

Jerry Gidner



Biography: Jerry Gidner serves as the Tribal Team Lead for the Government Sector for the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative, and as the Tribal Liaison Officer for the Office of Policy, Management and Budget, at the Department of the Interior.

Mr. Gidner has also served as the Senior Advisor to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Human Capital and Diversity, as the Deputy Chief Learning Officer for the Department of the Interior, as the Deputy Associate Bureau Director for Post-Secondary Education in the Bureau of Indian Education, as the Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), as the BIA Deputy Director for Indian Services, as the Chief of Staff to the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, as the Director of the Indian Affairs Office of Planning and Policy Analysis, and as the Chief of the BIA Division of Environmental and Cultural Resources Management. In addition, Mr. Gidner has been an enforcement attorney for the Environmental Protection Agency, a private sector attorney, a freelance journalist, and has worked at the County government level in the Parks and Recreation field.

Mr. Gidner has a Bachelor's degree in Zoology from Michigan State University (1982), a law degree and a Master's degree in Natural Resources Policy and Management from the University of Michigan (1990), and a Master's degree in Business Administration from American University (2007).

Mr. Gidner is a member of Sault Ste Marie Chippewa Tribe. He is the President of the Board of Directors of Encore Stage & Studio, a non-profit children's theater in Arlington, Virginia. He is also the author of *If You Were an Aardvark: An ABC Book Starring Mammals*, and was an extra in the HBO movie *Game Change*, about Sarah Palin and the 2008 election.

Statement of Interest: There are not enough Native Americans in the Federal government, particularly in the Senior Executive Service. I want to change that.