of Indigenous Nations. From sovereignty movements in the Pacific Northwest to traditional healing practices in Mexico, from the Nicaraguan wars to testimonies from the Chittagong Hill Tracts in South Asia, the materials capture the breadth and complexity of Indigenous experiences. They address global themes such as environmental protection, food sovereignty, international law, political representation, and traditional healing, showing how Indigenous communities assert sovereignty, maintain traditions, and respond to social, political, and health challenges.

Much of this record reflects the work of the Center for World Indigenous Studies (CWIS) and the Center for Traditional Medicine (CTM). CWIS advances Indigenous sovereignty through research, documentation, and constructive dialogue, supporting Nations in navigating political challenges. CTM works with communities across the Americas to preserve, teach, and adapt traditional healing systems, ensuring they remain relevant in the face of modern challenges. Together, the institutions safeguard cultural and academic resources vital for Indigenous control over history, governance, and cultural practices, while fostering knowledge exchange and resilience across local and global contexts.

Since its founding in 1979 as a repository responding to a resolution of the Conference of Tribal Governments, the library has grown into one of the largest Indigenous collections in the world. Its holdings include legal and tribal records, multilateral resolutions, and documents from major Indigenous organizations, alongside research on environmental and health topics, including traditional medicine, community nutrition, trauma, and chronic illness. The library also preserves hundreds of thousands of photographs and audiovisual records capturing mobilizations, negotiations, cultural practices, and community life. These materials serve as essential tools of memory, identity, and knowledge, strengthening Indigenous visibility and ensuring that political, cultural, and medicinal insights continue to inform contemporary struggles for sovereignty and justice.

Digital preservation at CWIS goes beyond technology—it is a bridge across generations. Our work is not simply about digitizing records; it is about creating a lasting and accessible foundation for Indigenous knowledge. This ensures that the wisdom, struggles, and resilience of Indigenous peoples remain available for research, education, and advocacy worldwide.

By combining cultural sensitivity with cutting-edge digital tools, we are safeguarding decades of irreplaceable knowledge—ensuring it can be explored, learned from, and built upon for generations to come.

Our Commitment: To create a permanent, accessible home for Indigenous knowledge that honors both technological innovation and cultural integrity.

4.6.1 Our Impact

- **Unprecedented Scale:** Centralized 312,065 files (2.636 TB of data) into one sustainable system.
- **Expert Implementation:** Partnered with a dedicated DSpace consultant to ensure our library meets the highest global standards. DSpace, the world's leading open-source repository software used by universities and libraries worldwide, provides a powerful, scalable, and future-ready preservation platform.
- **Digitization Milestone:** Processed 83,740 files with advanced OCR technology, transforming scans of historical documents into fully searchable text and unlocking knowledge previously difficult to access.
- **Global Access Launched:** Opened the CWIS Digital Library, offering structured access to curated collections for researchers, educators, and the global community—preserving the library in perpetuity through DSpace.

4.7. Supporting Emerging Stewards: The CWIS Internship Program

The CWIS Internship Program cultivates the next generation of scholars, knowledge stewards, and digital preservation experts. Through hands-on experience and dedicated mentorship, interns engage deeply with Indigenous knowledge, contribute to meaningful research, and gain professional skills that strengthen both their careers and CWIS's mission.

Our interns bring diverse perspectives from universities across the United States, Latin America, Europe, and Asia, enriching CWIS's work on Indigenous rights, environmental justice, and the preservation of traditional knowledge.

Our Commitment: To mentor the next generation of scholars and knowledge stewards by providing meaningful, hands-on opportunities. The program centers Indigenous knowledge and futures while fostering collaboration and professional growth.

4.7.1. Our Impact

- **Global Participation:** Hosted 13 interns across multiple cohorts, representing disciplines such as public health, anthropology, environmental engineering, international relations, and human rights.
- **Meaningful Contributions:** Interns created detailed metadata for every item in our digital library, transforming it into a powerful, searchable database of Indigenous knowledge. They also advanced projects in biomedical research, documentary production, and digital content management.
- **Professional Development:** Provided training in culturally respectful knowledge management, archival digitization, and advanced digital preservation techniques, equipping interns with expertise for future careers.

