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Circle of Harmony

HIV/AIDS Wellness Conference

April 22-23, 2013

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Sunday, April 21, 2013

Welcome to the 2013 Circle of Harmony  
HIV/AIDS Wellness Conference



Pre-Conference Activities

**Conference Lobby**

12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

**Early Registration**

COH Committee Members

1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

**Gallery of Conscience Exhibit**

Museum of International Folk Art

Santa Fe, NM

**(MUST SIGN UP TO ATTEND)**

**Roxy Room**

7:00 PM - 7:30 PM

**Kory R. Montoya Scholarship**

**Recipient Orientation**

Mattee Jim

First Nations Community Healthsource

7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

**Talking Circle**

Marie R. Kirk

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## ***Roxy Room***

**Circle of Harmony Art Gallery**

7:30 AM - 11:00 PM

**Circle of Harmony Silent Auction**

7:30 AM - 9:30 PM

## ***Conference Lobby***

**Registration**

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

## ***Registry/Ambassador Room***

**Continental Breakfast**

7:30 AM - 9:30 AM

**2013 Circle of Harmony HIV/AIDS  
Wellness Conference Opening**

8:00 AM - 9:15 AM

**Mistress of Ceremony Address**

Mattee Jim

First Nations Community Healthsource

**Opening Drum Song**

Native American Community Academy

**Posting of Colors**

Isleta Pueblo Veterans

**Blessing/Welcome**

Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc.

Board of Directors

**AAIHB, Inc. Executive Director Address**

Nancy Martine-Alonzo

Executive Director

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## ***Registry/Ambassador Room***

**Housekeeping**

Ayn N. Whyte, M.S.

Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc.  
STD/HIV/AIDS Prevention Program Manager  
Circle of Harmony Conference Coordinator

**Keynote Address**

9:15 AM - 11:00 AM

Jonathan Iralu, MD

Gallup Medical Indian Center  
HIV Treatment Through a  
Home Care Team Approach



## ***Sonata***

**Complementary Therapy**

11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

**Acupuncture**

Dr. Nityamo Lian, DOM, MPH  
Community Acupuncture Albuquerque

**Massage**

Sherannah R. Chee, LMT  
Sleep Rock Therapeutics

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## *Wurlitzer/Regal*

### **Lunch Discussion:**

#### **National Native HIV/AIDS Strategy Roundtable Discussion**

11:30 PM - 1:30 PM

Discussion Facilitated by:

Pamela Jumper-Thurman, Ph.D.

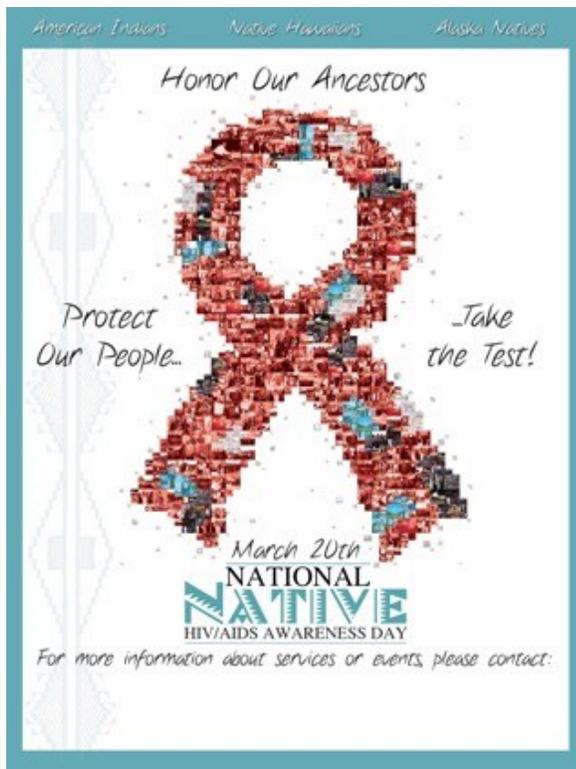
Barbara Plested, Ph.D.

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Colorado State University

Tommy Chesbro, MHR, CSE  
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### **Workshops**

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

### **Break**

3:00 PM - 3:15 PM

### **Workshops (continued)**

3:15 PM - 4:45 PM

### **Workshop Evaluations**

4:45 PM - 5:00 PM

## *Ivory*

### **Motivational Interviewing and Other Strength-Based Strategies to Enhance HIV Care for Native People**

Marla Corwin, LCSW, CACIII,  
Mountain Plains AIDS Education & Training Center

## *Ambassador*

### **High Impact HIV Prevention**

Matt Ignacio, MSSW  
National Native American AIDS Prevention Center

## *Registry*

### **Telling Our Stories: Connecting Native Communities Through Digital Storytelling & Social Media**

Esther Lucero, M.A.  
Native American Health Center

Michelle Enfield  
Red Circle Project, AIDS Project Los Angeles

Elton Naswood, M.A.  
National Native American AIDS Prevention Center

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## *Serenade Room*

### **What is HIV Clinical Research and Why is it Important to Native Communities?**

Michaela Grey, MPH

Matt Ignacio, MSSW

Robert Foley, M.Ed.

National Native American AIDS Prevention Center

Jessica Volcoff, Ph.D.

Damon Humes, MHS

Katie Osterhage, MmS

Michael Arnold, PhD, MPH, MSW

Jeffery Schouton, MD, JD

Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center

HIV/AIDS Network Coordination

## *Wurlitzer/Regal*

### **2013 Circle of Harmony Munch, Mingle & Dance**

8:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Join us for refreshments, great conversations, networking and great music provided by

DJ M. Martinez.



This evening will be to celebrate the continued efforts of all who work diligently in STD/HIV/AIDS education/ prevention/ awareness/ treatment/ services.

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**2013 Circle of Harmony Award Recipient**



***Will Be Announced At  
MUNCH, MINGLE & DANCE***

This award is given to an individual for their outstanding contributions that decrease vulnerability to HIV/AIDS and protect the rights and dignity of those infected and affected.

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## *Hotel Entrance*

**Circle of Harmony AIDS Walk**  
6:45 AM - 7:30 AM

## *Roxy Room*

**Circle of Harmony Art Gallery**  
7:30 AM - 3:30 PM

## *Registry/Ambassador Room*

**Continental Breakfast**  
7:30 AM - 9:30 AM

## **Morning Greeting/Announcements**

**General Session Part I**  
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

## **Affordable Care Act for Tribal Communities**

Tyra Baer  
Jennifer Cooper, JD, MPA  
National Indian Health Board

## **Break**

10:00 AM - 10:15 AM

## **General Session Part II**

10:15 AM - 12:00 PM

## **Affordable Care Act for Tribal Communities**

Tyra Baer  
Jennifer Cooper, JD, MPA  
National Indian Health Board

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## *Wurlitzer/Regal Room*

**Lunch and Learn:**  
**Let's Talk About This -Traditional Artist Speak**  
**Out About HIV/AIDS**  
12:00 AM - 1:15 PM



Presentation by:  
Suzanne Seriff, Ph.D.  
Sr. Lecturer, Dept. of Anthropology,  
University of Texas at Austin  
Director, Gallery of Conscience,  
Museum of International Folk Art, Santa Fe, NM

Laura Marcus-Green, Ph.D.  
Community Engagement Coordinator,  
Gallery of Conscience  
Museum of International Folk Art, Santa Fe, NM

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## **Breakout Session Part I**

1:15 PM - 2:45 PM

## **Breakout Session Part I Evaluations**

2:45 PM - 2:55 PM

## **Break**

2:55 PM - 3:05 PM

## **Breakout Session Part II**

3:05 PM - 4:35 PM

## **Breakout Session Part II Evaluations**

4:35 PM - 4:45 PM

## ***Ambassador***

### **Using Modern Technology to Deliver HIV/AIDS Information to Rural Communities**

Faith Baldwin

Sasha James

Navajo AIDS Network

## ***Ivory***

### **Using Cultural Concepts in Peer Education as a Tool for Effective HIV Prevention in Tribal College Settings**

Donald Chee, M.A.

Darlene Hunt

Sheldon Benally, B.S.

Dine College HIV Program

## ***Registry***

### **Creating Programs and Policies for Injection Drug Users (IDU) in Native Communities**

Matt Ignacio, MSSW

Robert Foley, M.Ed.

National Native American AIDS Prevention Center

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## ***Serenade***

### **Colonization, Generational Trauma, Cultural Safety & Resiliency**

Whisper Carpenter-Kish, M.A.

Devona Kanesta

Initiative of Native Sisters Preventing Infectious Risks through Empowerment (INSPIRE)  
First Nations Community Healthsource

## ***Sonata***

### **Culturally Tailoring STI/HIV Evidence-based Intervention Utilizing the Community Readiness Model Assessment Tool & Tribal Advisory Groups**

Cindy Giago, MSM

Center for Health Outcomes & Prevention Research  
Sanford Health

## ***Registry/Ambassador***

### **Mistress of Ceremony Final Address**

4:45 PM - 5:00 PM

Mattee Jim

First Nations Community Healthsource

## **Closing Blessing**

Nancy Martine-Alonzo

Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc.  
Executive Director

## **Retiring of Colors**

Isleta Pueblo Veterans

## **Closing Drum Song**

Native American Community Academy



## GENERAL SESSIONS

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER



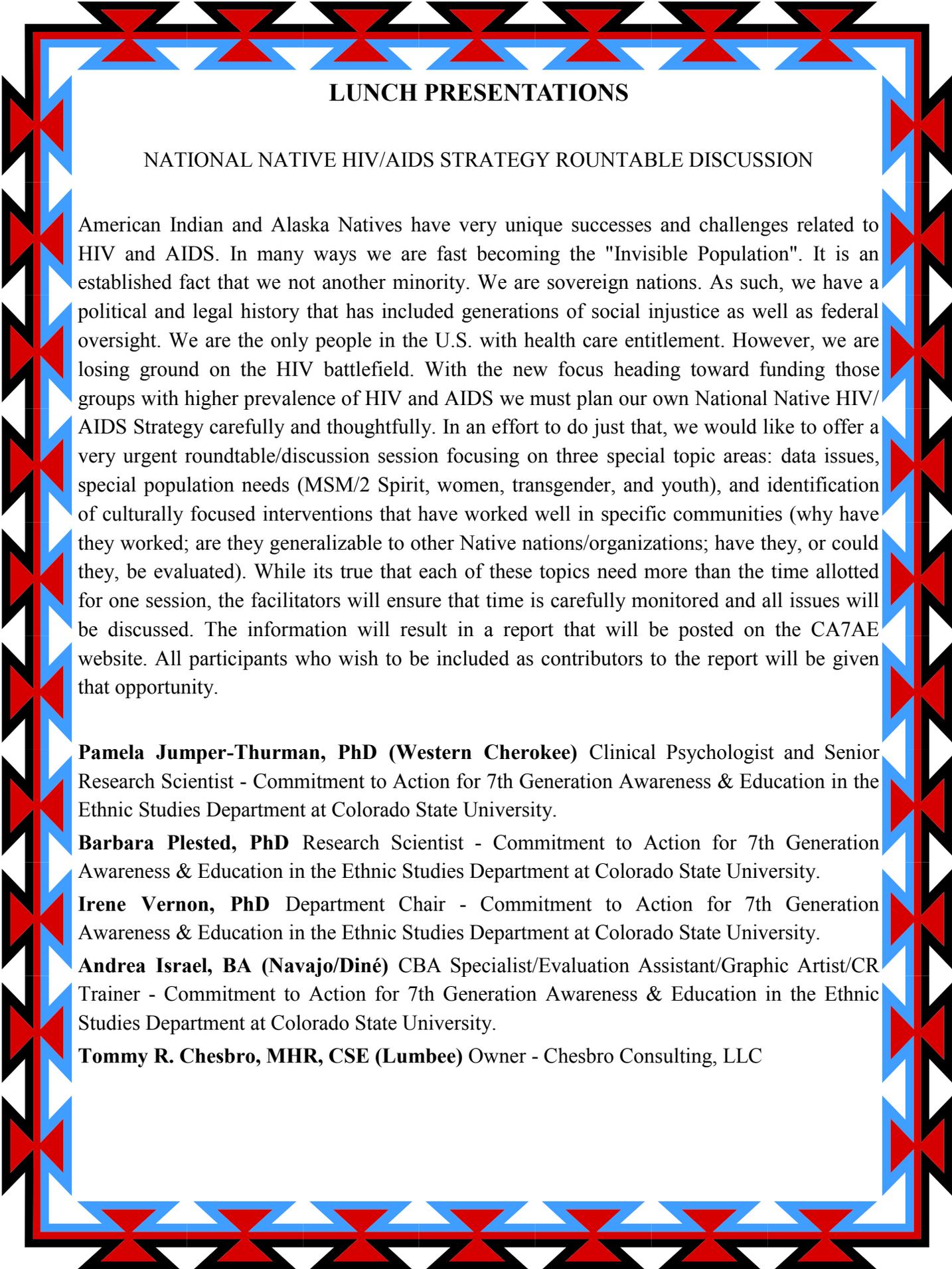
**Jonathan Iralu, MD** - Dr. Iralu has worked at Gallup Indian Medical Center since 1994. He currently serves as Indian Health Service Chief Clinical Consultant for Infectious Diseases and runs the Navajo Area IHS programs for HIV and tuberculosis.

### AFFORDABLE CARE ACT FOR TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

A major goal of the Affordable Care Act is to put American consumers back in charge of their health care. The law puts into place comprehensive health insurance reforms that will hold insurance companies more accountable and will lower health care costs, guarantee more health care choices, and enhance the quality of health care for all Americans, including the First Americans. The Affordable Care Act also includes the permanent reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA), which extends current law and authorizes new programs and services within the Indian Health Service (IHS).

