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HIV/AIDS Wellness Conference  
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**12th Circle of Harmony  
HIV/AIDS Wellness Conference  
Conference At A Glance**

**Monday, April 20, 2015**

Networking Institute	Sandia Ballroom	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
KRM Scholarship Orientation	Las Cruces Room	7:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Talking Circle	Las Cruces Room	7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

**Tuesday, April 21, 2015**

Breakfast	Salon E	7:30 AM - 9:30 AM
Complementary Therapies	Cimarron /Las Cruces	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
COH Art Gallery	Foyer	8: 00 AM - 5:00 PM
COH Silent Auction	Foyer	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
COH AIDS Walk Sign Up	Foyer	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Opening Ceremony	Salon E	8:00 AM - 9:30 AM
Keynote Address	Salon E	9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
General Session	Salon E	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Lunch	ON YOUR OWN	12:15 PM - 1:15 PM
Workshops (3 hours)	Salons A-F	1:30 PM - 5:00 PM
Eve of Celebration	Salons F	6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

**Wednesday, April 22, 2015**

2015 COH AIDS Walk	See Walk Map	6:00 AM - 8:30 AM
COH Art Gallery	Foyer	7:30 AM - 3:30 PM
Breakfast	Salon E	7:30 AM - 9:30 AM
General Session	Salon E	8:30 AM - 12:15 PM
Lunch	Sandia Ballroom	12:15 PM - 1:15 PM
Breakout Sessions	Salons A-D	1:15 PM - 4:45 PM
Closing Ceremony	Sandia Ballroom	4:45 PM - 5:00 PM

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Monday, April 20, 2015

Welcome to the 2015 Circle of Harmony  
HIV/AIDS Wellness Conference



Pre-Conference Activities

**Registration Desk in Foyer**

12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

**Early Registration**

COH Committee Members

**Sandia Ballroom**

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**Networking Institute**

Elton Naswood

Office of Minority Health Resource Center

Kurt Begaye, B.S.

Begaye Consulting

**Las Cruces 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**

Ayn N. Whyte, M.S.

AAIHB, Inc.

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## ***Registration Desk in Foyer***

### **Registration**

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

## ***Foyer***

### **Circle of Harmony Art Gallery**

HIV/AIDS Posters of the Past

### **Circle of Harmony Silent Auction**

### **Circle of Harmony AIDS Walk Sign-Up**

## ***Salon E***

### **Continental Breakfast**

7:30 AM - 9:30 AM

### **2015 Circle of Harmony HIV/AIDS**

### **Wellness Conference Opening**

8:00 AM - 9:30 AM

### **MC Address**

Elton Naswood

Office of Minority Health Resource Center

### **Opening Blessing**

Renaldo Benally

### **Opening Drum Song**

Native American Community Academy Drum Group

NACA Boyz

### **Welcome**

Lester Secatero

AAIHB, Inc.

Board of Directors

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### **Executive Director Address**

Nancy Martine-Alonzo

AAIHB, Inc.

### **Housekeeping**

Ayn N. Whyte, M.S.

Circle of Harmony Conference Coordinator

AAIHB, Inc.

### **Keynote Address**

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM



Jennifer Nez Denetdale, Ph.D.

University of New Mexico

Department of American Studies

Dr. Denetdale's research interests include; Critical Indigenous Studies, Indigenous Feminisms and Gender Studies, Native Oral History, Southwest Studies

## ***Salon E***

### **Epidemiology Update**

10:45 AM - 12:00 PM

Michelle J. Iandiorio, M.D.

University of New Mexico

Dornell Pete, MPH

Albuquerque Area Southwest Tribal

Epidemiology Center

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## Lunch On Your Own

12:15 AM - 1:30 PM

Vendor - Complementary Therapies-  
Silent Auction - Art Gallery Stroll

### *Cimarron*

#### Art Therapy

9:30 AM—3:00 PM

Jeremy Yazzie

Naatsiilid Rainbow Center



#### Acupuncture

Dr. Nityamo Lian, DOM, MPH  
Community Acupuncture Albuquerque

### *Las Cruces*

#### Massage

10:00 AM—12:00 PM

Mel Coonsis, LMT

First Nations Community Healthsource

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\*Workshops are 3 hours in length. Each workshop will have a 15 minute break and will resume after the break is over. Please select **ONLY ONE** workshop to attend.\*

#### 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

### *Salon A/B*

Train the Trainer: Shawl Circle  
Hoktvk Yekce = Strong Woman  
Kayla Walker-Heltzel, B.A.  
MAMA Knows, Inc.

### *Salon C/D*

#RezCondomTour: Utilizing a Decolonial  
Methodologies to Initiate Youth Social Movement  
Through #SexIsCeremony  
Keioshia Peter  
University of New Mexico  
Matthew Skeets  
Sovereign Bodies Project  
Faith Baldwin  
Navajo AIDS Network

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## ***Salon E***

**HIV, Intimate Partner Violence and Two Spirit vs Transgender Identities and Affordable Care Act healthcare in regards to Transgender population**

Michelle A. Enfield,

AIDS Project Los Angeles—Red Circle Project

## ***Salon F***

**Interactive Tools & Lessons Learned With Native Women HOPE Group**

Niki Webster-Graham

Alana Bahe

Salish Kootenai College

## ***Salons F-J***

**2015 Circle of Harmony**

**An Eve of Celebration**

6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Join us for dinner, great conversations, networking, drag show and great music provided by DJ M. Martinez.



