

CLARA-JULIA PERU

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PROFILE: French American poet, art 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 & Qualified Interpreter OHA (registry 116149)

| Art & Nature Facilitator

Since 2022

- Facilitate art and nature workshops, integrating storytelling and healing practices.
- Provide personalized French language instruction and support for French-speaking populations in medical, legal, and community settings.

• **Contracted Clients** | 2024-present:

- **Interpretation:** Passport to Languages, FEMA, Mission Essential
- **Creative Workshops:** Hoyt & Pisgah Arboreta, Pacific University, Clackamas College.

Caldera Arts - Youth Advocate (**Oregon**) | 2025

- Empowered youth through creative mentorship, fostering resilience and self-expression in art-based programs.

Office of Refugee Resettlement - French Interpreter for UC | 2024-2025

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

Pacific University & Linfield University (Oregon) - French Professor | 2021-2023

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

Headwaters, Imperial & Paley's Place (Portland) - Events & Sales Coordinator | 2017-2021

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

ICI Farm to Table & Event Space (Brooklyn, NY) - General Manager | 2015-2016

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

Pastry Cook (Paris, FR) - Chef Jérôme Banctel (**)& Chef Alain Passard (***) | 2013-2015

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

International Short Films Festival (Marseille, FR) - Executive Director | 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

- Qualified Oregon Healthcare French Interpreter (registry 116149) - 2025
- 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.cijjpi.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

- 2026 Online Group Exhibition Black and White Portraits Lenscratch Exhibition
- 2026 Group Exhibition Landscapes of Wonder: National Parks, Griffin Museum of Photography, MA
- 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*
- **WFA for 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.