**Tyra Wittenborn (Northern Cheyenne)** Tribal Health Care Reform Project Coordinator - National Indian Health Board

**Jennifer Cooper, JD, MPA (Seneca Nation of Indians)** Legislative Director -National Indian Health Board



## LUNCH PRESENTATIONS

### NATIONAL NATIVE HIV/AIDS STRATEGY ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

American Indian and Alaska Natives have very unique successes and challenges related to HIV and AIDS. In many ways we are fast becoming the "Invisible Population". It is an established fact that we not another minority. We are sovereign nations. As such, we have a political and legal history that has included generations of social injustice as well as federal oversight. We are the only people in the U.S. with health care entitlement. However, we are losing ground on the HIV battlefield. With the new focus heading toward funding those groups with higher prevalence of HIV and AIDS we must plan our own National Native HIV/AIDS Strategy carefully and thoughtfully. In an effort to do just that, we would like to offer a very urgent roundtable/discussion session focusing on three special topic areas: data issues, special population needs (MSM/2 Spirit, women, transgender, and youth), and identification of culturally focused interventions that have worked well in specific communities (why have they worked; are they generalizable to other Native nations/organizations; have they, or could they, be evaluated). While its true that each of these topics need more than the time allotted for one session, the facilitators will ensure that time is carefully monitored and all issues will be discussed. The information will result in a report that will be posted on the CA7AE website. All participants who wish to be included as contributors to the report will be given that opportunity.

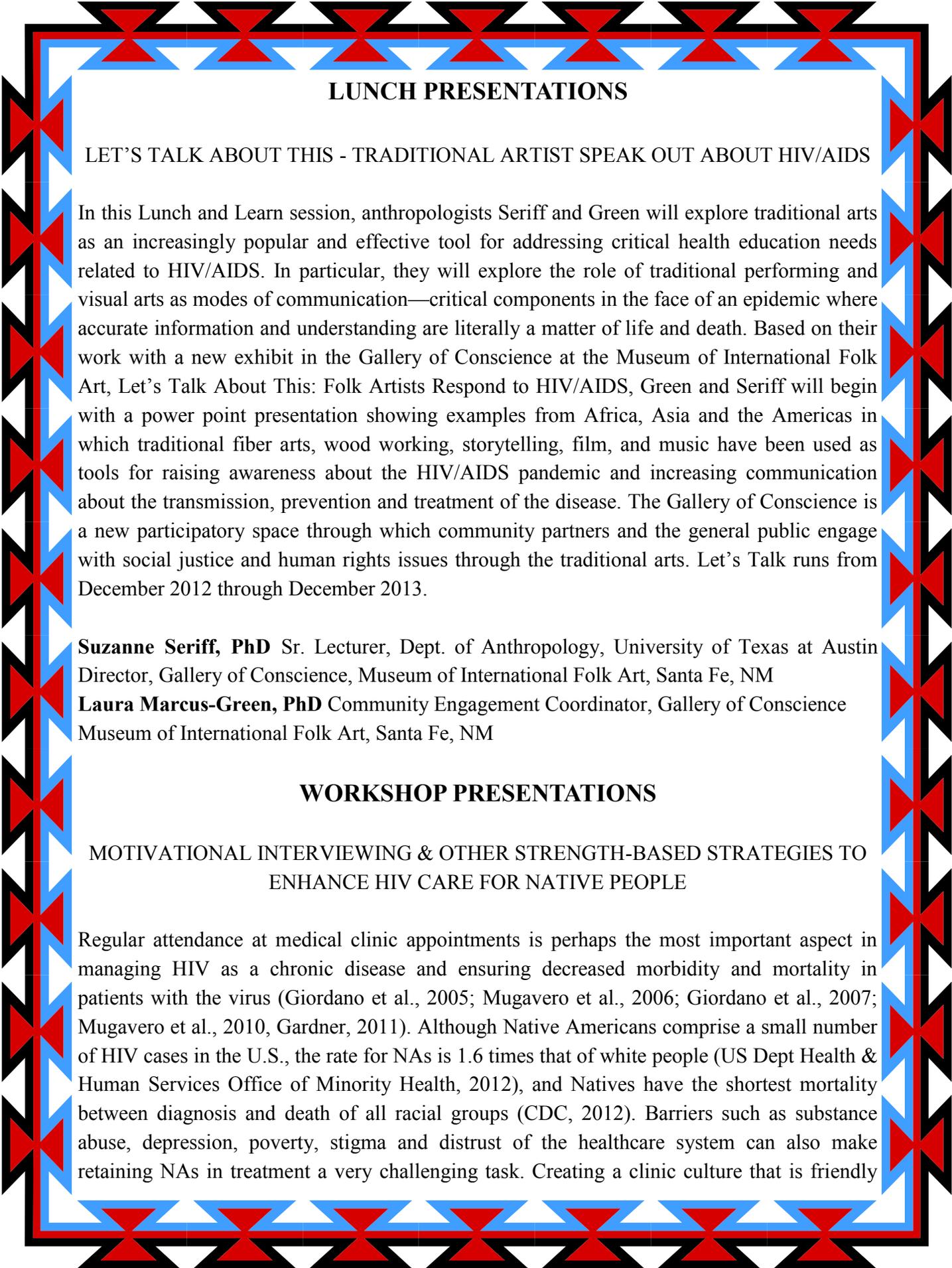
**Pamela Jumper-Thurman, PhD (Western Cherokee)** Clinical Psychologist and Senior Research Scientist - Commitment to Action for 7th Generation Awareness & Education in the Ethnic Studies Department at Colorado State University.

**Barbara Plested, PhD** Research Scientist - Commitment to Action for 7th Generation Awareness & Education in the Ethnic Studies Department at Colorado State University.

**Irene Vernon, PhD** Department Chair - Commitment to Action for 7th Generation Awareness & Education in the Ethnic Studies Department at Colorado State University.

**Andrea Israel, BA (Navajo/Diné)** CBA Specialist/Evaluation Assistant/Graphic Artist/CR Trainer - Commitment to Action for 7th Generation Awareness & Education in the Ethnic Studies Department at Colorado State University.

**Tommy R. Chesbro, MHR, CSE (Lumbee)** Owner - Chesbro Consulting, LLC



## LUNCH PRESENTATIONS

### LET'S TALK ABOUT THIS - TRADITIONAL ARTIST SPEAK OUT ABOUT HIV/AIDS

In this Lunch and Learn session, anthropologists Seriff and Green will explore traditional arts as an increasingly popular and effective tool for addressing critical health education needs related to HIV/AIDS. In particular, they will explore the role of traditional performing and visual arts as modes of communication—critical components in the face of an epidemic where accurate information and understanding are literally a matter of life and death. Based on their work with a new exhibit in the Gallery of Conscience at the Museum of International Folk Art, Let's Talk About This: Folk Artists Respond to HIV/AIDS, Green and Seriff will begin with a power point presentation showing examples from Africa, Asia and the Americas in which traditional fiber arts, wood working, storytelling, film, and music have been used as tools for raising awareness about the HIV/AIDS pandemic and increasing communication about the transmission, prevention and treatment of the disease. The Gallery of Conscience is a new participatory space through which community partners and the general public engage with social justice and human rights issues through the traditional arts. Let's Talk runs from December 2012 through December 2013.

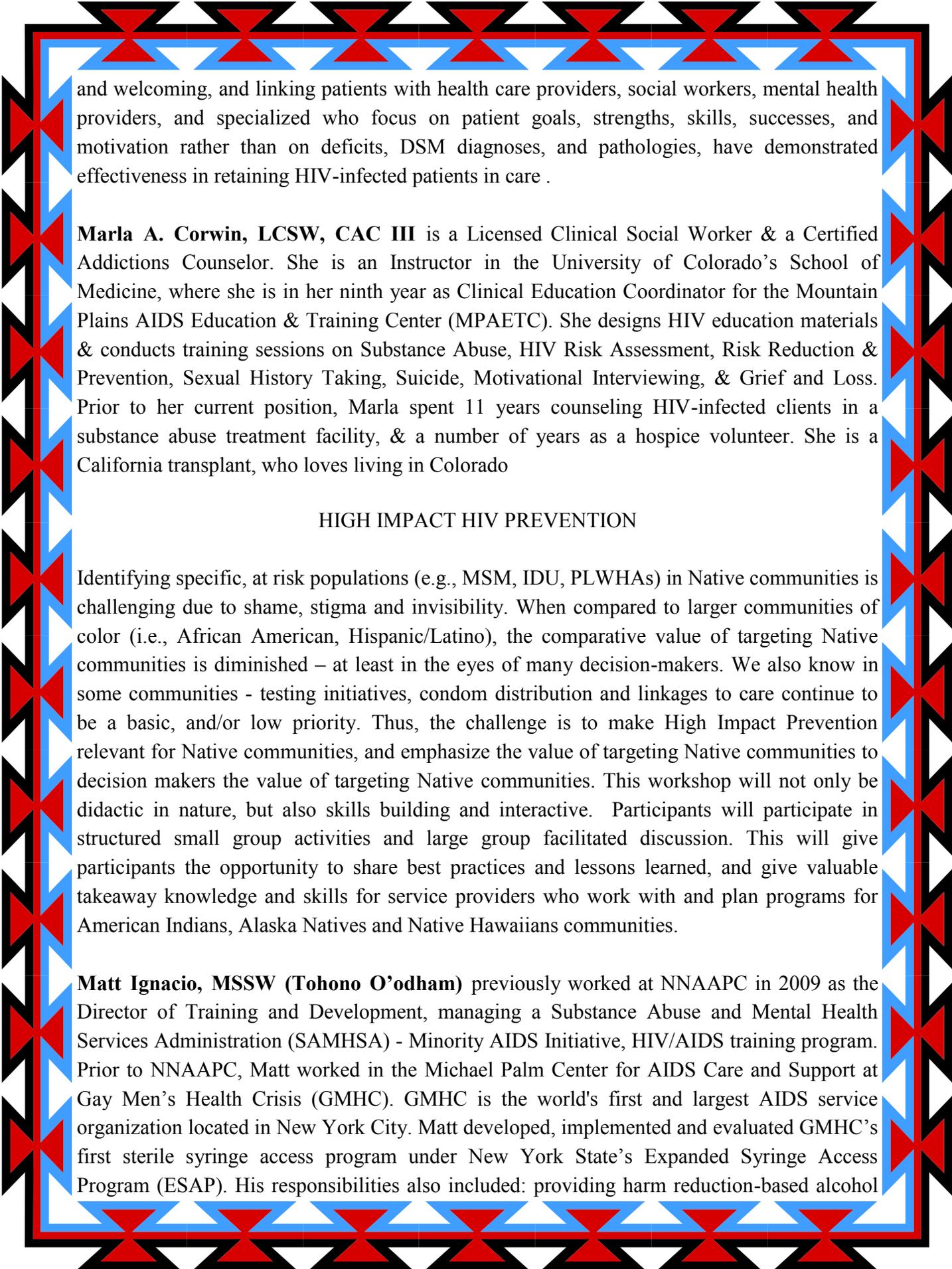
**Suzanne Seriff, PhD** Sr. Lecturer, Dept. of Anthropology, University of Texas at Austin  
Director, Gallery of Conscience, Museum of International Folk Art, Santa Fe, NM

**Laura Marcus-Green, PhD** Community Engagement Coordinator, Gallery of Conscience  
Museum of International Folk Art, Santa Fe, NM

## WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

### MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING & OTHER STRENGTH-BASED STRATEGIES TO ENHANCE HIV CARE FOR NATIVE PEOPLE

Regular attendance at medical clinic appointments is perhaps the most important aspect in managing HIV as a chronic disease and ensuring decreased morbidity and mortality in patients with the virus (Giordano et al., 2005; Mugavero et al., 2006; Giordano et al., 2007; Mugavero et al., 2010, Gardner, 2011). Although Native Americans comprise a small number of HIV cases in the U.S., the rate for NAs is 1.6 times that of white people (US Dept Health & Human Services Office of Minority Health, 2012), and Natives have the shortest mortality between diagnosis and death of all racial groups (CDC, 2012). Barriers such as substance abuse, depression, poverty, stigma and distrust of the healthcare system can also make retaining NAs in treatment a very challenging task. Creating a clinic culture that is friendly



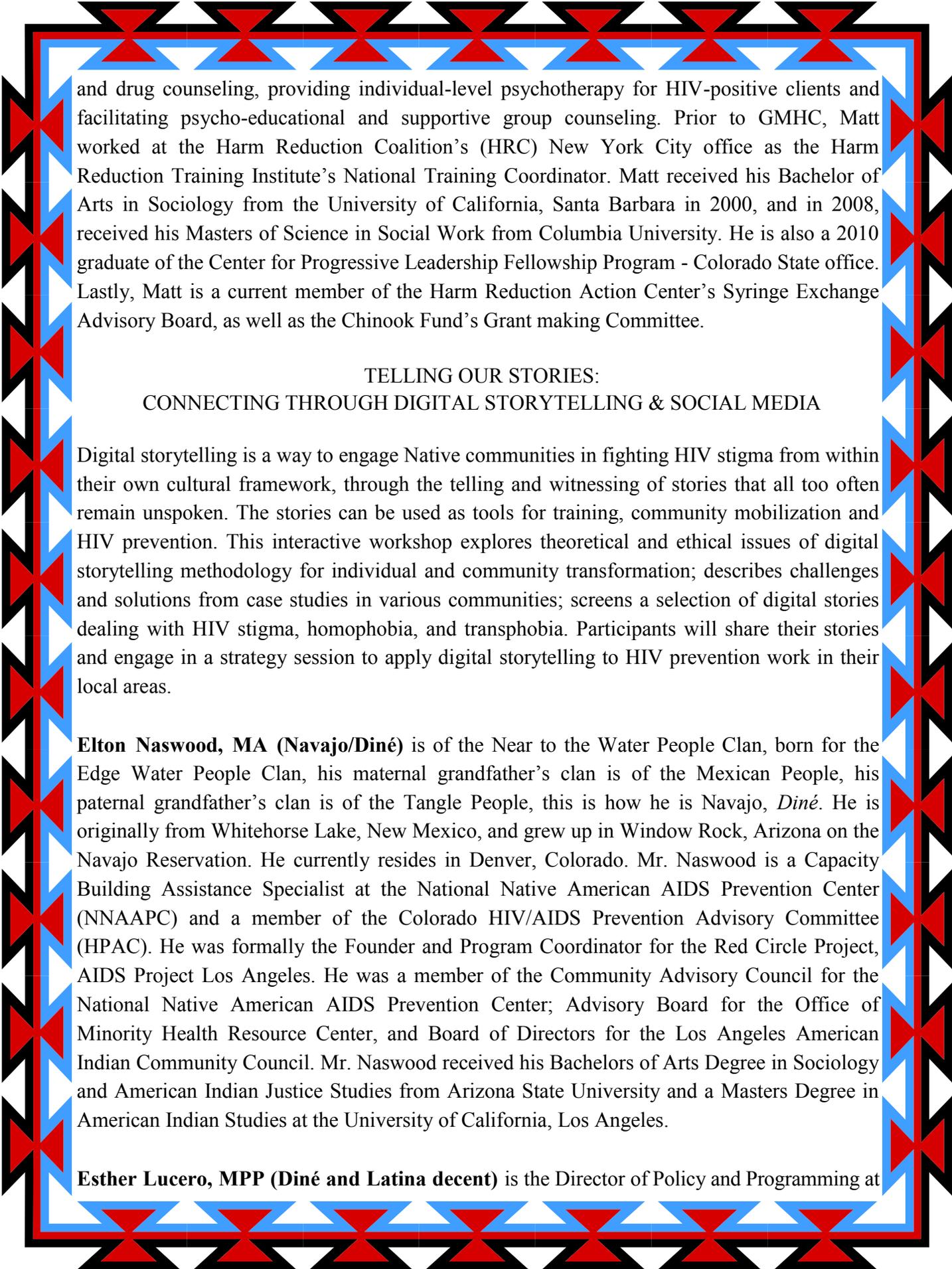
and welcoming, and linking patients with health care providers, social workers, mental health providers, and specialized who focus on patient goals, strengths, skills, successes, and motivation rather than on deficits, DSM diagnoses, and pathologies, have demonstrated effectiveness in retaining HIV-infected patients in care .