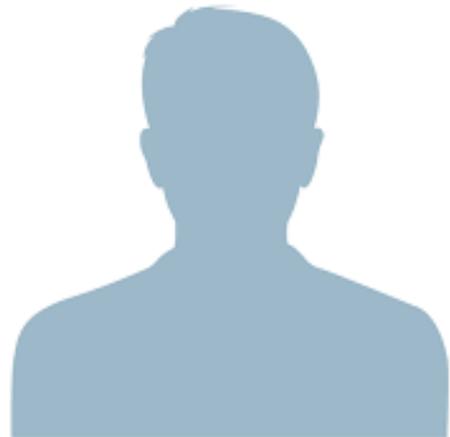
This evening will be to celebrate the continued efforts of all who work diligently in STD/HIV/AIDS prevention/ awareness/ treatment/ services.

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2013 Circle Of Harmony  
Recognition Award Recipient  
**Joan Benoit**

## **2015 Circle of Harmony Award Recipient**



### ***Will Be Announced At Eve of Celebration***

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.

# 12th Circle of Harmony HIV/AIDS Wellness Conference

Wednesday, April 22, 2015

## *Hotel Entrance*

### **Circle of Harmony AIDS Walk**

6:00 AM - 8:30 AM



## *Foyer*

### **Circle of Harmony Art Gallery**

HIV Posters of the Past

### **Continental Breakfast**

7:30 AM - 9:30 AM

## *Salon E*

### **General Session**

### **Morning Greeting/Announcements**

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM

### **Reducing Stigma Panel Discussion**

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Jerry Archuleta

Sheridan Benally

Gehl Henio

Marilyn Ramone

Keioshiah Peter

University of New Mexico

Kathy Sanchez

Tewa Women United

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## **Break**

11:00 AM - 11:15 AM

### **National Native HIV Mobilization: Next Steps**

11:15 AM - 12:15 PM

## *Sandia Ballroom*

### **Lunch**

12:15 AM - 1:15 PM

### **Breakout Session I**

1:15 PM - 2:45 PM

### **Breakout Session I Evaluations**

2:45 PM - 2:55 PM

## *Salon A*

### **Combining Management Basics, Identifying A Support Network & An Introduction To Capacity Building Services.**

Robin Pearce, B.A.

Jennifer Awa, MPH

Capacity For Health

Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum

## *Salon B*

### **Practical Tips for Providing Effective HIV Prevention for Native Transgender Women**

Michaela Grey, MPH

National Native American AIDS Prevention Program

Rena Swope, B.A.

University of New Mexico LGBTQ Resource Center

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## *Salon C*

**Silent No More - Talking Circle:  
Human Rights in our Healthcare Policy From the  
Ground Up - Implementing Standardized  
Protocols Across I.H.S.**

Charon Asetoyr, M.S.  
Pamela Kingfisher  
Native American Women's  
Health Education Resource Center

## *Salon D*

**LOL cuz IDK!  
I can't get pregnant in a hot tub....right?**

Kimberly Stanek, MPH  
Heather Metcalf, B.A.  
NM DOH Family Planning Program

## **Breakout Session II**

3:10 PM - 4:40 PM

## **Breakout Session II Evaluations**

4:35 PM - 4:45 PM

## *Salon A*

### **PrEPping for the Future**

Jesse Davila, MSW  
First Nations Community Healthsource  
Ruben Gamundi, MD  
Associate Director Community Medical  
Affairs, Gilead Sciences

## *Salon B*

**Reclaiming Queer Indigenous Pride:  
Weaving a New Future**

Stella Johnson  
Jeremy Yazzie  
Naatsiilid Rainbow Center

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## *Salon C*

### **HIV Screening on Navajo**

Fannie Jackson  
Gerry Chee  
Navajo Nation HIV Program

## *Salon D*

**Adapting an Evidence-Based Curriculum for  
Native American Youth in the Southwest**

Marie R. Kirk  
Savannah Gene, B.A.  
Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc.

## *Sandia Ballroom*

### **MC Final Address**

4:45 PM - 5:00 PM

Elton Naswood  
Office of Minority Health Resource Center

### **Closing Blessing**

Renaldo Benally

### **Closing Drum Song**

Native American Community Academy Drum Group  
NACA Boyz

Thank you for attending the  
12th Circle of Harmony  
HIV/AIDS Wellness Conference!!!

See you in 2017!!!



# KEYNOTE SPEAKER



## Jennifer Denetdale, Ph.D.

As the first-ever Diné/Navajo to earn a Ph.D. in history, Dr. Jennifer Nez Denetdale is a strong advocate for Native peoples and strives to foster academic excellence in the next generation of students interested in Native Studies. Denetdale is an Associate Professor of American Studies at the University of New Mexico and teaches courses in Native American Studies. She specializes in Navajo history and culture; Native American women, gender, and feminisms; and Indigenous nations, colonialism, and decolonization. Her book, *Reclaiming Diné History: The Legacies of Navajo Chief Manuelito and Juanita*, was published by the University of Arizona Press in 2007 and has received positive reviews. Her book for young adults, *The Long Walk: The Forced Exile of the Navajo*, was published by Chelsea House in 2007. Professor Denetdale's most recent publication was an article, "Securing the Navajo National Boundaries: War, Patriotism, Tradition, and the Diné Marriage Act of 2005," for a special issue on Native Feminisms in *Wicazo Sa Review*. She was the co-editor of this special issue. For the summer of 2010, she was guest curator for the exhibit, "Hastiin Ch'ilhajíni dóó Diné bi naat'áanii Bahane': Chief Manuelito & Navajo Leaders," at the Navajo Nation Museum. Her current research project is a history of Navajo women.

