

Michelle M. Jacob loves imagining a future in which kindness, fierceness, and creativity saturate our lives and institutions in delicious and inviting ways. Dr. Jacob does this in her popular The Auntie Way Writing Retreats and professional development workshops in which she draws from her Yakama Indigenous cultural teachings to encourage and support attendees in developing clear visions that bring about radical and sustainable social justice change that help us become stronger individuals who contribute to our communities. Doing so is part of a long-standing tradition of protesting structures that oppress and suppress Indigenous ways of knowing and being. Dr. Jacob is an enrolled member of the Yakama Nation and is Professor of Indigenous Studies and Co-Director of the Sapsik'walaá Program in the Department of Education Studies at the University of Oregon where she also serves as Affiliated Faculty in the Department of Indigenous, Race, and Ethnic Studies and in the Environmental Studies Program. Dr. Jacob has won numerous awards for her scholarship, leadership, mentorship, and teaching, including most recently the United Academics Strong Voice Award and the University of Oregon College of Education's Equity and Inclusion Award. Michelle has published seven books and has numerous articles published in social science, education, and health science research journals, as well as a strong grant writing track-record. Her research areas of interest include: Indigenous methodologies, spirituality, health, education, Native feminisms, and decolonization. Dr. Jacob founded Anahuy Mentoring to support her vision of sharing Indigenous methodologies with a broad audience through her books, writing retreats, professional development workshops, coaching, and consultation. Anahúy is the Yakama Ichishkíin word for black bear. Anahuy is also the name of Michelle's beloved Rez Dog. You may contact Michelle through her website: <https://anahuymentoring.com>