**Marla A. Corwin, LCSW, CAC III** is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker & a Certified Addictions Counselor. She is an Instructor in the University of Colorado's School of Medicine, where she is in her ninth year as Clinical Education Coordinator for the Mountain Plains AIDS Education & Training Center (MPAETC). She designs HIV education materials & conducts training sessions on Substance Abuse, HIV Risk Assessment, Risk Reduction & Prevention, Sexual History Taking, Suicide, Motivational Interviewing, & Grief and Loss. Prior to her current position, Marla spent 11 years counseling HIV-infected clients in a substance abuse treatment facility, & a number of years as a hospice volunteer. She is a California transplant, who loves living in Colorado

#### HIGH IMPACT HIV PREVENTION

Identifying specific, at risk populations (e.g., MSM, IDU, PLWHAs) in Native communities is challenging due to shame, stigma and invisibility. When compared to larger communities of color (i.e., African American, Hispanic/Latino), the comparative value of targeting Native communities is diminished – at least in the eyes of many decision-makers. We also know in some communities - testing initiatives, condom distribution and linkages to care continue to be a basic, and/or low priority. Thus, the challenge is to make High Impact Prevention relevant for Native communities, and emphasize the value of targeting Native communities to decision makers the value of targeting Native communities. This workshop will not only be didactic in nature, but also skills building and interactive. Participants will participate in structured small group activities and large group facilitated discussion. This will give participants the opportunity to share best practices and lessons learned, and give valuable takeaway knowledge and skills for service providers who work with and plan programs for American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians communities.

**Matt Ignacio, MSSW (Tohono O'odham)** previously worked at NNAAPC in 2009 as the Director of Training and Development, managing a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) - Minority AIDS Initiative, HIV/AIDS training program. Prior to NNAAPC, Matt worked in the Michael Palm Center for AIDS Care and Support at Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC). GMHC is the world's first and largest AIDS service organization located in New York City. Matt developed, implemented and evaluated GMHC's first sterile syringe access program under New York State's Expanded Syringe Access Program (ESAP). His responsibilities also included: providing harm reduction-based alcohol



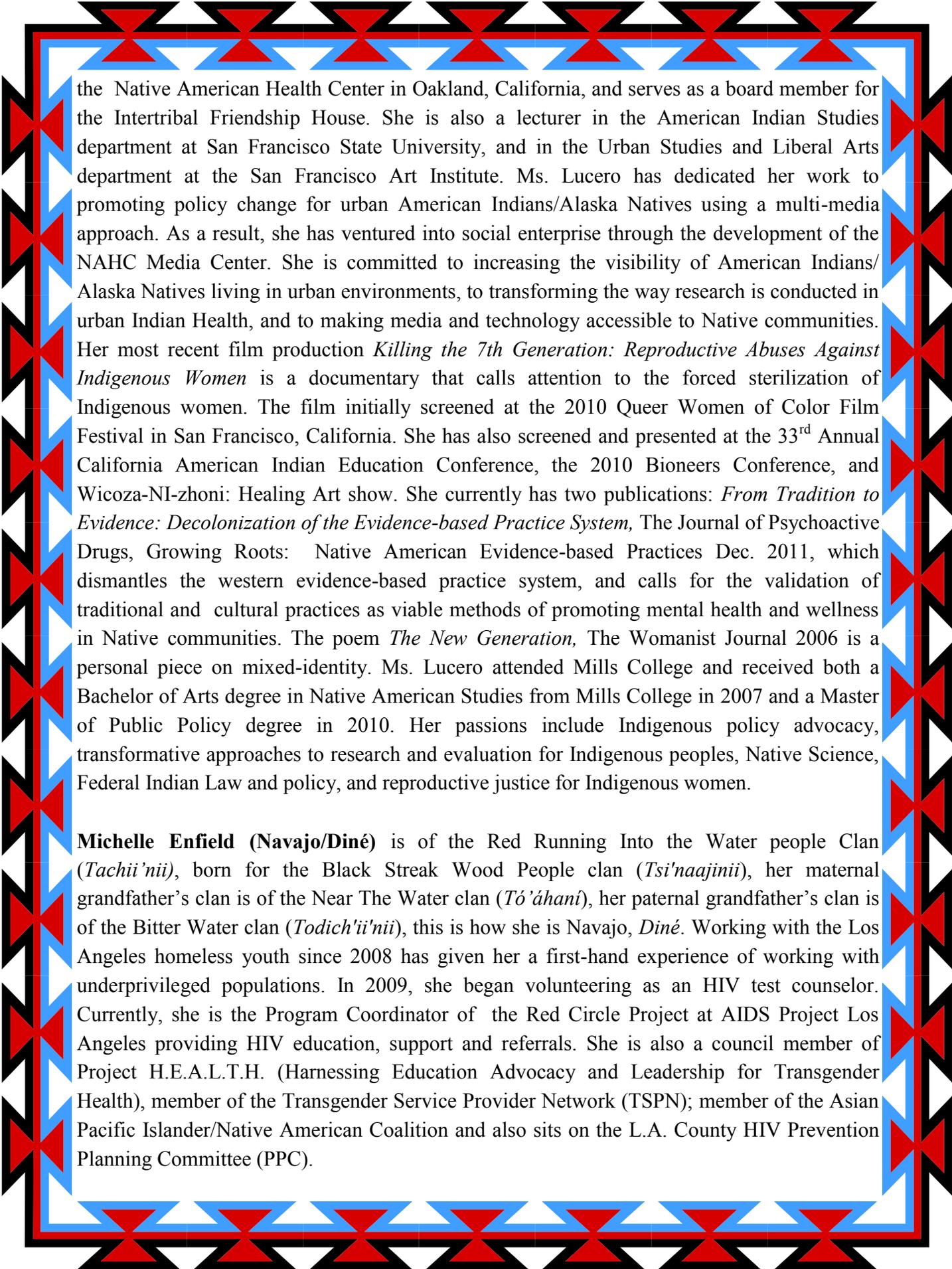
and drug counseling, providing individual-level psychotherapy for HIV-positive clients and facilitating psycho-educational and supportive group counseling. Prior to GMHC, Matt worked at the Harm Reduction Coalition's (HRC) New York City office as the Harm Reduction Training Institute's National Training Coordinator. Matt received his Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from the University of California, Santa Barbara in 2000, and in 2008, received his Masters of Science in Social Work from Columbia University. He is also a 2010 graduate of the Center for Progressive Leadership Fellowship Program - Colorado State office. Lastly, Matt is a current member of the Harm Reduction Action Center's Syringe Exchange Advisory Board, as well as the Chinook Fund's Grant making Committee.

TELLING OUR STORIES:  
CONNECTING THROUGH DIGITAL STORYTELLING & SOCIAL MEDIA

Digital storytelling is a way to engage Native communities in fighting HIV stigma from within their own cultural framework, through the telling and witnessing of stories that all too often remain unspoken. The stories can be used as tools for training, community mobilization and HIV prevention. This interactive workshop explores theoretical and ethical issues of digital storytelling methodology for individual and community transformation; describes challenges and solutions from case studies in various communities; screens a selection of digital stories dealing with HIV stigma, homophobia, and transphobia. Participants will share their stories and engage in a strategy session to apply digital storytelling to HIV prevention work in their local areas.

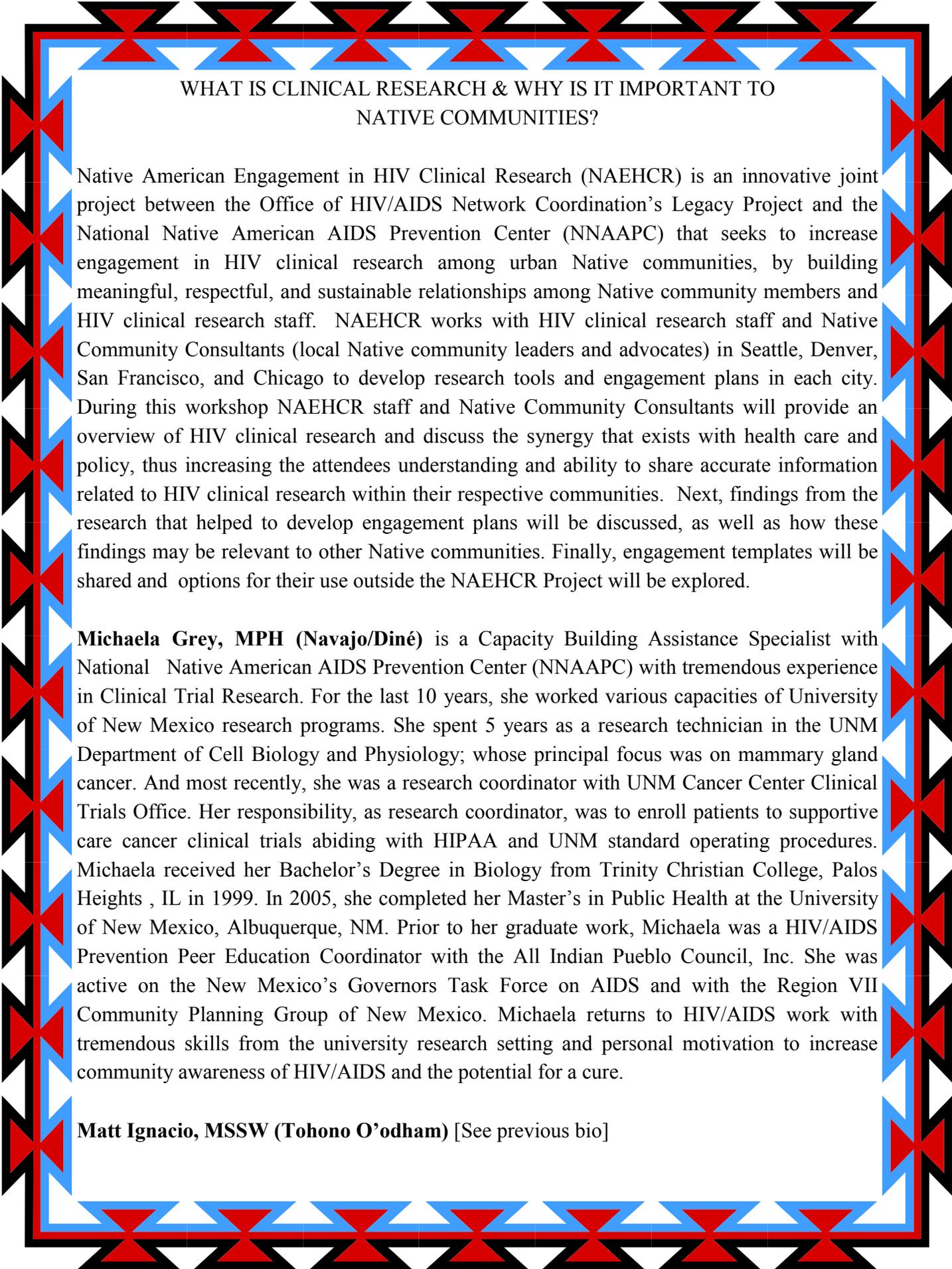
**Elton Naswood, MA (Navajo/Diné)** is of the Near to the Water People Clan, born for the Edge Water People Clan, his maternal grandfather's clan is of the Mexican People, his paternal grandfather's clan is of the Tangle People, this is how he is Navajo, *Diné*. He is originally from Whitehorse Lake, New Mexico, and grew up in Window Rock, Arizona on the Navajo Reservation. He currently resides in Denver, Colorado. Mr. Naswood is a Capacity Building Assistance Specialist at the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center (NNAAPC) and a member of the Colorado HIV/AIDS Prevention Advisory Committee (HPAC). He was formally the Founder and Program Coordinator for the Red Circle Project, AIDS Project Los Angeles. He was a member of the Community Advisory Council for the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center; Advisory Board for the Office of Minority Health Resource Center, and Board of Directors for the Los Angeles American Indian Community Council. Mr. Naswood received his Bachelors of Arts Degree in Sociology and American Indian Justice Studies from Arizona State University and a Masters Degree in American Indian Studies at the University of California, Los Angeles.

**Esther Lucero, MPP (Diné and Latina decent)** is the Director of Policy and Programming at



the Native American Health Center in Oakland, California, and serves as a board member for the Intertribal Friendship House. She is also a lecturer in the American Indian Studies department at San Francisco State University, and in the Urban Studies and Liberal Arts department at the San Francisco Art Institute. Ms. Lucero has dedicated her work to promoting policy change for urban American Indians/Alaska Natives using a multi-media approach. As a result, she has ventured into social enterprise through the development of the NAHC Media Center. She is committed to increasing the visibility of American Indians/Alaska Natives living in urban environments, to transforming the way research is conducted in urban Indian Health, and to making media and technology accessible to Native communities. Her most recent film production *Killing the 7th Generation: Reproductive Abuses Against Indigenous Women* is a documentary that calls attention to the forced sterilization of Indigenous women. The film initially screened at the 2010 Queer Women of Color Film Festival in San Francisco, California. She has also screened and presented at the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual California American Indian Education Conference, the 2010 Bioneers Conference, and Wicoza-NI-zhoni: Healing Art show. She currently has two publications: *From Tradition to Evidence: Decolonization of the Evidence-based Practice System*, The Journal of Psychoactive Drugs, Growing Roots: Native American Evidence-based Practices Dec. 2011, which dismantles the western evidence-based practice system, and calls for the validation of traditional and cultural practices as viable methods of promoting mental health and wellness in Native communities. The poem *The New Generation*, The Womanist Journal 2006 is a personal piece on mixed-identity. Ms. Lucero attended Mills College and received both a Bachelor of Arts degree in Native American Studies from Mills College in 2007 and a Master of Public Policy degree in 2010. Her passions include Indigenous policy advocacy, transformative approaches to research and evaluation for Indigenous peoples, Native Science, Federal Indian Law and policy, and reproductive justice for Indigenous women.

