

## CLARA-JULIA PERU

### **Poet | Photographer | Educator | Interpreter**

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### **PROFILE**

Multilingual poet, art educator, and nature facilitator with 15+ years of experience spanning the arts, education, and environmental sectors.

Passionate about bridging language, culture, and natural cycles through storytelling, art, and healing-centered facilitation.

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

#### **CIJIPI LLC** - French Tutor | Art & Nature Facilitator

Portland, OR | Since 2022

- Facilitate art and nature workshops, integrating storytelling and healing practices.
- Provide personalized French language instruction to diverse learners.

#### **Passport to Languages** - French Interpreter

Portland, OR | 2025

- Deliver professional interpretation services for medical, legal, and community settings.

#### **Office of Refugee Resettlement** - French Interpreter for Unaccompanied Children

2024-2025

- Supported vulnerable populations by bridging language barriers in high-stakes environments.

#### **Pacific University & Linfield University** - French Adjunct Professor

Portland, OR | 2021-2023

- Designed and taught French language and culture courses, fostering student engagement.

#### **Headwaters, Imperial & Paley's Place** - Events & Sales Coordinator

Portland, OR | 2017-2021

- Managed event planning and sales, ensuring seamless execution and client satisfaction.

#### **ICI Farm to Table & Event Space** - General Manager

Brooklyn, NY | 2015-2016

- Oversaw daily operations, team management, and event coordination for a farm-to-table venue.

#### **Pastry Cook** - Chef Jérôme Banctel (\*\*) & Chef Alain Passard (\*\*\*)

Paris, FR | 2013-2015

- Contributed to Michelin-starred kitchens, mastering precision & creativity in pastry arts.

#### **International Short Films Festival** - Executive Director

Marseille, FR | 2008-2012

- Directed festival operations, curating international films and managing cross-cultural collaborations.

## EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

### Education

- **MBA in Arts & Culture Management** – *Specialization: Natural Heritage*  
IESA, Paris, FR | 2004
- **Master's in Comparative Literature & Art Criticism** – *Essay With Honors*  
La Sorbonne, Paris, FR | 2002
- **Bachelor of Arts in Art History**  
University of Aix-Marseille I, FR | 2003

### Certifications

- Wilderness First Responder (WFR) | CPR/AED Certified – 2023
- Emotional Focus Therapy EFT (Dr. Sue Johnson) – 2023
- Digital Photography Certificate – HarvardX, 2016
- Aromatherapy Certification – 2016
- Graphic Design Certification – 2007

## PUBLICATIONS

- **Present:** [www.cijipi.com](http://www.cijipi.com) – Photography, poetry, collage exploring grief, love, & nature.
- **2021:** Essay: "*Secondary Arts in Joris-Karl Huysmans' Art Criticism*" – Artelittera.
- **2021:** Digital Collage Book: *Collée au vent: Sunset Highway*.
- **2015:** Photo Documentary: *Public Spaces in NYC*.

## SELECTED ART SHOWS & COLLABORATIONS

- 2025: *Online Group Exhibition WILD* – Analog Forever.
- 2024: *Triptych Album Covers* – Stéphane Wrembel.
- 2024: *Women's History Month Exhibit* – Pacific University.
- 2021-Present: *Aujourd'hui* – Musical & poetry collaboration with Walker Spring.
- 2022-2023: *Blue Moon Camera Show* – Portland, OR.
- 2022: *Blue Sky Gallery Show* – Portland, OR.
- 2020-2021: *One Moto Show* – Portland, OR.

## VOLUNTEERING

- **Board Member** – *L'École Buissonnière Intercultural Center* – Portland, OR | *Since 2025*
- **CERT Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET)** – Portland, OR | *Since 2022*
- **Public Tour Guide** – *Hoyt Arboretum* – Portland, OR | *Since 2019*
- **Chapter Leader & Founder** – *Surfrider Foundation Europe* – France | *2007-2009*

## SKILLS

- **Languages:** French (Native), English (Fluent).
- **Creative Tools:** Adobe Creative Suite, Digital Photography, Graphic Design.
- **Facilitation:** Healing-Centered Practices, Nature-Based Learning, Multicultural Collaboration.
- **Leadership:** Event Management, Team Coordination, Cross-Cultural Communication.