



The Northland Foundation welcomes Cayla Bellanger DeGroat as Program Officer

DeGroat will have strong focus on Maada'ookiing Indigenous-led initiative

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The Northland Foundation is pleased to announce that **Cayla Bellanger DeGroat** has joined the staff as a Program Officer. Her work at the Foundation will include a strong focus on coordinating its Indigenous-led program, Maada'ookiing ("the distribution" in Ojibwe) which launched in May 2021.

Born and raised in White Earth, Minnesota, Bellanger DeGroat is an enrolled member of Gaa-waabaabiganikaag, the White Earth Band of Ojibwe. She is a life-long student of indigenous history and federal Indian policy with a Bachelor of Arts in American Indian Studies and Master of Tribal

Administration and Governance from the University of Minnesota Duluth.

Bellanger DeGroat has served the community in several roles, including working with her tribe as Tribal Historic Preservation Officer and Homeless Housing Resource Specialist, as well as working with the University of Minnesota Duluth's Department of American Indian Studies as Community Outreach Coordinator. She has also worked with Native Organizers Alliance on grassroots political campaigns and is a member of the City of Duluth's Indigenous Commission. An avid reader and researcher, she is anticipating the publication of her first book later this year.

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