**Michelle Enfield (Navajo/Diné)** is of the Red Running Into the Water people Clan (*Tachii'nii*), born for the Black Streak Wood People clan (*Tsi'naajinii*), her maternal grandfather's clan is of the Near The Water clan (*Tó'áhaní*), her paternal grandfather's clan is of the Bitter Water clan (*Todich'ii'nii*), this is how she is Navajo, *Diné*. Working with the Los Angeles homeless youth since 2008 has given her a first-hand experience of working with underprivileged populations. In 2009, she began volunteering as an HIV test counselor. Currently, she is the Program Coordinator of the Red Circle Project at AIDS Project Los Angeles providing HIV education, support and referrals. She is also a council member of Project H.E.A.L.T.H. (Harnessing Education Advocacy and Leadership for Transgender Health), member of the Transgender Service Provider Network (TSPN); member of the Asian Pacific Islander/Native American Coalition and also sits on the L.A. County HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC).

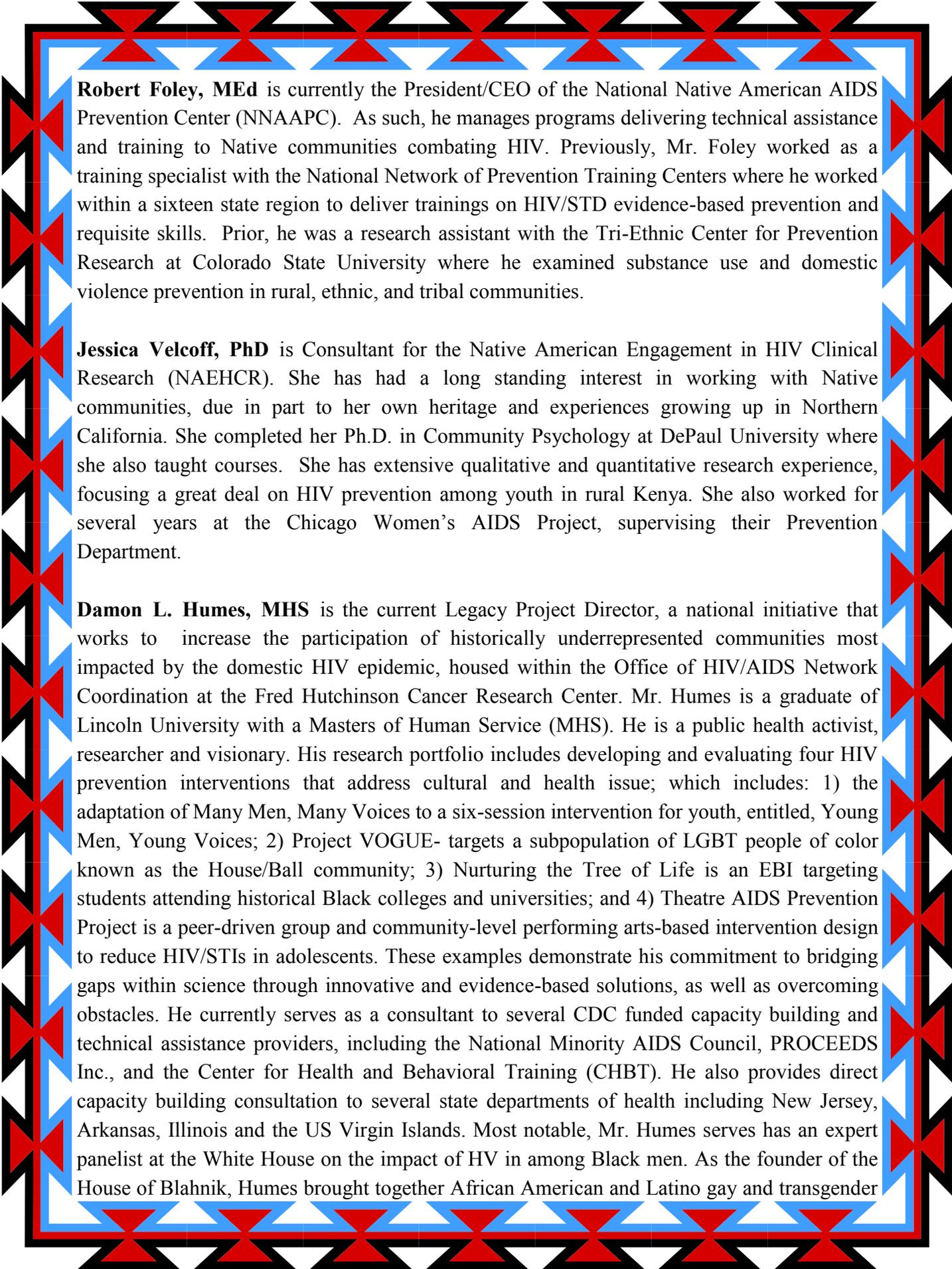


## WHAT IS CLINICAL RESEARCH & WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO NATIVE COMMUNITIES?

Native American Engagement in HIV Clinical Research (NAEHCR) is an innovative joint project between the Office of HIV/AIDS Network Coordination's Legacy Project and the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center (NNAAPC) that seeks to increase engagement in HIV clinical research among urban Native communities, by building meaningful, respectful, and sustainable relationships among Native community members and HIV clinical research staff. NAEHCR works with HIV clinical research staff and Native Community Consultants (local Native community leaders and advocates) in Seattle, Denver, San Francisco, and Chicago to develop research tools and engagement plans in each city. During this workshop NAEHCR staff and Native Community Consultants will provide an overview of HIV clinical research and discuss the synergy that exists with health care and policy, thus increasing the attendees understanding and ability to share accurate information related to HIV clinical research within their respective communities. Next, findings from the research that helped to develop engagement plans will be discussed, as well as how these findings may be relevant to other Native communities. Finally, engagement templates will be shared and options for their use outside the NAEHCR Project will be explored.

**Michaela Grey, MPH (Navajo/Diné)** is a Capacity Building Assistance Specialist with National Native American AIDS Prevention Center (NNAAPC) with tremendous experience in Clinical Trial Research. For the last 10 years, she worked various capacities of University of New Mexico research programs. She spent 5 years as a research technician in the UNM Department of Cell Biology and Physiology; whose principal focus was on mammary gland cancer. And most recently, she was a research coordinator with UNM Cancer Center Clinical Trials Office. Her responsibility, as research coordinator, was to enroll patients to supportive care cancer clinical trials abiding with HIPAA and UNM standard operating procedures. Michaela received her Bachelor's Degree in Biology from Trinity Christian College, Palos Heights, IL in 1999. In 2005, she completed her Master's in Public Health at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM. Prior to her graduate work, Michaela was a HIV/AIDS Prevention Peer Education Coordinator with the All Indian Pueblo Council, Inc. She was active on the New Mexico's Governors Task Force on AIDS and with the Region VII Community Planning Group of New Mexico. Michaela returns to HIV/AIDS work with tremendous skills from the university research setting and personal motivation to increase community awareness of HIV/AIDS and the potential for a cure.

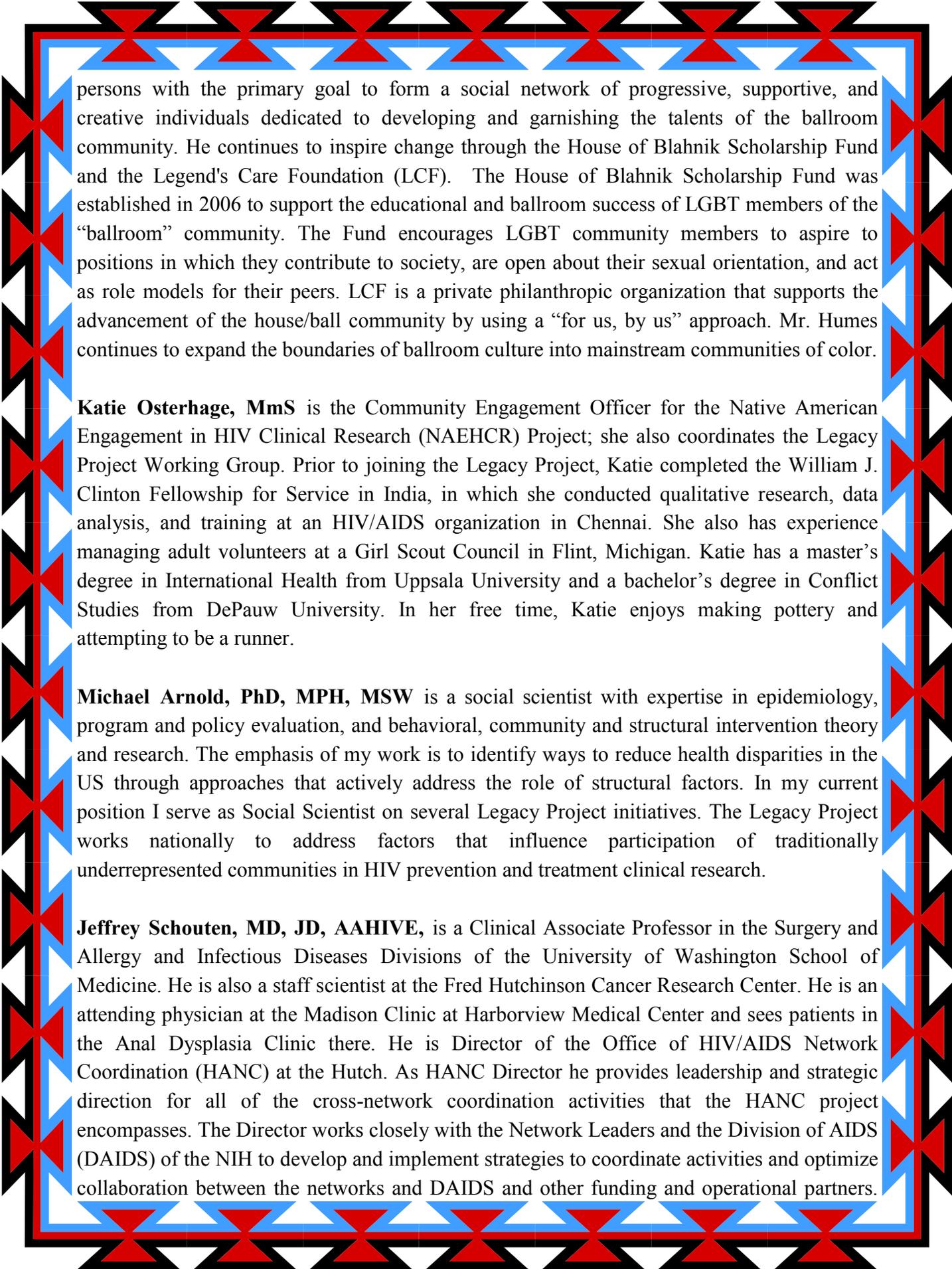
**Matt Ignacio, MSSW (Tohono O'odham)** [See previous bio]



**Robert Foley, MEd** is currently the President/CEO of the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center (NNAAPC). As such, he manages programs delivering technical assistance and training to Native communities combating HIV. Previously, Mr. Foley worked as a training specialist with the National Network of Prevention Training Centers where he worked within a sixteen state region to deliver trainings on HIV/STD evidence-based prevention and requisite skills. Prior, he was a research assistant with the Tri-Ethnic Center for Prevention Research at Colorado State University where he examined substance use and domestic violence prevention in rural, ethnic, and tribal communities.

**Jessica Velcoff, PhD** is Consultant for the Native American Engagement in HIV Clinical Research (NAEHCR). She has had a long standing interest in working with Native communities, due in part to her own heritage and experiences growing up in Northern California. She completed her Ph.D. in Community Psychology at DePaul University where she also taught courses. She has extensive qualitative and quantitative research experience, focusing a great deal on HIV prevention among youth in rural Kenya. She also worked for several years at the Chicago Women's AIDS Project, supervising their Prevention Department.