## 2015 Circle of Harmony Presenters—Alphabetical Order

**Charon Asetoyer (Comanche)** is a lifelong Native American women's health advocate & community activist. She is the Executive Director & Founder of the Native American Community Board (1985) & the Native American Women's Health Education Resource Center (1998) on the Yankton Sioux Reservation. She is the leading pathfinder for the community's improved health & well-being, providing health information, referral services & a resource center on education, reproductive health, economic development, land & water rights. Ms. Asetoyer is what we in the Native American community refer to as a Warrior Woman. She is forthright & direct, but compassionate & humble. She is keenly aware of the power of community & relationship & has build a strong network of supporters & collaborators who have followed her leadership in effectuating change for those most vulnerable in our communities.

Moreover, Charon has supported women's body sovereignty through family planning education, widely used date-rape & dating-violence prevention curriculum for youth, & has been tireless in her efforts to ensure access to birth control & emergency contraception for Native American women through the Indian Health Service.

Ms. Asetoyer was instrumental in gaining protections for Native American women in the Tribal Law & Order Act of 2010, which included specific provisions that requires the Indian Health Service to train personnel in how to respond to rape, & returning limited authority to tribal governments to prosecute crimes committed by non-Indians on reservations.

Charon was appointed & confirmed by the President of the United States to serve on the National Advisory Council for Health & Human Services & served as an advisory committee member for the Center for Constitutional Rights, Women & People of Color (The AIDS Project, NY), & for the Center for Women's Policy Studies Women & AIDS Project. She served on The National Women's Health Network Board of Directors for eight years. Among many awards she received The Gloria Steinem, "Woman Of Vision Award," by the MS Foundation, & she received the United Nations Distinguished Services Award as well.

**Jennifer Awa** has over a decade of experience providing public health services, specializing in working with high-risk populations including: incarcerated populations, active injection drug users, men who have sex with men, transgender, sex workers, women, people of color & youth. She has been highly successful in creating & implementing non-traditional, holistic services for the above mentioned populations. She has provided comprehensive communicable disease prevention & care services on the streets, in schools, in jails, & throughout the community. As well, she has been a leader in her field training & mentoring new health educators in harm reduction & community health education. She received her Masters in Public Health in August, 2009 with an emphasis in Community Health Education & holds a Bachelor of Science in Health Education.

**Faith Baldwin (Diné)** is the HIV Prevention Program Manager for Navajo AIDS Network, Inc. (NAN). She has developed program projects targeting young Indigenous people on or near

the Navajo Nation to prevent HIV/HCV/substance abuse, increase healthy & realistic cultural attitudes about sexuality, & increase access to condoms. Faith strives to educate & empower HIV/HCV/substance abuse preventionists to go beyond their limitations in promoting safe sex, sexuality, & harm reduction strategies.

**Alana Bahe (Diné)** came to Salish Kootenai College (SKC) as an intern from the University of Montana; graduating in 2009. As Program Manager for the Center for Prevention & Wellness (CPW) she provides HIV/STD testing, facilitates Native Women HOPE groups, presents on various topics both on & off campus & continues to offer open & honest dialogue to her clients. In the spring of 2014, she received her Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) Certification. Ms. Bahe is the SKC Spirit of Many Colors--□GSA Adviser; which helps to celebrate & create a safe & supportive community for LGBTIQ on the Salish Kootenai College Campus, across the Flathead Reservation & beyond. She enjoys her work with the SKC community & the surrounding area.

Montana is where Alana calls “Home” & she hopes to reside here, indefinitely. She looks forward to camping & playing on the endless waterways of Northwest Montana. Alana enjoys playing Disc Golf or Frisbee golf to some. For those of you who have yet to discover the sport, she would say, “you’re missing out”. Montana has 30+ disc golf courses throughout our wonderful state. The closest being right in our back yard at SKC, then Hot Springs (Knucknees Basin), followed by Missoula (Blue Mountain & Pattee Canyon) & Kalispell (Lawrence Park), just to name a few. Look for the basket outside Alana’s office for a 15--minute putting break!!

**Gerry Chee (Diné)** is a HIV Health Educator with the Navajo HIV Prevention Program, where she has worked since April 2011. Her primary focus is to provide HIV/AIDS/STI prevention education & rapid HIV screening in the workplace, schools, community, & patient centered settings. She began working in the field of HIV prevention in 2000 as a college intern for the Navajo HIV Prevention Program. Since then she has fostered her interest in HIV prevention.

