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Tara Kenjockety is an enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation of Wisconsin and is part Seneca Nation. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology and her Master of Science in Library and Information Science from Indiana University. Following her experience in the public library system, Tara focused on integrating information literacy into adult education curricula in South Bend, IN. She also served a term on the Indiana Adult Education Board and provided professional development for educators.

Since 2016, Tara has been at the Hesburgh Libraries at the University of Notre Dame, currently serving as the Interim Department Head of User Education & Engagement and Anthropology Librarian. Her outreach efforts on campus include establishing the Indigenous Faculty and Staff Employee Resource Group, participating in the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Practitioners group, supporting the work of the Native American Student Association at Notre Dame (NASAND), and collaborating with Native American Initiatives (NAI).

In 2023, Tara received the NAI Extraordinary Service Award and delivered the keynote address at the Native American Student Recognition Ceremony. She has authored "Indigenous Tribes of Chicago" and "Indigenous Tribes of Indiana" for the American Library Association (ALA) and has consulted on Land Acknowledgment Statements for both ALA and the YWCA Metropolitan Chicago. Her current research focuses on Decolonial Information Literacy practices in academic libraries.

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