4.7.2. Highlighted Projects

- **Multimedia Storytelling:** Produced video content showcasing Indigenous knowledge and highlighting intern contributions.
- **Field Research:** Supported documentation of medicinal plants and healing practices in Cabo Corrientes, Mexico.
- **Metadata Innovation:** Implemented AI-assisted cataloging to enhance historical archives while preserving cultural integrity. This innovation makes materials—such as those on “*Medicinal Plants of the Pacific Northwest*”—more accessible to researchers and the public.

4.7.3. CWIS Internship Program 2024-2025: Annual Contributions

The CWIS Internship Program brought together a diverse group of students and emerging scholars from across the world. Together, they contributed to digital preservation, research, media outreach, and educational innovation, strengthening CWIS’s mission to safeguard Indigenous knowledge while advancing their own professional growth.

Digital Preservation & Archival Innovation

- **Aidan Nelson** – Advanced code development for information extraction and streamlined GML library data, improving archival efficiency.
- **Erin Bratcher** – Enhanced CWIS digital preservation through metadata development and inventory projects.
- **Wayland Morris-Flood** – Indexed Fourth World Journal articles, abstracts, and keywords.
- **Anna-Lena Töpfer** – Conducted archival research and contributed to the Pathfinder project.
- **JeLisa Marshall** – Initiated preservation-related projects to strengthen long-term knowledge access.

a) Research & Scholarship

- **Hailey Allen** – Researched Yakama women’s traditional medicine and their role in the Washat (Longhouse) religion.
- **Stratton Clause** – Developed biomedicine data on medicinal plants and enriched the George Manuel Library (GML).
- **Javier Martínez** – Contributed to the *Pathfinder* series, reviewed historical archives, and added data to the GML.
- **Wen-Ting Huang** – Examined the intersections of women, medicine, and rights.
- **Robert Hansell** – Investigated climate, tourism, and development in coastal Jalisco, integrating policy analysis, spatial data, and traditional knowledge.

b) Media, Outreach & Educational Innovation

- **Audrey Ashbrook** – Edited the *Fourth World Journal* Winter Issue, authored blogs, managed social media, and contributed to the GML.
- **Zara Garcha** – Managed CWIS social media platforms, expanding outreach and engagement.
- **Rozalia Agioutanti** – Designed a course plan to support CWIS educational initiatives.

4.7.4. Intern Spotlight

Hailey Allen

Hailey Allen, a summer research intern at CWIS and recent graduate of Western Washington University (B.S. Public Health, with minors in Political Science and American Indian Studies), focused her work on women’s traditional medicine and the role of Yakama women in the Longhouse religion. Inspired by her grandfather, the late Yakama elder Russell Jim, and guided by her family’s legacy, Hailey continues a tradition of stewardship rooted in cultural resilience and environmental protection.

Audrey Ashbrook

Audrey Ashbrook, a recent Tufts University graduate in International Relations and Race, Colonialism, and Diaspora Studies, is a budding scholar of political economy with a focus on decolonization in the Global South. At CWIS, she served as an intern archivist on the George Manuel Library digitization project, building on her award-winning archival research into British scientific colonialism in India. She also supported editorial work for the Fourth World Journal.

Robert Hansell

Robert Hansell, a third-year undergraduate at the University of Edinburgh studying International Relations, is passionate about decolonial approaches to understanding how global systems continue to subjugate Indigenous populations. At CWIS, Robert researched food sovereignty, producing a literature review that highlights how control over food is interconnected with land sovereignty, resistance, community health, and self-determination.

5. Get Involved

At CWIS, we believe lasting change is built together. Our work to preserve and promote Indigenous rights and knowledge is only possible because of a global community of supporters. You can play a vital role in this effort:

- **Donate** – Make a tax-deductible gift at www.cwis.org/donate and directly support Indigenous-led research, preservation, and advocacy.
- **Share** – Follow CWIS on social media and help amplify Indigenous voices, ensuring these stories reach wider audiences.
- **Volunteer** – Explore internship and volunteer opportunities on our website to contribute your time and skills to advancing Indigenous knowledge and futures.