**Jesse Davila (San Ildefonso Pueblo)** s a Masters-level social worker who entered the profession after working with Veteran’s who taught him about the need for individuals with specialized knowledge to assist with the many issues they face. Currently an HIV Prevention Specialist with First Nations Community Health Source, Mr. Davila continues to advocate for the health & wellness of underserved communities & is passionate about work which involves collaborative initiatives with community-based organizations. A member of San Ildefonso Pueblo, he enjoys spending time with his spouse & family, volunteering with Albuquerque Health Care for the Homeless & traveling around the world.

**Michelle Enfield (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, Dine. She is originally from Lukachukai, Arizona but

now resides in Los Angeles, California.

Ms. Enfield has attended the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, New Mexico; & Diné Community College in Tsaile, Arizona studying Fine Arts. Currently, she is at Antioch University Los Angeles studying psychology & business.

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 & began her career working with underserved populations at risk for HIV infection. Currently, she is the Program Coordinator at the Red Circle Project at APLA Health & Wellness & works specifically with the Native American population by providing HIV education, support & referrals. She is also a member of the Transgender Service Provider Network (TSPN); Co-chair of the Asian Pacific Islander/Native American Coalition & also sits on the L.A. County Commission on HIV.

**Ruben Gamundi, MD** is Gilead's West Coast Associate Director, Community Medical Affairs. He's main role is provide accurate/scientific information in the areas of HIV Treatment, HIV Prevention, & HIV/HCV co-infection to providers & allied health care providers. He has been working in the field of HIV disease since 1990. Prior to Gilead he worked for other pharmaceutical & consultant companies as well as at AIDS Project Los Angeles, where he acted as the Treatment Education Program Manager. He resides in San Francisco & holds a medical degree from Argentina, his country of origin.

**Michaela Grey (Diné)** is the Deputy Director of the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center (NNAAPC). She entered the position with tremendous experience in Clinical Trial Research. For the last 10 years, Michaela worked in various capacities within University of New Mexico research programs, including working as a research coordinator with UNM Cancer Center Clinical Trials Office..

Her recent projects at NNAAPC include providing capacity building assistance to various tribal entities. She provided technical assistance Pascua Yaqui Tribal Health Department in their efforts to increase testing & culturally appropriate linkage to care to HIV positive community members. Michaela utilized her clinical trial experience to help to increase clinical trial awareness in the Denver, Chicago & Dallas Native communities. Most recently, Michaela is providing technical assistance to the Navajo Nation Division of Health to formulate an strategic plan addressing HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment & care on the Navajo reservation.

**Michelle J. Iandiorio, MD** is an Associate Professor of Internal Medicine. She received her medical degree from Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, NY. She then completed her Internal Medicine residency & fellowship in Infectious Diseases at the University of New Mexico. Dr. Iandiorio's interests include clinical outcomes research & medical education outcomes research.

**Fannie Jackson (Diné)** is a HIV Health Educator with the Navajo Health Education & HIV Prevention Program, where she has worked since March 1998. Her main duties are to develop &

implement educational & training opportunities on HIV/AIDS & STIs; & execute HIV rapid tests. Her primary target sites are correctional facility inmates, worksites, school, patients & Navajo Nation residents of the Ft. Defiance Service Unit. Prior to her job as a HIV Health Educator, Fannie worked as Health Education Technician for 11 years, where she presented on all health topics under the Navajo Health Education Program.

**Stella Johnson (Diné)** is New Mexico Department of Health appointed regional health educator for the Northwest region of New Mexico. Stella delivers HIV prevention services to Navajo MSM/T on & near the Navajo reservation. Also, Stella is pursuing her bachelor's degree in American Studies from the University of New Mexico.

**Pam Kingfisher (Cherokee)** is born to the bird clan, who lives & works on her grandmother's allotment land in N.E. Oklahoma, growing organic food & working to preserve & utilize medicinal plants. Born & raised in the shadow & secrecy of nuclear bomb building, her anti-nuclear community organizing activities assisted in stopping the production of 23% of the world's uranium supply at the notoriously contaminated Kerr-McGee "Sequoyah Fuels" plant in Gore, Oklahoma. Pamela worked for the Indian Health Service for 14 years, & has been a consultant to the nonprofit field for the past 16 years, providing services in organizational capacity building, program development & evaluation, fundraising planning & training, portfolio & grantee cohort management to non-profits & foundations including the Lannan Foundation, First People's Fund, New Mexico Community Foundation, Kind World Foundation & the Ford Foundation.

Awards include 1990 U.S. Surgeon General's Award for Outstanding Performance, Indian Health Service, Public Health Service, Washington DC.; & 2003 Tides Center's Ingrid Washinawatok El-Issa Award for Community Activism for work in cultural revitalization projects, women's health, & environmental issues. San Francisco, CA. As the Director for the Indigenous Women's Network she led two delegations of eight Indigenous women to the United Nations meetings in Durban & Johannesburg, South Africa, training them in organizing & speaking to government officials.

Pam has served on many national boards including the Jessie Smith Noyes Foundation for six years, a MS Foundation advisory panel & currently serves on the Cherokee County Food Council, The Craft.

Emergency Relief Fund (VT) & the Community Involvement Fund at the New Mexico Community Foundation (NM) & currently the National Farm to School Network. Pamela is an experienced facilitator, trainer, fundraiser, diagnostic, & grants reviewer, FCC licensed Radio Announcer, published writer, as well as photographer, farmer & quilter.

