Expanded Bio

Danielle M. Jones, *Weaver*

Danielle’s background is in experiential and culturally-responsive nature education, mindful practices and equity work. She has been designing curriculum and facilitating learning in formal and informal spaces since 2012. Unknowingly, she has been building up to this project since childhood and proudly draws on the legacy of earth-connection from her ancestors. The term “weaver” is a recognition that none of the pieces she is bringing together are new but that these beautiful and intersectional ways of being and knowing will allow us to better embrace ourselves and our community.

Danielle grew up in Little Rock, Arkansas graduating from Wilbur D. Mills University Studies High School in 2010. Danielle holds a B.A. in Sociology and Environmental Studies from Rhodes College and a M.S. in Educational Leadership & Policy from Portland State University along with a Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Food Systems. She graduated in 2018 from the 300hr Yoga Teacher program at the Bhakti Yoga Movement Center in Portland and continues to teach yoga. Danielle is a life-long learner and has engaged in various leadership opportunities including: Center for Diversity and the Environment’s 6-month long Emerging Leaders 2042 program (2017), Social Justice Scholarship to attend the Association for Contemplative Mind in Higher Education Conference (2017), and scholarship to attend the Community Engaged Research institute at UC Santa Cruz. She presented her graduate research, “Soil to Soul: Phenomenological inquiry into Pan-African Earth-connection” at conferences such as the 2017 ASALH (Association for the Study of African American Life and History) Conference and Environmental Education Association of Oregon Conference in 2018.

She has served on advisory committees, grant committees and contracted with various government and community-based organizations in Oregon - growing her knowledge of strategies for program design, collaboration, leadership and project management. She loves working with people and with land, and finds nothing more fulfilling than helping a human or non-human friend grow.