**Damon L. Humes, MHS** is the current Legacy Project Director, a national initiative that works to increase the participation of historically underrepresented communities most impacted by the domestic HIV epidemic, housed within the Office of HIV/AIDS Network Coordination at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. Mr. Humes is a graduate of Lincoln University with a Masters of Human Service (MHS). He is a public health activist, researcher and visionary. His research portfolio includes developing and evaluating four HIV prevention interventions that address cultural and health issue; which includes: 1) the adaptation of Many Men, Many Voices to a six-session intervention for youth, entitled, Young Men, Young Voices; 2) Project VOGUE- targets a subpopulation of LGBT people of color known as the House/Ball community; 3) Nurturing the Tree of Life is an EBI targeting students attending historical Black colleges and universities; and 4) Theatre AIDS Prevention Project is a peer-driven group and community-level performing arts-based intervention design to reduce HIV/STIs in adolescents. These examples demonstrate his commitment to bridging gaps within science through innovative and evidence-based solutions, as well as overcoming obstacles. He currently serves as a consultant to several CDC funded capacity building and technical assistance providers, including the National Minority AIDS Council, PROCEEDS Inc., and the Center for Health and Behavioral Training (CHBT). He also provides direct capacity building consultation to several state departments of health including New Jersey, Arkansas, Illinois and the US Virgin Islands. Most notable, Mr. Humes serves as an expert panelist at the White House on the impact of HIV among Black men. As the founder of the House of Blahnik, Humes brought together African American and Latino gay and transgender

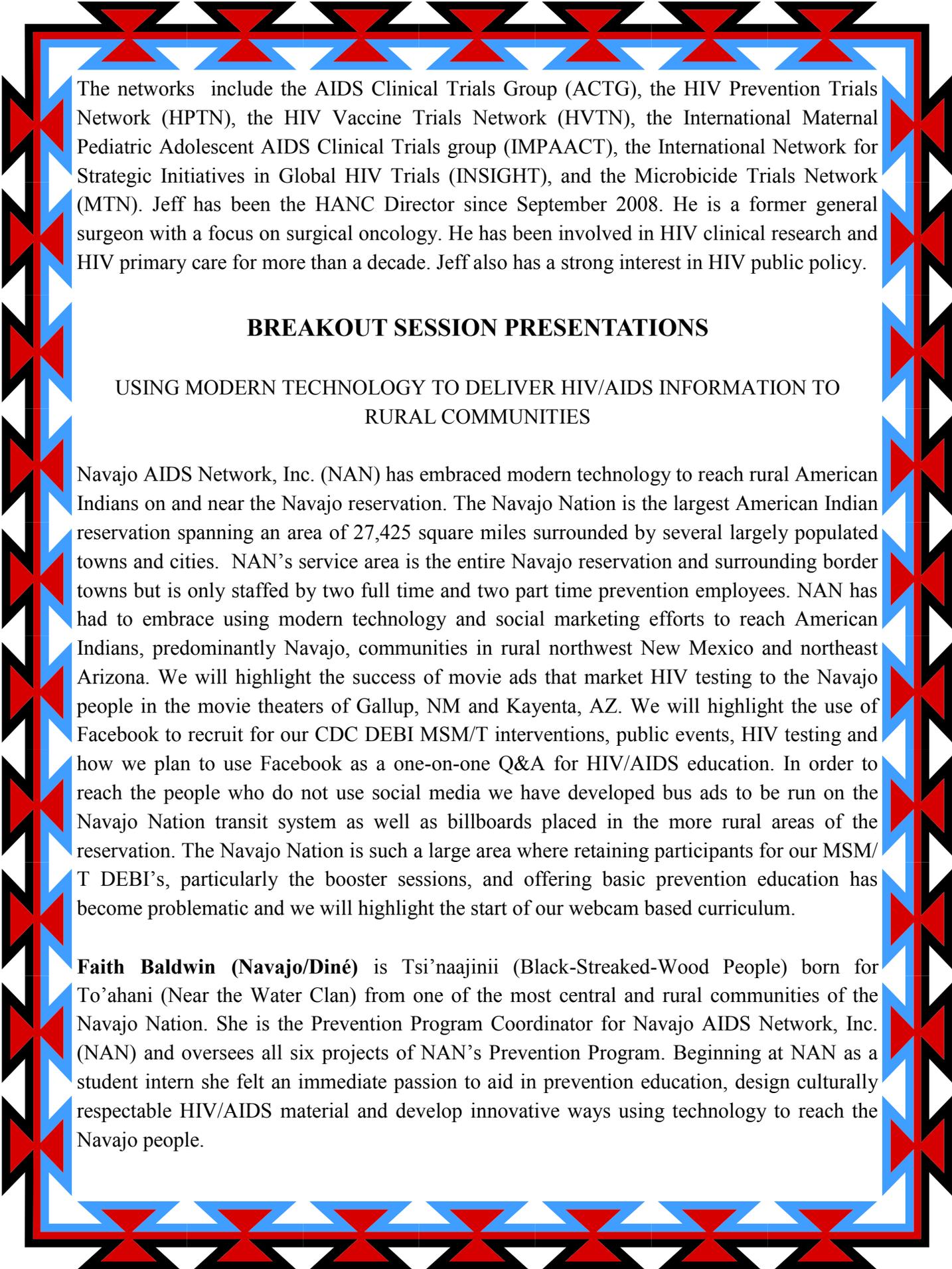


persons with the primary goal to form a social network of progressive, supportive, and creative individuals dedicated to developing and garnishing the talents of the ballroom community. He continues to inspire change through the House of Blahnik Scholarship Fund and the Legend's Care Foundation (LCF). The House of Blahnik Scholarship Fund was established in 2006 to support the educational and ballroom success of LGBT members of the “ballroom” community. The Fund encourages LGBT community members to aspire to positions in which they contribute to society, are open about their sexual orientation, and act as role models for their peers. LCF is a private philanthropic organization that supports the advancement of the house/ball community by using a “for us, by us” approach. Mr. Humes continues to expand the boundaries of ballroom culture into mainstream communities of color.

**Katie Osterhage, MmS** is the Community Engagement Officer for the Native American Engagement in HIV Clinical Research (NAEHCR) Project; she also coordinates the Legacy Project Working Group. Prior to joining the Legacy Project, Katie completed the William J. Clinton Fellowship for Service in India, in which she conducted qualitative research, data analysis, and training at an HIV/AIDS organization in Chennai. She also has experience managing adult volunteers at a Girl Scout Council in Flint, Michigan. Katie has a master’s degree in International Health from Uppsala University and a bachelor’s degree in Conflict Studies from DePauw University. In her free time, Katie enjoys making pottery and attempting to be a runner.

**Michael Arnold, PhD, MPH, MSW** is a social scientist with expertise in epidemiology, program and policy evaluation, and behavioral, community and structural intervention theory and research. The emphasis of my work is to identify ways to reduce health disparities in the US through approaches that actively address the role of structural factors. In my current position I serve as Social Scientist on several Legacy Project initiatives. The Legacy Project works nationally to address factors that influence participation of traditionally underrepresented communities in HIV prevention and treatment clinical research.

**Jeffrey Schouten, MD, JD, AAHIVE**, is a Clinical Associate Professor in the Surgery and Allergy and Infectious Diseases Divisions of the University of Washington School of Medicine. He is also a staff scientist at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. He is an attending physician at the Madison Clinic at Harborview Medical Center and sees patients in the Anal Dysplasia Clinic there. He is Director of the Office of HIV/AIDS Network Coordination (HANC) at the Hutch. As HANC Director he provides leadership and strategic direction for all of the cross-network coordination activities that the HANC project encompasses. The Director works closely with the Network Leaders and the Division of AIDS (DAIDS) of the NIH to develop and implement strategies to coordinate activities and optimize collaboration between the networks and DAIDS and other funding and operational partners.



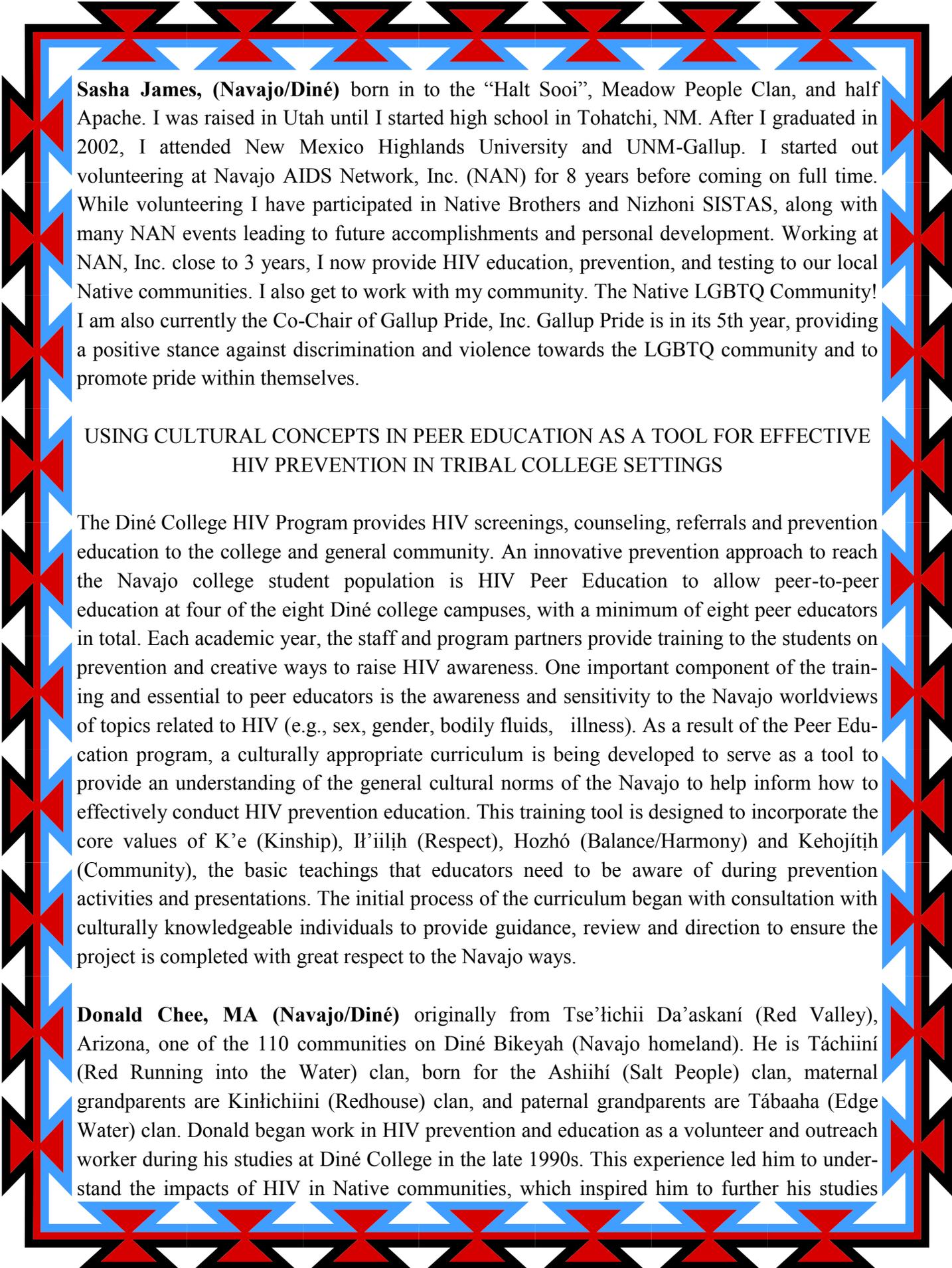
The networks include the AIDS Clinical Trials Group (ACTG), the HIV Prevention Trials Network (HPTN), the HIV Vaccine Trials Network (HVTN), the International Maternal Pediatric Adolescent AIDS Clinical Trials group (IMPAACT), the International Network for Strategic Initiatives in Global HIV Trials (INSIGHT), and the Microbicide Trials Network (MTN). Jeff has been the HANC Director since September 2008. He is a former general surgeon with a focus on surgical oncology. He has been involved in HIV clinical research and HIV primary care for more than a decade. Jeff also has a strong interest in HIV public policy.

## **BREAKOUT SESSION PRESENTATIONS**

### **USING MODERN TECHNOLOGY TO DELIVER HIV/AIDS INFORMATION TO RURAL COMMUNITIES**

Navajo AIDS Network, Inc. (NAN) has embraced modern technology to reach rural American Indians on and near the Navajo reservation. The Navajo Nation is the largest American Indian reservation spanning an area of 27,425 square miles surrounded by several largely populated towns and cities. NAN's service area is the entire Navajo reservation and surrounding border towns but is only staffed by two full time and two part time prevention employees. NAN has had to embrace using modern technology and social marketing efforts to reach American Indians, predominantly Navajo, communities in rural northwest New Mexico and northeast Arizona. We will highlight the success of movie ads that market HIV testing to the Navajo people in the movie theaters of Gallup, NM and Kayenta, AZ. We will highlight the use of Facebook to recruit for our CDC DEBI MSM/T interventions, public events, HIV testing and how we plan to use Facebook as a one-on-one Q&A for HIV/AIDS education. In order to reach the people who do not use social media we have developed bus ads to be run on the Navajo Nation transit system as well as billboards placed in the more rural areas of the reservation. The Navajo Nation is such a large area where retaining participants for our MSM/T DEBI's, particularly the booster sessions, and offering basic prevention education has become problematic and we will highlight the start of our webcam based curriculum.

**Faith Baldwin (Navajo/Diné)** is Tsi'naajinii (Black-Streaked-Wood People) born for To'ahani (Near the Water Clan) from one of the most central and rural communities of the Navajo Nation. She is the Prevention Program Coordinator for Navajo AIDS Network, Inc. (NAN) and oversees all six projects of NAN's Prevention Program. Beginning at NAN as a student intern she felt an immediate passion to aid in prevention education, design culturally respectable HIV/AIDS material and develop innovative ways using technology to reach the Navajo people.