**Heather Metcalf** is an Educational Project Officers for the Family Planning Program (FPP). Heather has her BA from the University of New Mexico & joined the Family Planning Program in February 2014. Heather is responsible for overseeing the teen pregnancy prevention initiatives across New Mexico. Their initiatives include positive youth development, service

learning, comprehensive sex education, & adult-teen communication. In this position, they monitor & manage the federal PREP grant, as well as contractors who implement teen pregnancy prevention initiatives. A major component of their job entails spearheading the BrdsNBz text line campaign. Future goals of the FPP Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program include increasing youth involvement in the teen pregnancy prevention initiatives, increasing the number of contractors who implement programming, reaching underserved communities, & increasing the collaboration between other youth development programs & FPP.

**Robin Pearce** believes in bringing out someone else's best thinking through capacity building services. Since April 2013, she has supported community-based organizations & health departments across the United States through Capacity for Health training, one-on-one technical assistance, & coaching. Robin joined Capacity for Health at APIAHF after managing HIV testing services & supporting outpatient substance abuse treatment at NO/AIDS Task Force in New Orleans, Louisiana from 2009 through 2013. Robin holds a degree in Religious Studies from Yale University & speaks Spanish thanks volunteer work experience in Mexico City & collaborations with the Spanish-speaking community in New Orleans.

**Dornell Pete (Diné)** is originally from Shiprock, NM. She received a B.S. in Biochemistry from Fort Lewis College & a MPH in Environmental Health concentrating on Epidemiology from Yale University, School of Public Health. She worked as an Epidemiologist at the Navajo Epidemiology Center for over 5 years. She focused on cancer & cancer control, maternal child health, data surveillance & analysis for the Navajo Nation. In May of 2012, she joined the AASTEC program as a staff Epidemiologist. Her projects center on the planning & implementation of population based surveys & surveillance systems.

**Keioshiah Peter (Diné)** is of the Folded Arms People Clan & born for the Mexican People Clan. She is from Kirtland, NM & is currently a senior pursuing a dual degree in Native American Studies & Sociology. Keioshiah's current research examines how settler colonialism has impacted discourses surrounding sexual health & sexuality for Diné people. The goal of her research is to inform Diné & the general audience of the sexual health disparity in Dinétah to initiate conversations & practices to instigate continual change around sexual health promotion & prevention through the decolonial movement #SexIsCeremony as advocated by the Rez Condom Tour which is a movement started by Matthew Skeets. This research hopes to give the opportunity back to the community to build a sexual health model that is specific for Diné to begin to converse about the topic in hopes that collaboration will begin to address the disparity.

**Kathy Wan Povi Sanchez (San Ildefonso Pueblo)** is a community educator & potter. Kathy is the HIV/AIDS prevention project & Environmental Health & Justice program manager of Tewa Women United (TWU), a gathering of intertribal women advocating for positive social changes, in addressing the root causes of continued racism in the United States, & to stop nuclear terracide of our mother earth. She was among the tribal women who started Tewa Women United in 1989. She advocates for rekindled nurturing of women's leadership. [www.tewawomenunited.org](http://www.tewawomenunited.org) for more information

**Matthew Skeets (Diné)** was born in Gallup, New Mexico & raised on the border of the Navajo Nation. While his house is technically on the Navajo reservation, he has known the border-town life since birth. Matthew attended public school until he graduated from Gallup High School in 2009. Following, he was accepted into the University of New Mexico in the fall of 2009. Matthew began his instruction with the UNM English department. His major was creative writing but he uncovered a very particular skill set in Native American studies. Matthew began to immerse himself into community, praxis, & critical Indigenous scholarship. He then graduated from the University of New Mexico with honors & with two bachelor degrees in English & Native American Studies. He plan to continue his education at Arizona State University or the Institute of American Indian Arts.

While in college, Matthew realized that condoms are very expensive. He then began to think about his own border-town existence & how accessible condoms were to him having Gallup, New Mexico so close. He then started to think about friends & relatives who lived on parts of the reservation where the nearest store is a two-hour drive away. Then asked the question: How do young adults in these areas begin to talk about their access to sexual education & contraception? This is how the Sovereign Bodies Project was created & ultimately the Rez Condom Tour soon after. It is to increase access to sexual education & contraception so Navajo young adults can maintain a healthy lifestyle. Currently, the Sovereign Bodies Project is under going some reconstruction as he work through bumps to expand its work to entail a collective of queer Indigenous scholarship & the Navajo community.

**Kimberly Stanek** is the Educational Project Officer for the Family Planning Program (FPP). Kimberly has her MPH from Oregon State University & joined the Family Planning Program in July 2014. Kim is responsible for overseeing the teen pregnancy prevention initiatives across New Mexico. These initiatives include positive youth development, service learning, comprehensive sex education, & adult-teen communication. She monitors & manages the federal PREP grant as well as contractors who implement teen pregnancy prevention initiatives

**Renae Swope (Diné)** Kinyaa'áanii (Towering House People) nishł́, Ts'ah Yisk'idnii (Sagebrush Hill Clan) báshíshchíní. Biih Bítóo'nii (Deer Spring Clan) dashíchei dóó Deeshchii'nii (Start-Of-The-Red-Streaked People) dashínáí. Ákót'éego diné nishł́. Be'eldíil dah sinil kééhasht'í. Ahéhee'.