Together, we can ensure that Indigenous wisdom, resilience, and leadership continue to guide generations to come.

6. Financial Overview

Balance Sheet As of September 30, 2025

| | TOTAL | |
|--|---------------------|-------------------------|
| | AS OF SEP 30, 2025 | AS OF SEP 30, 2024 (PY) |
| ASSETS | | |
| Current Assets | | |
| Bank Accounts | | |
| BECU Checking CWIS-1487 | 55,165.62 | 33,450.30 |
| BECU Checking Fiscally Spons-0564 | 298.85 | 261.05 |
| BECU Checking Special Project -0598 | 22,531.69 | 4,714.55 |
| BECU Money Market - 9133 | 263,253.25 | |
| BECU Savings CWIS-1437 | 13,794.74 | 290,485.75 |
| PayPal | 214.54 | 253.11 |
| Total Bank Accounts | \$355,258.69 | \$329,164.76 |
| Accounts Receivable | | |
| 11000 Accounts Receivable | 12,500.00 | 69.58 |
| Total Accounts Receivable | \$12,500.00 | \$69.58 |
| Other Current Assets | | |
| Prepaid Expenses | 2,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Total Other Current Assets | \$2,000.00 | \$0.00 |
| Total Current Assets | \$369,758.69 | \$329,234.34 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$369,758.69 | \$329,234.34 |
| LIABILITIES AND EQUITY | | |
| Liabilities | | |
| Current Liabilities | | |
| Credit Cards | | |
| BECU Credit Card - 3625 | 342.05 | 2,528.41 |
| Total Credit Cards | \$342.05 | \$2,528.41 |
| Other Current Liabilities | | |
| Accrued Expense | 0.00 | 2,048.52 |
| Total Other Current Liabilities | \$0.00 | \$2,048.52 |
| Total Current Liabilities | \$342.05 | \$4,576.93 |
| Long-Term Liabilities | | |
| SBA Note Payable | 30,250.00 | 32,230.00 |
| Total Long-Term Liabilities | \$30,250.00 | \$32,230.00 |
| Total Liabilities | \$30,592.05 | \$36,806.93 |
| Equity | | |
| 31500 Temp. Restricted Net Assets | 0.00 | -1,870.92 |
| 32000 Unrestricted Net Assets | 292,357.83 | 325,261.53 |
| Net Income | 46,808.81 | -30,963.20 |
| Total Equity | \$339,166.64 | \$292,427.41 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY | \$369,758.69 | \$329,234.34 |

Profit and Loss

October 2024 - September 2025

| | TOTAL | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| | OCT 2024 - SEP 2025 | OCT 2023 - SEP 2024 (PY) |
| Income | | |
| Contributed Income - CWIS | 70,121.72 | 60,669.97 |
| Education | 907.50 | 653.15 |
| Fourth World Doc Program | | 203.74 |
| Fourth World Papers Program | 128,513.71 | 5,760.30 |
| Release from Restriction - UR. | 50,000.04 | 50,000.00 |
| Total Income | \$249,542.97 | \$117,287.16 |
| GROSS PROFIT | \$249,542.97 | \$117,287.16 |
| Expenses | | |
| 66000 Payroll Expenses | 13.95 | |
| Consultants | 147,166.37 | 85,773.71 |
| Fourth World Journal Sub | 510.00 | |
| License and fees | 20.00 | 20.00 |
| Pay Pal Transaction Fee | 119.94 | 140.25 |
| Professional Services | | 4,000.00 |
| Program & Other Expenses | 8,713.00 | 9,888.31 |
| Total Expenses | \$156,543.26 | \$99,822.27 |
| NET OPERATING INCOME | \$92,999.71 | \$17,464.89 |
| Other Income | | |
| Interest Income | 3,809.14 | 1,571.91 |
| Release from Restriction - TR. | -50,000.04 | -50,000.00 |
| Total Other Income | \$ -46,190.90 | \$ -48,428.09 |
| NET OTHER INCOME | \$ -46,190.90 | \$ -48,428.09 |
| NET INCOME | \$46,808.81 | \$ -30,963.20 |