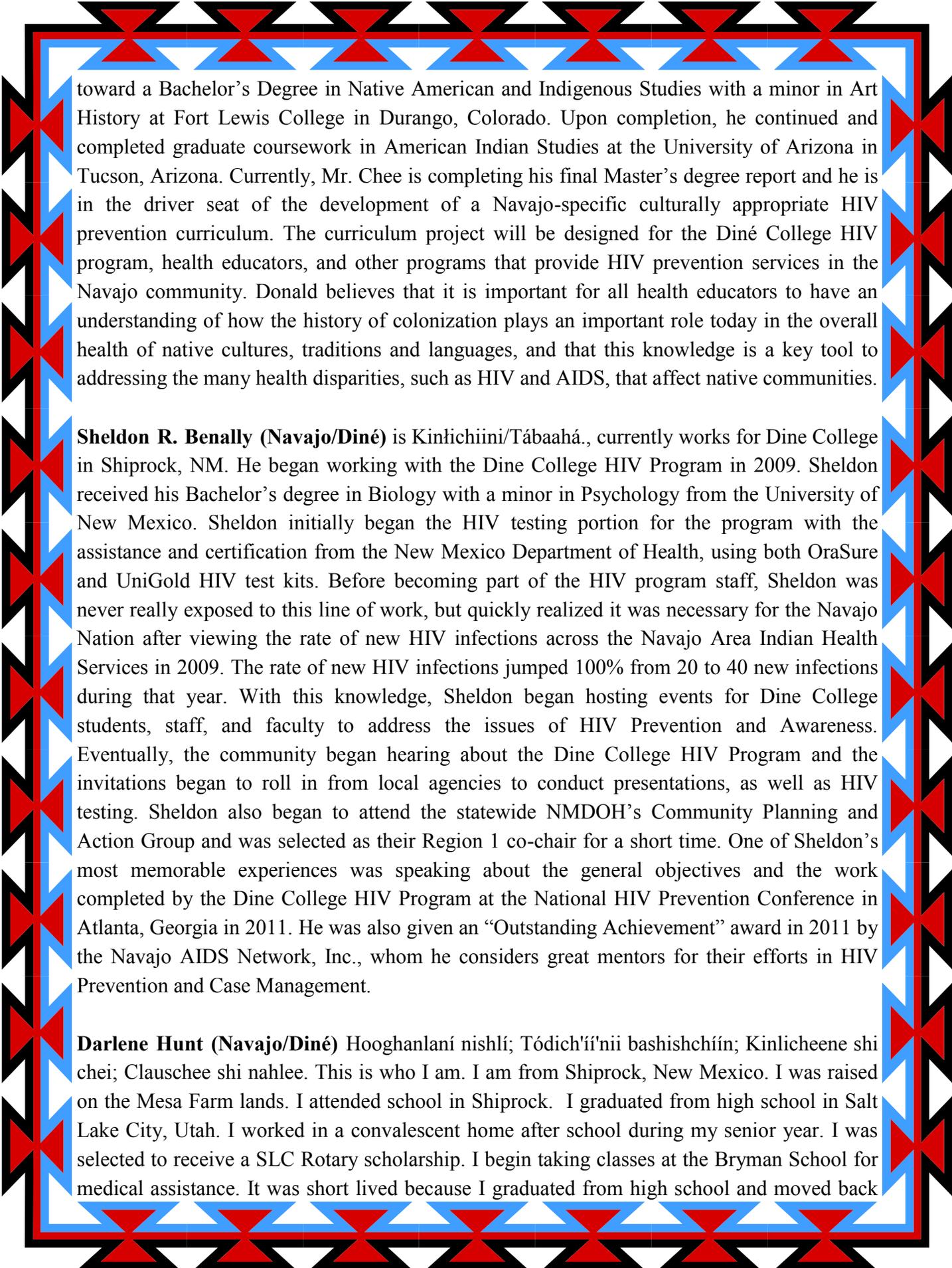


**Sasha James, (Navajo/Diné)** born in to the “Halt Sooi”, Meadow People Clan, and half Apache. I was raised in Utah until I started high school in Tohatchi, NM. After I graduated in 2002, I attended New Mexico Highlands University and UNM-Gallup. I started out volunteering at Navajo AIDS Network, Inc. (NAN) for 8 years before coming on full time. While volunteering I have participated in Native Brothers and Nizhoni SISTAS, along with many NAN events leading to future accomplishments and personal development. Working at NAN, Inc. close to 3 years, I now provide HIV education, prevention, and testing to our local Native communities. I also get to work with my community. The Native LGBTQ Community! I am also currently the Co-Chair of Gallup Pride, Inc. Gallup Pride is in its 5th year, providing a positive stance against discrimination and violence towards the LGBTQ community and to promote pride within themselves.

#### USING CULTURAL CONCEPTS IN PEER EDUCATION AS A TOOL FOR EFFECTIVE HIV PREVENTION IN TRIBAL COLLEGE SETTINGS

The Diné College HIV Program provides HIV screenings, counseling, referrals and prevention education to the college and general community. An innovative prevention approach to reach the Navajo college student population is HIV Peer Education to allow peer-to-peer education at four of the eight Diné college campuses, with a minimum of eight peer educators in total. Each academic year, the staff and program partners provide training to the students on prevention and creative ways to raise HIV awareness. One important component of the training and essential to peer educators is the awareness and sensitivity to the Navajo worldviews of topics related to HIV (e.g., sex, gender, bodily fluids, illness). As a result of the Peer Education program, a culturally appropriate curriculum is being developed to serve as a tool to provide an understanding of the general cultural norms of the Navajo to help inform how to effectively conduct HIV prevention education. This training tool is designed to incorporate the core values of K’e (Kinship), Il’iilih (Respect), Hozhó (Balance/Harmony) and Kehojítìh (Community), the basic teachings that educators need to be aware of during prevention activities and presentations. The initial process of the curriculum began with consultation with culturally knowledgeable individuals to provide guidance, review and direction to ensure the project is completed with great respect to the Navajo ways.

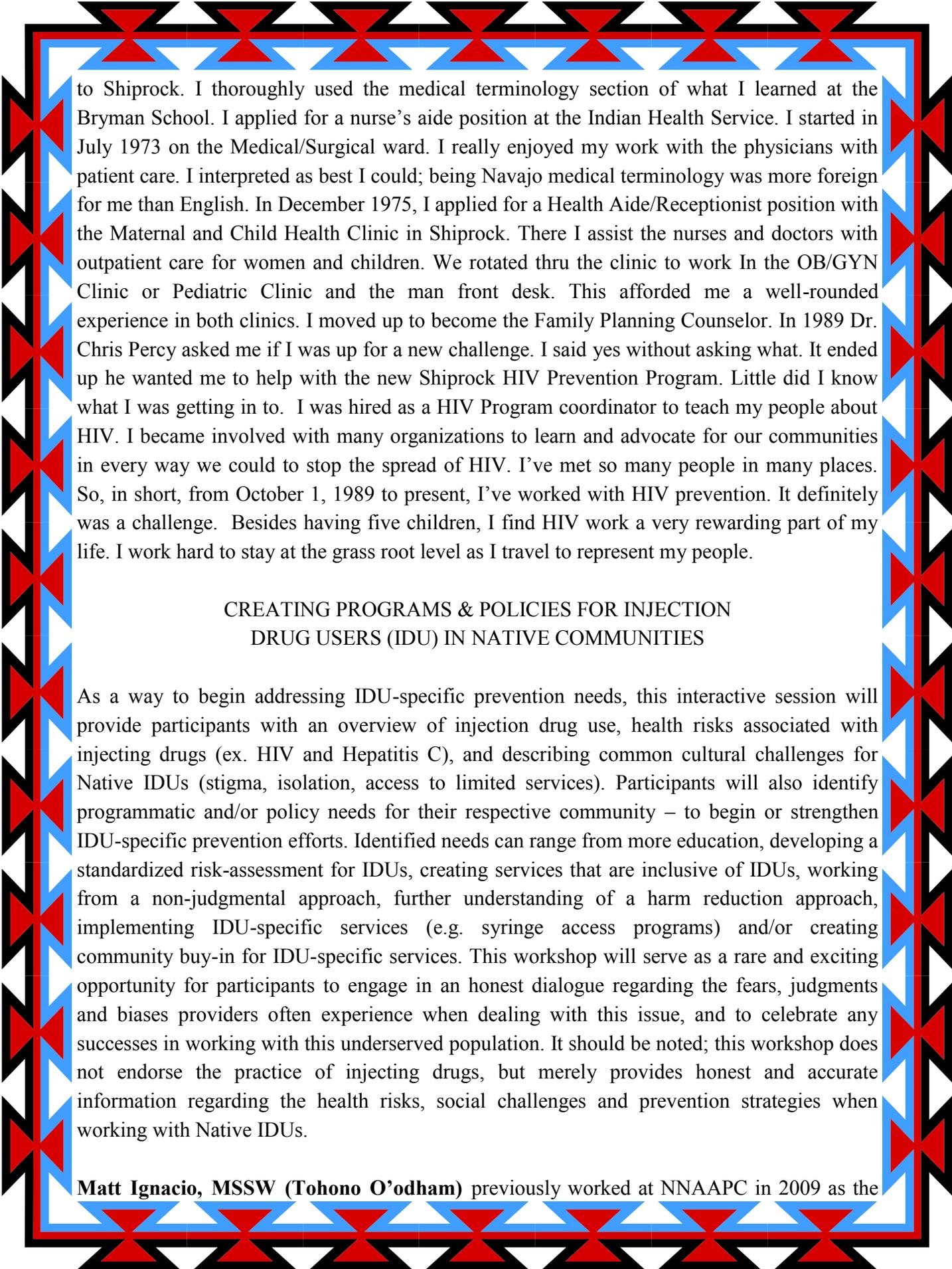
**Donald Chee, MA (Navajo/Diné)** originally from Tse’lichii Da’askani (Red Valley), Arizona, one of the 110 communities on Diné Bikeyah (Navajo homeland). He is Táchiini (Red Running into the Water) clan, born for the Ashiihí (Salt People) clan, maternal grandparents are Kin’ichiini (Redhouse) clan, and paternal grandparents are Tábaaha (Edge Water) clan. Donald began work in HIV prevention and education as a volunteer and outreach worker during his studies at Diné College in the late 1990s. This experience led him to understand the impacts of HIV in Native communities, which inspired him to further his studies



toward a Bachelor's Degree in Native American and Indigenous Studies with a minor in Art History at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado. Upon completion, he continued and completed graduate coursework in American Indian Studies at the University of Arizona in Tucson, Arizona. Currently, Mr. Chee is completing his final Master's degree report and he is in the driver seat of the development of a Navajo-specific culturally appropriate HIV prevention curriculum. The curriculum project will be designed for the Diné College HIV program, health educators, and other programs that provide HIV prevention services in the Navajo community. Donald believes that it is important for all health educators to have an understanding of how the history of colonization plays an important role today in the overall health of native cultures, traditions and languages, and that this knowledge is a key tool to addressing the many health disparities, such as HIV and AIDS, that affect native communities.

**Sheldon R. Benally (Navajo/Diné)** is Kinlichiini/Tábaahá., currently works for Dine College in Shiprock, NM. He began working with the Dine College HIV Program in 2009. Sheldon received his Bachelor's degree in Biology with a minor in Psychology from the University of New Mexico. Sheldon initially began the HIV testing portion for the program with the assistance and certification from the New Mexico Department of Health, using both OraSure and UniGold HIV test kits. Before becoming part of the HIV program staff, Sheldon was never really exposed to this line of work, but quickly realized it was necessary for the Navajo Nation after viewing the rate of new HIV infections across the Navajo Area Indian Health Services in 2009. The rate of new HIV infections jumped 100% from 20 to 40 new infections during that year. With this knowledge, Sheldon began hosting events for Dine College students, staff, and faculty to address the issues of HIV Prevention and Awareness. Eventually, the community began hearing about the Dine College HIV Program and the invitations began to roll in from local agencies to conduct presentations, as well as HIV testing. Sheldon also began to attend the statewide NMDOH's Community Planning and Action Group and was selected as their Region 1 co-chair for a short time. One of Sheldon's most memorable experiences was speaking about the general objectives and the work completed by the Dine College HIV Program at the National HIV Prevention Conference in Atlanta, Georgia in 2011. He was also given an "Outstanding Achievement" award in 2011 by the Navajo AIDS Network, Inc., whom he considers great mentors for their efforts in HIV Prevention and Case Management.

**Darlene Hunt (Navajo/Diné)** Hooghanlaní nishlí; Tódich'íí'nii bashishchíín; Kinlicheene shi chei; Clauschee shi nahlee. This is who I am. I am from Shiprock, New Mexico. I was raised on the Mesa Farm lands. I attended school in Shiprock. I graduated from high school in Salt Lake City, Utah. I worked in a convalescent home after school during my senior year. I was selected to receive a SLC Rotary scholarship. I begin taking classes at the Bryman School for medical assistance. It was short lived because I graduated from high school and moved back

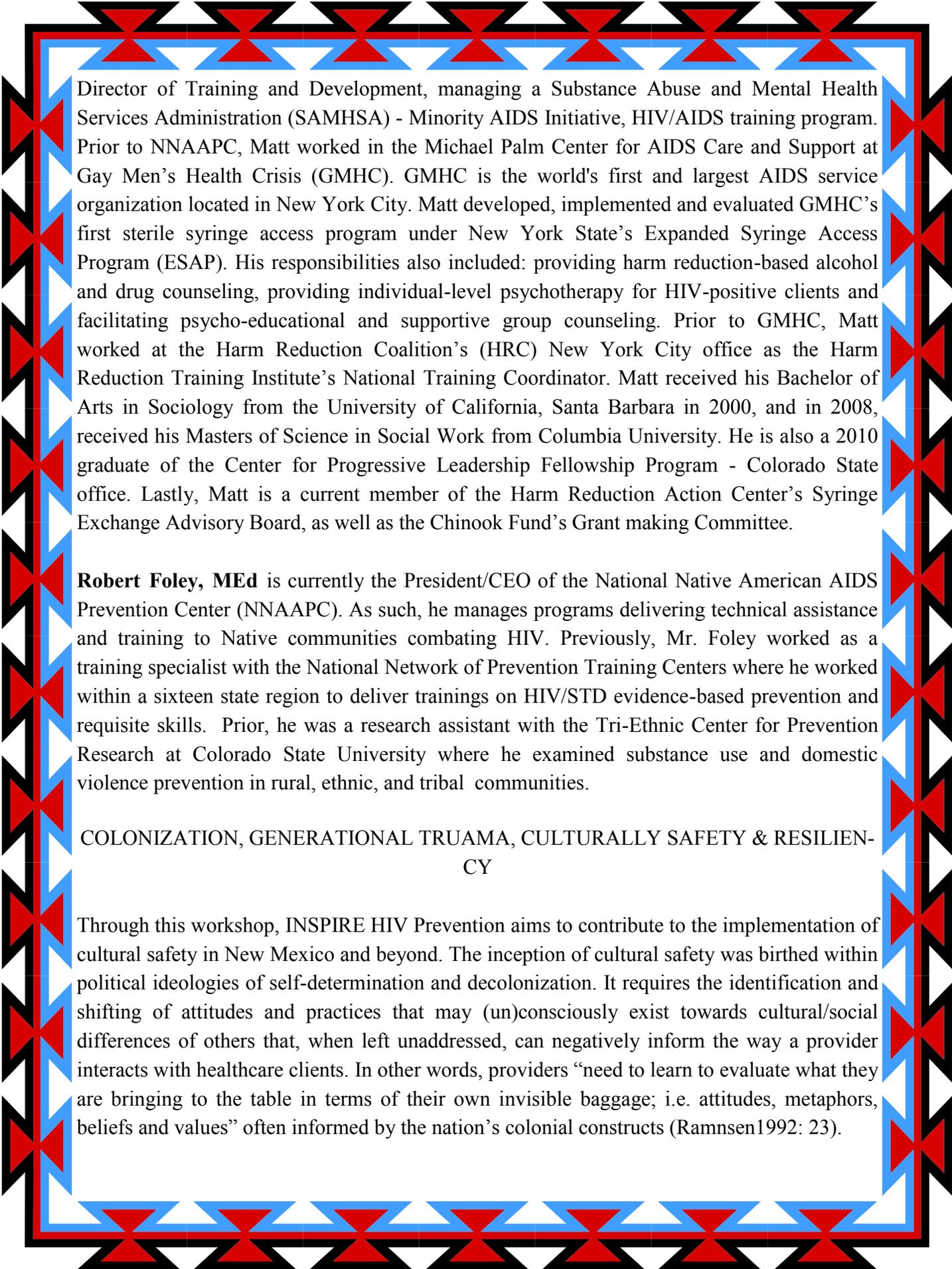


to Shiprock. I thoroughly used the medical terminology section of what I learned at the Bryman School. I applied for a nurse's aide position at the Indian Health Service. I started in July 1973 on the Medical/Surgical ward. I really enjoyed my work with the physicians with patient care. I interpreted as best I could; being Navajo medical terminology was more foreign for me than English. In December 1975, I applied for a Health Aide/Receptionist position with the Maternal and Child Health Clinic in Shiprock. There I assist the nurses and doctors with outpatient care for women and children. We rotated thru the clinic to work in the OB/GYN Clinic or Pediatric Clinic and the man front desk. This afforded me a well-rounded experience in both clinics. I moved up to become the Family Planning Counselor. In 1989 Dr. Chris Percy asked me if I was up for a new challenge. I said yes without asking what. It ended up he wanted me to help with the new Shiprock HIV Prevention Program. Little did I know what I was getting in to. I was hired as a HIV Program coordinator to teach my people about HIV. I became involved with many organizations to learn and advocate for our communities in every way we could to stop the spread of HIV. I've met so many people in many places. So, in short, from October 1, 1989 to present, I've worked with HIV prevention. It definitely was a challenge. Besides having five children, I find HIV work a very rewarding part of my life. I work hard to stay at the grass root level as I travel to represent my people.