Renae Swope currently resides in Albuquerque, NM originally from a small community west of Gallup called Iyanbito. She graduated from the University of New Mexico December 2014 with a Bachelor's of Liberal Arts & Integrative Studies. Her studies at the UNM revolved around Community Health Education & Sociology, allowing her to hone her skills in health education strategies, community outreach & advocacy. It has been an interesting journey as well as a blessed one. Identifying as a Navajo Trans Women, She has lived & experienced a life that entailed pervasive discrimination, incarceration, homelessness, addictions, near death experience, & survival work. Which has given her the fortune do the work that she does for a better tomorrow for all Trans\* People.

**Kayla Walker-Heltzel** is the Founder & Executive Director of MAMA Knows, Inc., a nonprofit located in the heart of rural southern Oklahoma. The need to establish an organization that promotes & focuses on health, wellness, & disease prevention for women & girls in her community is the driving force behind her ambitious & entrepreneurial spirit. Utilizing the teachings & traditions of her great grandmother, a Native woman from the hills of Mississippi, Kayla has travelled throughout Indian Country teaching & educating Native women & children the necessity of HIV/AIDS, STI, & pregnancy prevention & awareness.

Kayla has received acknowledgement from the renowned & national magazine, Good Housekeeping, making her the recipient of a 2014 Good Housekeeping Seal Award. She has also found accomplishments in the Texas statewide publication, Intern Magazine, as well as the Ardmore Chamber of Commerce Rising Star recipient.

Kayla continues to progress her passion for educating Native women & girls by increasing her knowledge & level of education through the Masters of Public Health program at American Military University. She is the wife of Sfc. Kelly Heltzel & the mother of Jeramiah Miko.

**Niki Webster—Graham (Salish)** is the Director of the Center for Prevention & Wellness for the Salish Kootenai College. As a native of the Flathead Indian Reservation, she is known for her ability as a motivational educator in developing creative techniques to reach women & adolescents at risk. Her altruistic nature enables her to inspire & empower individuals to realize their fullest potential on their journey to self-discovery.

Equipped with an extensive knowledge of HIV/AIDS & STDs, Niki has been responsible for the management of numerous grant-funded HIV programs for the past ten years. These various programs focus on HIV prevention, testing, & provide outreach support in facilitation provider training for Indian Health Services & tribal health clinics throughout Montana & Idaho.

Niki earned her Masters in Public Health in May of 2014. She is committed to the community & recently completed serving six years on the board of the Montana HIV Community Planning Group; four of which she acted as co-chair. She has worked at SKC since 2004 prior she that she taught in the public school system grades 7-12. An important aspect of her life is family & being an active mom. Niki is a proud mother of three bright & energetic children & has been married for 19 years.

**Jeremy Yazzie (Navajo)** Tsenjikini (Honey Combed Rock People) & Haltsooi (Meadow People Clan). Jeremy works as a contractor for New Mexico Department of Health. Jeremy delivers HIV prevention services to Navajo MSM/T on & near the Navajo reservation. Also, Jeremy is a published writer & works as the editor for the Campus Voice newspaper at the University of New Mexico-Gallup branch. Jeremy is pursuing his bachelor's degree in Communications & Journalism from the University of New Mexico.

# 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 2017 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.

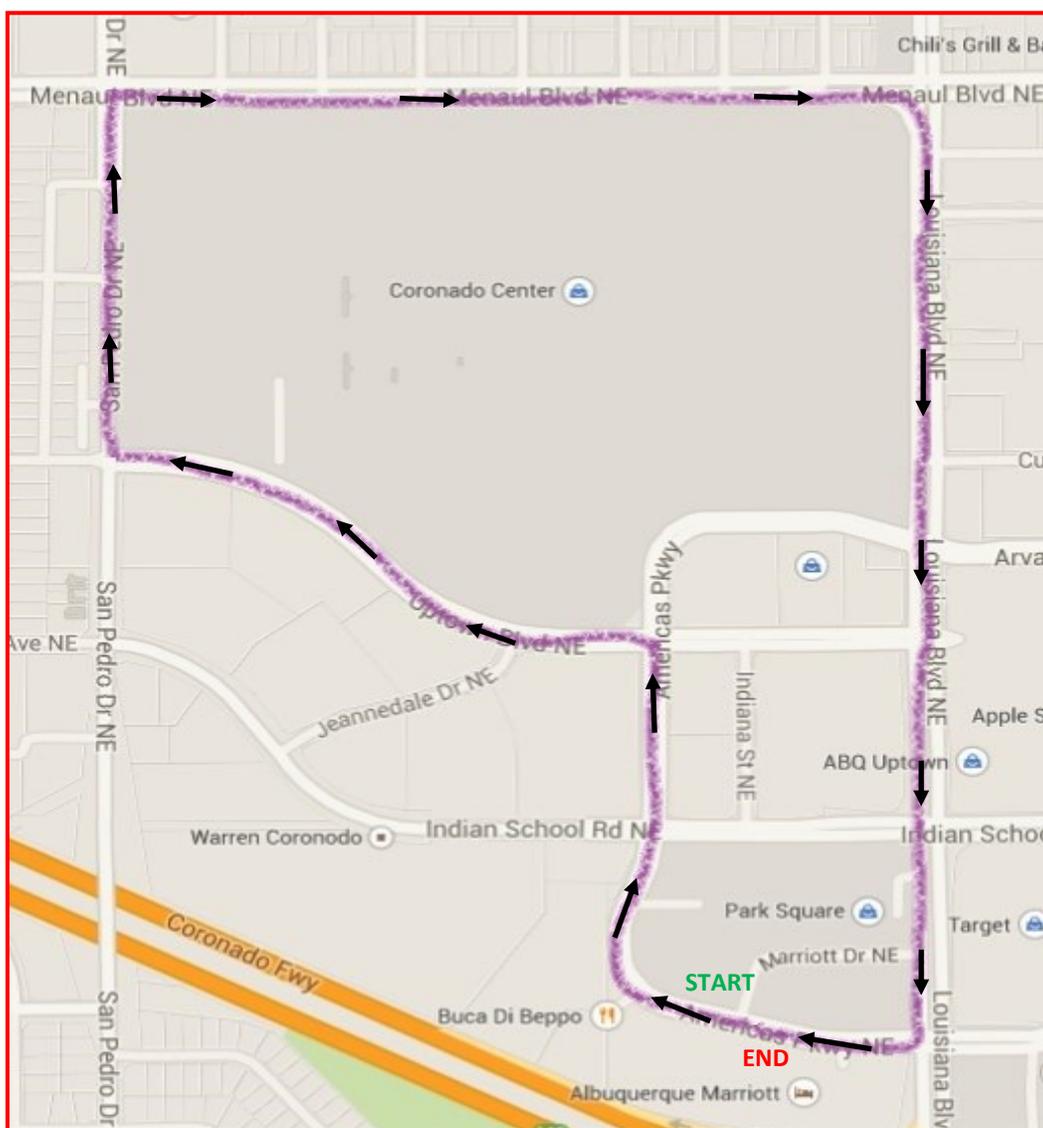
Step 5 - Write a new amount if you're willing to increase the bid, and sign your name on the bid sheet again.

