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Prior to working with the University of Arizona, Sepp worked in the juvenile justice field with Cochise County for over 20 years supporting community development, professional development, and youth education projects. Sepp’s background in community health, community development, and policy change come from his experiences with the juvenile justice system, adult education programs, environmental education, and international agricultural exchange programs.

- 1990 **Associate of Arts Degree:** Yavapai College, Prescott, AZ.
Course of Study: Humanities/General Science
- 1993 **Bachelor of Arts Degree:** The Evergreen State College, Olympia, WA. Course of Study:
Cultural Anthropology/Natural History
- 1997 **Teacher Certification Program:** Prescott College, Tucson, AZ.
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