



**SHANNON MARTIN**

*(Enrolled citizen of the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians - Gun Lake Tribe*

*& descendant of the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa)*

Shannon Martin (Lynx Clan) is the Executive Director/Founder of Cultural Pathways Group, LLC, a company that supports the development of cultural activation/preservation initiatives, community-centered organizing, exhibition research and development, NAGPRA repatriation efficacy, and strategic planning for Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities and institutions. Her clients include the Association on American Indian Affairs, Author Angeline Boulley, Kalamazoo Nature Center, Local Contexts, Michigan History Center and Mukurtu, Shannon is the former Director of the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways - dedicating over 19 years to the organization.

**Additional info:**

Shannon continues to be an active citizen throughout "Indian Country." Since birth, she has participated in pow wows, treaty demonstrations, ceremonies, and other cultural events. She is a member of the Three Fires Midewiwin Society (original Anishinabe way of life). In February 2006, Shannon was selected from hundreds of applicants as one of eighteen emerging leaders invited to participate in the Americans for Indian Opportunity (AIO) Ambassadors Program. She was further recognized as the Ford Foundation Fellow for the 2006-2007 class of ambassadors at a Washington, D.C. gala in September 2006. The program took Shannon and her fellow ambassadors to Bolivia where they met with Indigenous activists and leaders - including Presidente Evo Morales Ayma at his private residence.