

CLARA-JULIA PERU

Collagist · Poet · Photographer

Founder | Art, Nature & Grief Educator | Qualified Interpreter

WFR · MHFA · PFA · Grief-Informed (Dougy Center)

PROFILE: French-American poet, mixed-media artist, grief-informed educator, and art-and-nature facilitator with 15+ years of cross-sector experience spanning the arts, education, interpretation, and environmental programming. Designs and leads grief-centered workshops that bridge language, culture, creativity, and natural cycles through storytelling, artistic practice, and experiential learning.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

CIJIPI LLC - *Since 2022*

Art & Nature Grief Educator

- Design and facilitate grief-informed art, nature, and NeuroArts workshops integrating seasonal awareness, creative expression, and nature-based practices.

French Tutor & Qualified Interpreter OHA (registry 116149)

- Provide French language instruction and qualified interpretation services in medical, legal, emergency-response, and community settings.

Selected Clients | 2024-Present

Interpretation: FEMA, Passport to Languages

Workshops & Education: Hoyt Arboretum, Pisgah Arboretum, Pacific University, Clackamas Community College

Caldera Arts - *Youth Advocate | 2025*

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

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** - 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

- Grief-Informed Certification, Dougy Center (Credential ID heavc3pzi4) - 2026
- Qualified Oregon Healthcare French Interpreter (registry 116149) - 2025
- Wilderness First Responder (WFR) | CPR/AED Certified - 2023 | 2026
- 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 - Photography, poetry, collage exploring grief, love, & nature.
- **2021:** Essay: "*Secondary Arts in Joris-Karl Huysmans' Art Criticism*" - *Artelittera*.
- **2021-present:** Digital Collage *Carnet de Voyage: Collée au vent: Sunset Highway*.
- **2015:** Photo Documentary: *Public Spaces in NYC*.

SELECTED ART SHOWS & COLLABORATIONS

- 2026 Solo Exhibition *Irvington witnessed Through the Analog Lens*, 26, Portland, OR
- 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: Group Exhibition *Women's History Month* - Pacific University Library
- 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:** Grieving-Centered Practices, Nature-Based Learning, Multicultural Collaboration.
- **Leadership:** Event Management, Team Coordination, Cross-Cultural Communication.