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.

# Circle of Harmony AIDS Walk

Sign up for the walk at the registration table.



Walk will begin in the Marriot Hotel parking lot heading west on America's Parkway curving north on America's Parkway. West on Uptown Blvd, then north on San Pedro Drive. East on Menaul Blvd, south on Louisiana, then west on America's Parkway back to hotel parking lot.

**T-shirts will ONLY be given to the first 45 walkers to sign up**

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## 2015 Circle of Harmony Planning Committee



**Gabrielle Abousleman, MPH** born and raised in Bernalillo, New Mexico, is the HIV/STI Prevention Education Coordinator at the State of New Mexico Public Education Department. She received her Master's in Public Health with an emphasis on sexuality and health from Columbia University. During her graduate studies, she worked for the International and Immigrant Family Health and AIDS Programs both administratively in the US office as well as in the field at the HIV/AIDS and family health clinic in La Romana, Dominican Republic. Gabrielle attended Wellesley College where, in addition to earning a BA in Women's Studies and Anthropology, she was a pre-k teacher, Wellesley Centers for Women Fellow, and peer sexual health educator. Between Boston, Washington, DC, Albuquerque, New York, Costa Rica, and the Dominican Republic

she has been a classroom teacher in first and third grades, advocated for survivors of sexual violence, taught sexuality education to peers and middle school students, raised awareness about HIV/AIDS, advocated for children's rights, and facilitated workshops with adolescents and adults about sexual violence and healthy relationships. Gabrielle advocates for social justice, is part of a traditional healing community, and loves going for walks with her dog, Cheto. She is ecstatic to finally be home and currently lives in Albuquerque's North Valley.



**Kurt Begaye, (Navajo/Diné)** Hashk'ááhadzohí (Yucca Fruit Strung Out on a Line Clan), born for Tó'aheedliinii (Water Flows Together Clan), is Diné originally from Chinle, Arizona. His work in HIV began 15 years ago with the Navajo AIDS Network, Inc., and has spanned HIV prevention, care, and capacity building services. With a primary focus on Diné and American Indian men who have sex with men (MSM), Kurt was instrumental in the development of the Naa Ts'iilid Hozhó (Beauty Rainbow) Project at the Navajo AIDS Network. This project merged Diné traditional

teachings of nadleehí with the Mpowerment Model- a CDC approved behavioral intervention. Kurt also served as a Capacity Building Assistance (CBA) Specialist with the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center in Oakland, California and then with the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum in San Francisco, California. CBA services focus in three primary areas: organization infrastructure/program sustainability (OI/PS), evidence based interventions/public health strategies (EBIs/PHs), and monitoring & evaluation (M&E) and are provided to tribes, community based organizations, universities, and health departments. Currently, Kurt works as a Capacity Building Consultant working with American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, and Other Pacific Islander communities.



**Jesse Davila (San Ildefonso Pueblo)** is a Masters-level social worker who entered the profession after working with Veterans who taught him about the need for individuals with specialized knowledge to assist with the many issues they face. Currently, an HIV Prevention Specialist with First Nations Community Healthsource, Mr. Davila continues to advocate for the health and wellness of underserved communities and is passionate about his work which involves collaborative initiatives with community-based organizations. Jesse enjoys spending time with his spouse and family, volunteering with Albuquerque Health Care for the Homeless and traveling.