#### CREATING PROGRAMS & POLICIES FOR INJECTION DRUG USERS (IDU) IN NATIVE COMMUNITIES

As a way to begin addressing IDU-specific prevention needs, this interactive session will provide participants with an overview of injection drug use, health risks associated with injecting drugs (ex. HIV and Hepatitis C), and describing common cultural challenges for Native IDUs (stigma, isolation, access to limited services). Participants will also identify programmatic and/or policy needs for their respective community – to begin or strengthen IDU-specific prevention efforts. Identified needs can range from more education, developing a standardized risk-assessment for IDUs, creating services that are inclusive of IDUs, working from a non-judgmental approach, further understanding of a harm reduction approach, implementing IDU-specific services (e.g. syringe access programs) and/or creating community buy-in for IDU-specific services. This workshop will serve as a rare and exciting opportunity for participants to engage in an honest dialogue regarding the fears, judgments and biases providers often experience when dealing with this issue, and to celebrate any successes in working with this underserved population. It should be noted; this workshop does not endorse the practice of injecting drugs, but merely provides honest and accurate information regarding the health risks, social challenges and prevention strategies when working with Native IDUs.

**Matt Ignacio, MSSW (Tohono O'odham)** previously worked at NNAAPC in 2009 as the

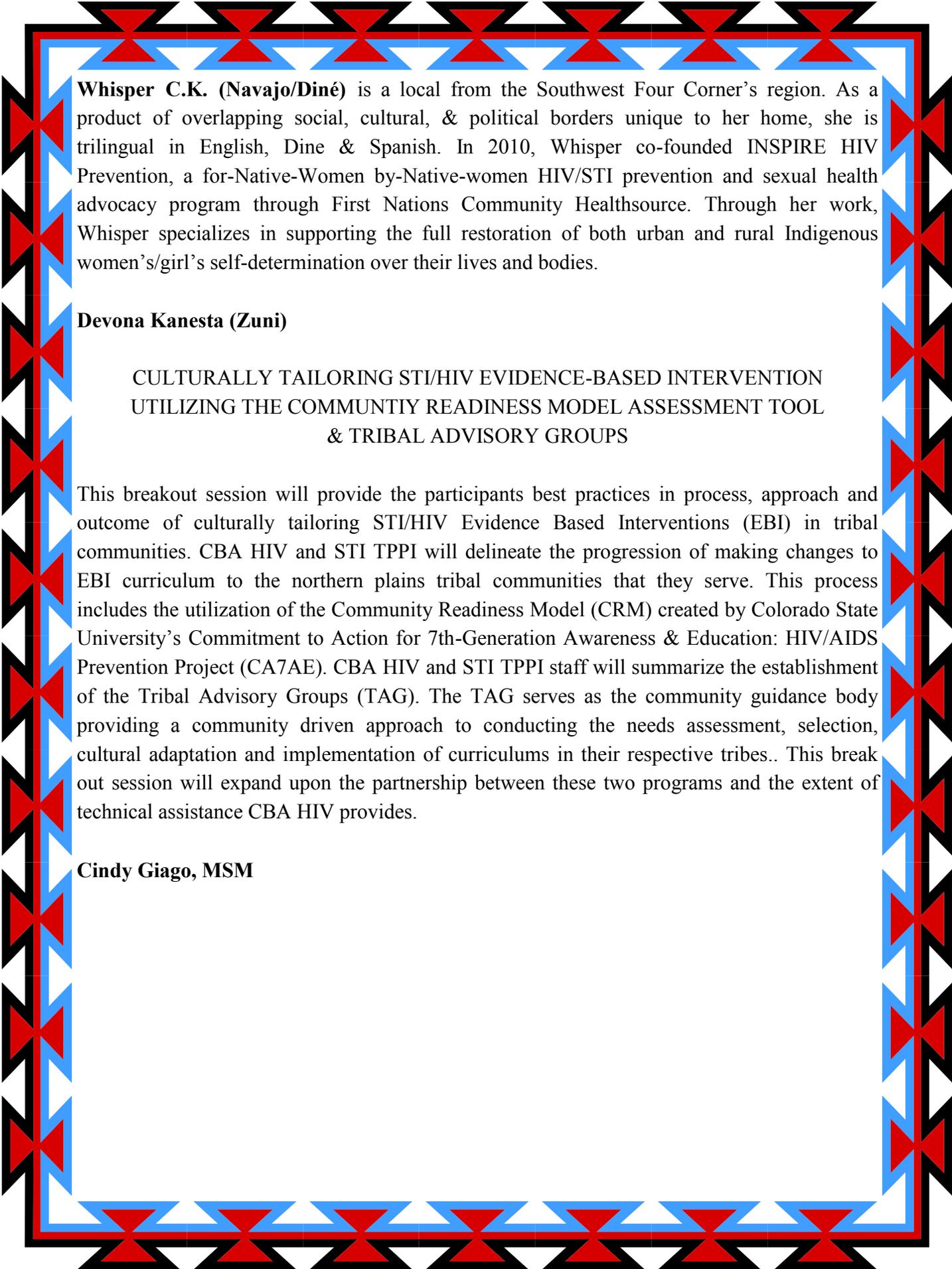


Director of Training and Development, managing a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) - Minority AIDS Initiative, HIV/AIDS training program. Prior to NNAAPC, Matt worked in the Michael Palm Center for AIDS Care and Support at Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC). GMHC is the world's first and largest AIDS service organization located in New York City. Matt developed, implemented and evaluated GMHC's first sterile syringe access program under New York State's Expanded Syringe Access Program (ESAP). His responsibilities also included: providing harm reduction-based alcohol and drug counseling, providing individual-level psychotherapy for HIV-positive clients and facilitating psycho-educational and supportive group counseling. Prior to GMHC, Matt worked at the Harm Reduction Coalition's (HRC) New York City office as the Harm Reduction Training Institute's National Training Coordinator. Matt received his Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from the University of California, Santa Barbara in 2000, and in 2008, received his Masters of Science in Social Work from Columbia University. He is also a 2010 graduate of the Center for Progressive Leadership Fellowship Program - Colorado State office. Lastly, Matt is a current member of the Harm Reduction Action Center's Syringe Exchange Advisory Board, as well as the Chinook Fund's Grant making Committee.

**Robert Foley, MEd** is currently the President/CEO of the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center (NNAAPC). As such, he manages programs delivering technical assistance and training to Native communities combating HIV. Previously, Mr. Foley worked as a training specialist with the National Network of Prevention Training Centers where he worked within a sixteen state region to deliver trainings on HIV/STD evidence-based prevention and requisite skills. Prior, he was a research assistant with the Tri-Ethnic Center for Prevention Research at Colorado State University where he examined substance use and domestic violence prevention in rural, ethnic, and tribal communities.

#### COLONIZATION, GENERATIONAL TRUAMA, CULTURALLY SAFETY & RESILIENCY

Through this workshop, INSPIRE HIV Prevention aims to contribute to the implementation of cultural safety in New Mexico and beyond. The inception of cultural safety was birthed within political ideologies of self-determination and decolonization. It requires the identification and shifting of attitudes and practices that may (un)consciously exist towards cultural/social differences of others that, when left unaddressed, can negatively inform the way a provider interacts with healthcare clients. In other words, providers "need to learn to evaluate what they are bringing to the table in terms of their own invisible baggage; i.e. attitudes, metaphors, beliefs and values" often informed by the nation's colonial constructs (Ramnsen1992: 23).



**Whisper C.K. (Navajo/Diné)** is a local from the Southwest Four Corner's region. As a product of overlapping social, cultural, & political borders unique to her home, she is trilingual in English, Dine & Spanish. In 2010, Whisper co-founded INSPIRE HIV Prevention, a for-Native-Women by-Native-women HIV/STI prevention and sexual health advocacy program through First Nations Community Healthsource. Through her work, Whisper specializes in supporting the full restoration of both urban and rural Indigenous women's/girl's self-determination over their lives and bodies.

**Devona Kanesta (Zuni)**

CULTURALLY TAILORING STI/HIV EVIDENCE-BASED INTERVENTION  
UTILIZING THE COMMUNITY READINESS MODEL ASSESSMENT TOOL  
& TRIBAL ADVISORY GROUPS

This breakout session will provide the participants best practices in process, approach and outcome of culturally tailoring STI/HIV Evidence Based Interventions (EBI) in tribal communities. CBA HIV and STI TPPI will delineate the progression of making changes to EBI curriculum to the northern plains tribal communities that they serve. This process includes the utilization of the Community Readiness Model (CRM) created by Colorado State University's Commitment to Action for 7th-Generation Awareness & Education: HIV/AIDS Prevention Project (CA7AE). CBA HIV and STI TPPI staff will summarize the establishment of the Tribal Advisory Groups (TAG). The TAG serves as the community guidance body providing a community driven approach to conducting the needs assessment, selection, cultural adaptation and implementation of curriculums in their respective tribes.. This breakout session will expand upon the partnership between these two programs and the extent of technical assistance CBA HIV provides.

**Cindy Giago, MSM**

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## Circle of Harmony Silent Auction

We encourage you to take a look at all the wonderful items that have been donated that are available for auction. All proceeds from the auction will go towards the Kory R. Montoya scholarship fund for the 2015 Circle of Harmony Conference. Extreme Gratitude to our Silent Auction Donators.

Here is how it works....

Step 1 - Take note of the items that interest you and their starting values. This will help you set a limit for your spending.

Step 2 - View the auction items at the event. The organizers provide a bid sheet for each item with a notation of its starting value.

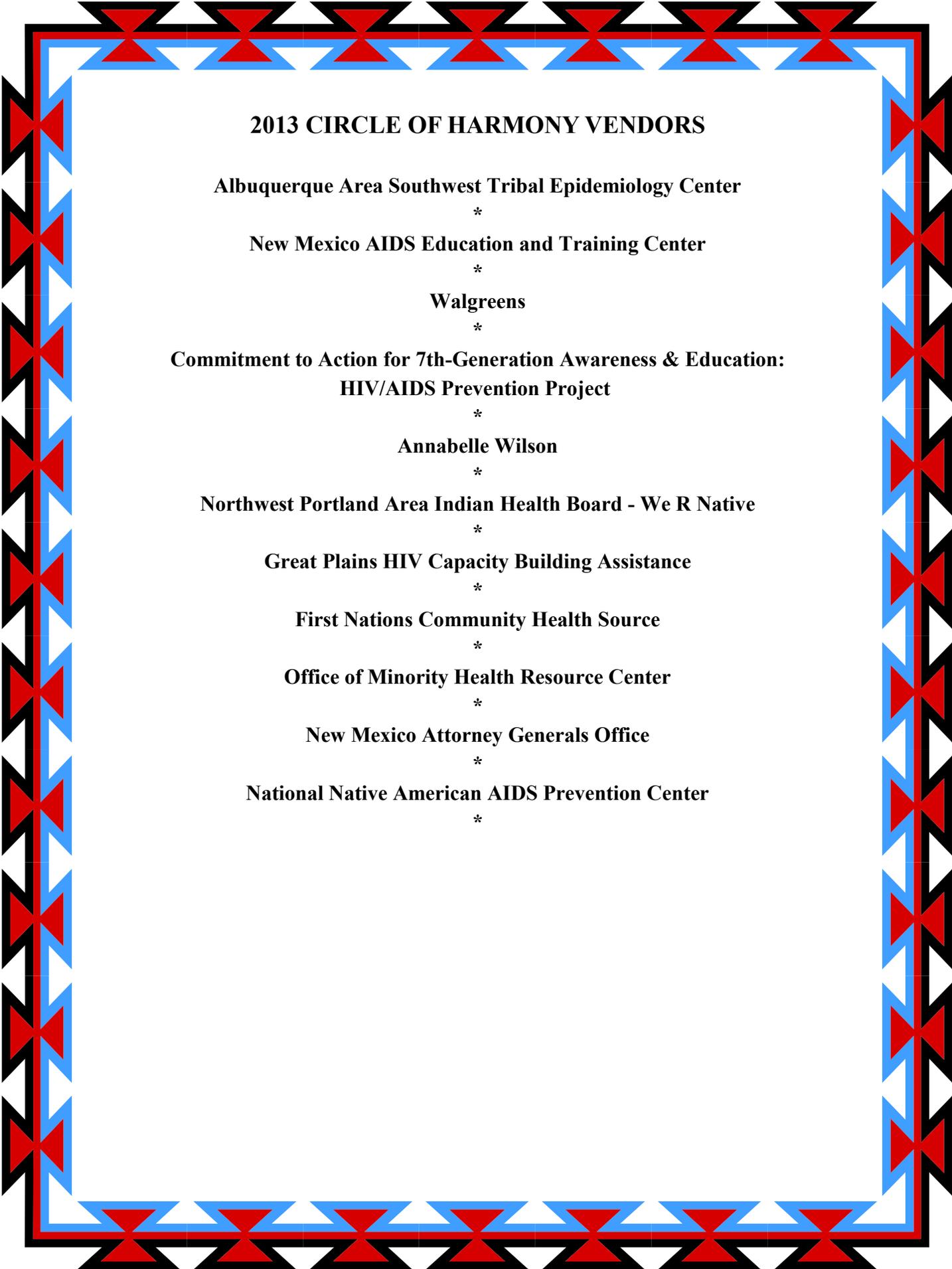
Step 3 - Bid on an item by writing the amount you would like to bid and signing your name on the bid sheet.