**Mattee Jim (Diné)** her clans are the Zuni People Clan and born for the Tower House People Clan. She is originally from Tse'naoshjiin but currently resides in Albuquerque, NM. She is the HIV Prevention/Support Services supervisor at First Nation Community Healthsource. Ms. Jim worked in the field of HIV for 15 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. In 2013, she received the Kahlo Benavidez Leadership Award.



**Savannah Gene (Diné)** originally from Bee Ak'id Baa Ahodzaní (Pinon, Arizona) her clans are Totsóhnii (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'iziláni (Many Goats Clan). She is a proud single mother to 4 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. During her free time, she enjoys spending time with her son and family, knitting, and reading.



**Michaela Grey (Diné)** is the Deputy Director of the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center (NNAAPC). She entered the position with tremendous experience in Clinical Trial Research. For the last 10 years, Michaela worked in various capacities within University of New Mexico research programs, including working as a research coordinator with UNM Cancer Center Clinical Trials Office. Her recent projects at NNAAPC include providing capacity building assistance to various tribal entities. She provided technical assistance Pascua Yaqui Tribal Health Department in their efforts to increase

testing and culturally appropriate linkage to care to HIV positive community members. Michaela utilized her clinical trial experience to help to increase clinical trial awareness in the Denver, Chicago and Dallas Native communities. Most recently, Michaela is providing technical assistance to the Navajo Nation Division of Health to formulate an strategic plan addressing HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care on the Navajo reservation.



**Tracy Jungwirth** has over 9 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. 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 is inspired by the beauty and culture of New Mexico.



**Marie Kirk (Isleta Pueblo)** 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 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.



**Elton Naswood (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, Dine. He is originally from Whitehorse Lake, New Mexico, and grew up in Window Rock, Arizona on the Navajo Reservation. He currently resides in Largo, Maryland. Mr. Naswood is a Senior Program Analyst, Capacity Building Division at the Office of Minority Health Resource Center. He previously was a Capacity Building Assistance Specialist at the

National Native American AIDS Prevention Center (NNAAPC) and was formally the Founder and Program Coordinator for the Red Circle Project, AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA). He is currently a member of the Community Expert Advisory Council for the Indigenous HIV/AIDS Research Training (IHART) program at the University of Washington and a Leader for the International Indigenous Working Group on HIV/AIDS (IIWGHA). He previously served as a member of the Advisory Board for the Office of Minority Health Resource Center, Community Advisory Council for NNAAPC, member of the Colorado HIV/AIDS Prevention Advisory Committee (HPAC). Mr. Naswood received his Bachelors of Arts Degree in Sociology and American Indian Justice Studies from Arizona State University and attended the Graduate degree program in American Indian Studies at the University of California, Los Angeles.



**Art Salazar** his family are devout Christians! He is the proud father of 16 year old Marisa and 9 year old Isaac. He previously worked for the New Mexico Department of Health STD/HIV Prevention Program for 15 years and now works for UNM Medical Group- Truman Clinic as one of the HIV Education & Prevention Specialists. Art Salazar is also one of the founding members of the East Central Outreach. For the past 11 years, this outreach serves the Albuquerque International District with spiritual guidance, clothing and food, and HIV/STD/Harm Reduction/Overdose Prevention services. GO RAIDERS!!!



**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.



**Ayn N. Whyte (Diné)**, is originally from Crownpoint, NM. Her clans are To'ahedliinii (Water Flows Together People) born for Kinyaa'aanii (Towering House People), her maternal grandfather is Naasht'ezhi (Zuni clan) and her paternal grandfather is Naakaii (Mexican). Ayn and her husband, Anthony are parents to three sons, Kayne, Logan, Sawyer, and one daughter, Hope. Ayn has a Bachelors of Science in Exercise Science and a Masters of Science in Health Education both from the University of New Mexico. Ayn is currently writing her dissertation to complete her Ph.D. in Public Health with a concentration in epidemiology. Ms. Whyte began her work in 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 at the Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc. She is community co-chair for New Mexico Community Planning and Action Group on HIV and AIDS has been the conference coordinator for the Circle of Harmony HIV/AIDS Wellness conference since 2011.



**Martin Walker** is currently the Director of HIV Prevention Programs for Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains. Mr. Walker has worked in the field of HIV Prevention for the past 12 years, where he has managed programs for Families and Youth Inc. and Camino de Vida in Las Cruces, NM, International AIDS Empowerment in El Paso, TX, Santa Fe Mountain Center in Santa Fe, NM, and Albuquerque Health Care for the Homeless. He is a former presenter at the 2009 Circle of Harmony Conference as well as the United States Conference on AIDS 2009 and the CDC's National HIV Prevention Conference in 2010. Diagnosed with HIV in 2003, Martin

has combined his personal passion with a background in behavioral theory and program development to create and implement combination high impact HIV Prevention programs across New Mexico. Martin has served as a statewide co-chair for the New Mexico Community Planning and Action Group from 2004 until 2014. In that capacity he has gained a reputation as an amazing collaborator, a great facilitator, and brilliant strategist in the fields of HIV Prevention and Care.



**Venita Wolfe, M.S. (Diné/Zuni/Cherokee)**, is originally from Zuni, NM, but currently resides in Albuquerque. She is a proud mother to her son, Michael. 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.



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