Step 4 - Go back periodically to the items to see whether you've been outbid. As the auction period continues throughout the conference, more people sign bid sheets, and the prices increase.

Step 5 - Write a new amount if you're willing to increase the bid, and sign your name on the bid sheet again.

Step 6 - Wait for the closing of the sale to be announced by the mistress of ceremonies after the panel discussion on Thursday morning.

Step 7 - When you have been announced the winning bidder pay the amount of the winning bid and receive your item.



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## 2011 Circle of Harmony Planning Committee



**Lonnie Barraza, M.S. Ed.** currently works for the NM Public Education Department as the HIV Prevention Education Program Administrator. In this position, she coordinates efforts around HIV issues throughout New Mexico, particularly working with public schools in and around HIV. Before taking on the HIV-PEP, she worked as the Consultant for the Safe Schools Program. In that role, she assisted school districts in the development of their New Mexico Safety Plan. Prior to her work with PED, Lonnie worked as the Sandoval County's Coordinator of the Healthier Schools Program, a program which she created and developed. In her role, she provided guidance on health-related issues to four school districts and their surrounding communities.



**Mattee Jim (Navajo/Diné)** her clans are the Zuni People Clan and born for the Tower House People Clan. Mattee is originally from Tse'naoshjiin but currently resides in Albuquerque, NM. She is the HIV Prevention/Support Services Coordinator at First Nation Healthsource. Ms. Jim worked in the field of HIV for 13 years, attended, presented and participated in many conferences, meetings and trainings in HIV Prevention and Transgender issues. She is currently the Co-Chair for the Transgender Task Force, the National Advisory Board Member for the Center of Excellence for Transgender Health and a member of the planning committee for the Circle of Harmony HIV/AIDS Wellness conference.



**Savannah Gene (Navajo/Diné)** originally from Bee Ak'id Baa Ahodzaní (Pinon, Arizona) her clans are Totsóhnií (Big Water Clan), born for Hashk'áánhadzohí (Yucca Fruit Strung Out in a Line Clan). Her maternal grandfathers are Ta'neeszahnii (Tangle People Clan) and her paternal grandfathers are Tl'iziláani (Many Goats Clan). She is a proud single mother to 2 year old, Ethan Denny. Savannah is currently the Program Administrative Coordinator at the Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Planning and Design with an emphasis in Community Planning from the University of New Mexico. Savannah is in the process of applying for a Masters in Public Health program. On her free time, she enjoys spending time with her son and family, knitting, and reading. Thanks to her son, Savannah also knows a dinosaur name for each letter of the alphabet.



**Marie Kirk (Isleta Pueblo)** one of the 19 New Mexico Pueblos located south of Albuquerque. Retired from the Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc. she was the HIV/AIDS Program Manager for 14 years. Her work experience not only includes HIV/AIDS but substance abuse counseling for approximately 10 years. Ms. Kirk is recognized as an expert on HIV/AIDS issues affecting the American Indian populations. She has extensive experience training professionals and lay people in HIV/AIDS prevention and sexually transmitted infections. She was formerly a member of the Advisory Board to the Office of Minority Health Resource Center; former board member of The AIDS Institute; Alternate Co-chair for Region 7 – NM

State Department of Health – Community Planning and Action Group on HIV and AIDS for American Indians. She received the 2001 Leadership Award for significant contributions in leadership, providing vision and integrity in visioning, creating and implementing new programs for HIV Prevention and support services for Native Americans in the State of New Mexico; received the 2005 Red Ribbon Leadership Award for dynamic leadership in HIV Prevention in the United States from the National HIV/AIDS Partnership; and received the 2007 Annual Marty Prairie Award which is given to a Native American community member who demonstrates action, voice, and leadership in the fight against HIV/AIDS. She currently is a project specialist for the Native American Research Center for Health Evidence-Based Intervention Project which is Adapting and Evaluating a Center for Disease Control Evidence-Based Intervention for Native American Youth in the Southwest at the Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc. and the Vice-President of the Native American Training Institute, Inc.



**Art Salazar** and his family are devout Christians. He is a 31 year old, proud father of Marisa and Isaac and is married to his high school sweetheart Claudia. He has worked at Department of Health-Stanford Public Health Office since 1999. He started off as the Phlebotomist at the clinic for 4 years, then was promoted and worked as a Disease Prevention Specialists for Region 1&3 for 4 1/2 years. In 2008, he became the HIV Health Educator for Regions 1&3 for the DOH-HIV Prevention Program, where he has been exposed to new learning experiences and sharing his many experiences during his employment with DOH. Art is also one of the founding members of the East Central Outreach, which continues to serve the “Albuquerque War Zone” community with spiritual guidance, clothing, food and HIV/STD/Harm Reduction/Overdose Prevention services for the last 7 years. He has also held the position as Co-chair of the State of New Mexico Community Planning and Action Group and Region 3 CPAG Co-chair for the last two years.



**Robert Sturm, MA** is the Director of the New Mexico Community AIDS Partnership and works with groups around the state to assure that all New Mexicans receive culturally appropriate and sensitive HIV education, prevention and care. Recognizing that HIV can only be addressed in the context of social justice. Robert collaborates with other community-based agencies to address issues of racism, stigma, marginalization, access, and equity. He is also a member of the 2013 Circle of Harmony planning committee.



**Tracy Tessmann** has over 6 years of professional experience in HIV working for the AIDS Education and Training Centers (AETCs). She is currently the Program Manager of the New Mexico AETC at the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center in Albuquerque. In this role, she manages the AETC federal grant whose mission is to train clinicians to treat HIV patients in the state of New Mexico. Before moving to Albuquerque in early 2011 with her husband and 9 year old son, Tracy worked for the Texas/Oklahoma AETC at Parkland Hospital in Dallas, TX as the Minority AIDS Initiative, HIV Testing and Evaluation Coordinator. She holds a Master’s degree in Applied Cultural Anthropology, with a specialization in Medical Anthropology, from the University of North Texas. She has also conducted qualitative

research on patient provider interactions and presents cultural fluency workshops as part of her role with the New Mexico AETC. Before entering graduate school, Tracy worked as a professional photographer in Milwaukee, WI for 12 years and has been re-inspired by the beauty and culture of New Mexico.



**Ayn N. Whyte, M.S. (Navajo/Diné)**, is originally from Crownpoint, NM. Her clans are To'aheedliinii (Water Flows Together People) born for Kinyaa'aanii (Towering House People). Ayn and her husband, Anthony are parents to four children, Kayne Rangel who is a freshman at Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, IA, Logan Don a 7th grader at the Native American Community Academy and the 2012-2013 Jr. Mr. NACA, Sawyer Mahkah Lee who is three years old and Hope Yanabah Lee who is 13 months. Ayn has a Bachelors of Science in Exercise Science, a Masters of Science in Health Education and is currently writing her dissertation to complete her Ph.D. in Public Health with a concentration in epidemiology. Ms. Whyte began her work in American Indian/Alaska Native health disparities doing diabetes prevention research which lead to diabetes and cancer research at the University of New Mexico. Currently, she is the Program Manager for the STD/HIV/AIDS Prevention Program which provides prevention and education services to six tribal communities in New Mexico and Southern Colorado and the Native American Research Center for Health Evidence-Based Intervention Project which is Adapting and Evaluating a Center for Disease Control Evidence-Based Intervention for Native American Youth in the Southwest at the Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc. She is also a co-chair for Region 7 – NM State Department of Health Community Planning and Action Group on HIV and AIDS for American Indians and is the conference coordinator for the 2013 Circle of Harmony HIV/AIDS Wellness conference.



**Jeremy Yazzie (Navajo/Diné)**, is Tsenjikini (Honey Combed Rock People) born for Haltsooi (Meadow People). Jeremy was raised by his grandparents in Twin Lakes, NM. He is the eldest of nine siblings. Jeremy graduated from Tohatchi High School in 1999. Jeremy studied fashion design at the renowned Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising in Los Angeles, CA to pursue his dream of becoming a fashion designer. He credits his grandmother for teaching him how to sew. Today, Jeremy still continues to design wearable art for himself and his friends. He enjoys painting, sketching and reading books. Also, Jeremy has been living a sober lifestyle for nearly five years. Jeremy is a health educator at Navajo AIDS Network plus a full time student at UNM-Gallup pursuing a Bachelors degree in Nursing. Also, Jeremy is the coordinator for Gallup's non-crisis phone line at the Hozho Center. And a Regional Representative for The Rainbow *Naatsiilid* Center in Gallup, NM. Finally, Jeremy is the President of PFLAG Gallup (*Parents, Families, Friends of Lesbians, Gays and Transgender*).



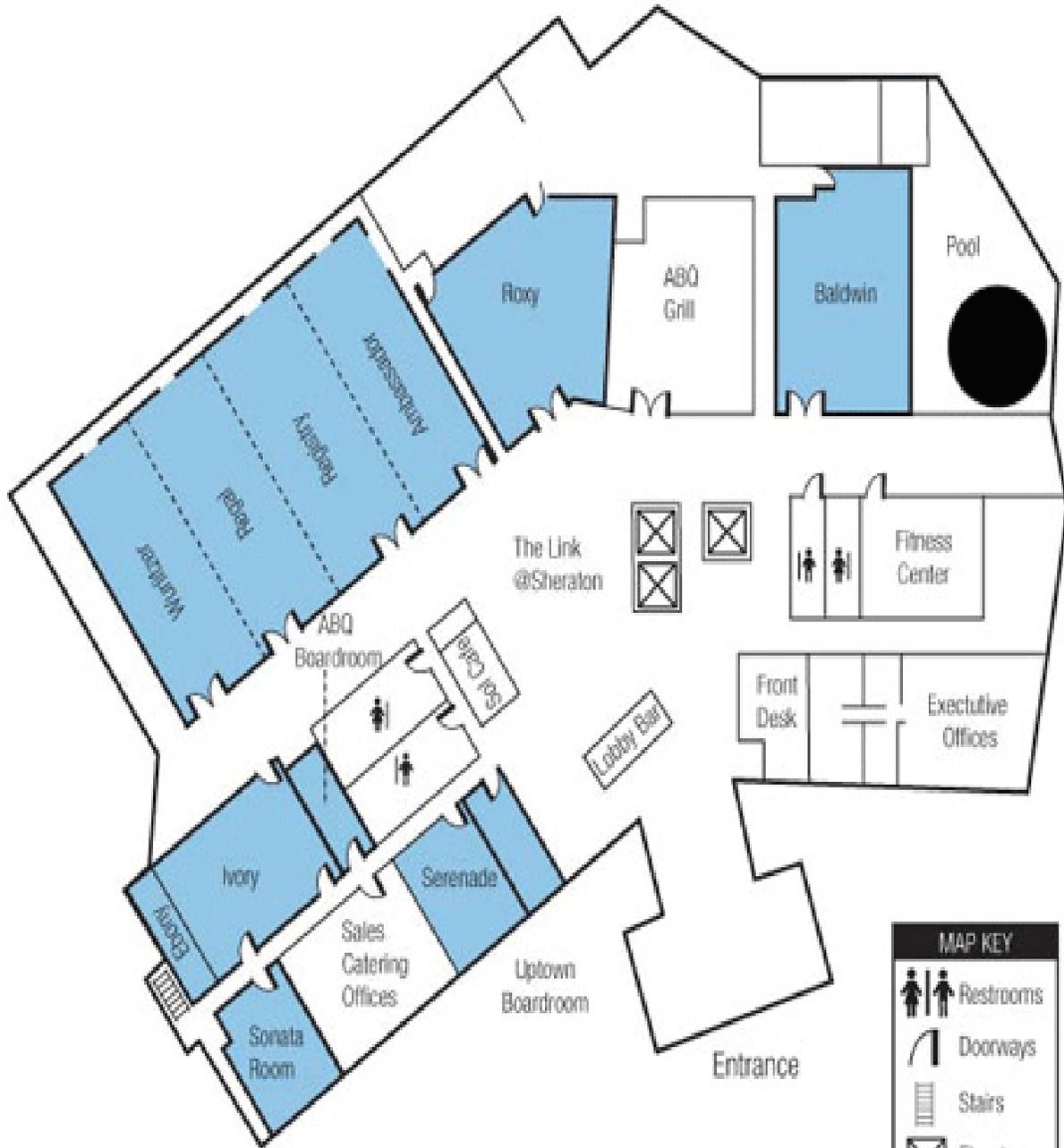
**Venita Wolfe (Navajo/Diné/Zuni/Cherokee)**, is an enrolled member of the Dine' tribe. She is originally from Zuni, NM, but currently resides in Albuquerque. She is a proud mother to her son, Michael (13yo), a 7th grader at the Native American Community Academy (NACA). Venita has a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a Master of Science in Health Education. Venita began her work in American Indian health disparities assisting with the research study entitled Pathways: a diabetes prevention curriculum for Native American school-age children residing on the Navajo Nation. She then began working on an NIH-funded diabetes prevention program entitled Sharing Wisdom which focused on diabetes prevention with Native American women who resided in an urban setting. Venita is currently the Education Specialist/Program Manager for the University of New Mexico Palliative Care consultation service, Department of Internal Medicine. She presents and facilitates discussion with healthcare providers on the topic of Cultural Considerations in End of Life Care with American Indians. Venita volunteers as a community member with the Region 7 Advocacy Group, NM State Department of Health Community Planning and Action Group on HIV and AIDS for American Indians. She also serves as a member of the NACA Community Advisory Panel. This is the first year Venita has volunteered as a planning committee member for the 2013 Circle of Harmony HIV/AIDS Wellness conference.



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