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Priscilla R. Sanderson, PhD – Center Co-Principal Investigator & Lead Director for Community Engagement Outreach

Associate Professor, Department of Health Sciences, College of Health and Human Services and Applied Indigenous Studies, Northern Arizona University

Priscilla R. Sanderson, PhD, has specializations in public health, disability rehabilitation, vocational rehabilitation, rehabilitation counseling, and cancer prevention. She is a Co-Principal Investigator with Dr. Sylvia Brown with the University of Arizona's Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health and Ms. Lori Joshweseoma, MPH, Director of Hopi Health Department. The project is funded by the Partnership for Native American Cancer Prevention (U54) and is titled, Hopi *Survey of Cancer and Chronic Disease*. She also completed her postdoctoral fellowship with the Arizona Cancer Center's Cancer Prevention and Control Training Program. During her training, she conducted her study with the Navajo Nation adults on colorectal cancer knowledge, attitude, and beliefs. In addition, she worked on a pilot study with the Native American Cancer Research Partnership on breast cancer video evaluation. Dr. Sanderson is a former Mary E. Switzer Scholar with the National Rehabilitation Association and former Program Director of the American Indian Rehabilitation Research and Training Center and Capacity Building for American Indians with the Institute for Human Development at Northern Arizona University.



Nicolette Teufel-Shone, PhD – Center Co-Principal Investigator & Lead Director for Research

Professor, Health Promotion Sciences, Zuckerman College of Public Health, University of Arizona

Nicolette Teufel-Shone, PhD, is a member of the College's Family and Child Health Section and an Affiliated Faculty Member of the Departments of Anthropology and Nutritional Sciences at University of Arizona. Since the mid-1970's, Dr. Teufel-Shone has worked with Native American communities in the Southwest, building and promoting community capacity to address health promotion especially on chronic disease, obesity, and nutritional issues.

Dr. Teufel-Shone is an Affiliated Scholar in the Arizona Cancer Center's Health Disparities Institute, and a member of the National Congress of American Indians Scientific Community Advisory Committee. Dr. Teufel-Shone has received numerous awards over her career for her public health work and education. She received the College's 2012 Outstanding Teaching Award, the 2011 Outstanding Public Health Service and Community Outreach Award, the 2010 American Diabetes Association and The National Indian Health Board's John Pipe Voices for Change Award with her colleagues with the Hualapai Tribe, and the 2008 Indian Health Service Public Health Impact Award.

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Octaviana Trujillo, PhD – Director of Research, Education & Training
College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Applied Indigenous Studies,
Northern Arizona University

Octaviana Trujillo, PhD, has worked for the past four decades with indigenous communities in the area of educational and leadership development. In 1992, Dr. Trujillo was elected to the Pascua Yaqui tribal council. A primary focus of her work as a tribal leader has been developing programs that take advantage of her academic and professional experience. Professor Trujillo has been principal investigator of the National Science Foundation grants, Research Collaborative: Native Science Curriculum and Climate Change: Water and Traditional Knowledge in the Southwest, Funds for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education, Arizona Intertribal and Postsecondary Institutional Networking: A Model for American Indian Higher Education, Office of Educational Research and Improvement, Native Educators: Interface with Culture and Languages and more recently, Co-Leader of the Outreach Core, Partnership for Native American Cancer Prevention (U54).



John Ehiri, PhD – Co-Director for Research, Education & Training
Director and Professor, Division of Health Promotion Sciences,
Zuckerman College of Public Health, University of Arizona

John Ehiri, PhD, focuses on social and behavioral aspects of disease prevention, and on global maternal, child and adolescent health. He has been principal investigator of University-wide grants to facilitate global health education and research, and has facilitated the establishment of primary health care programs in less developed countries. Mr. Ehiri has interest and research expertise in evidence based policy and practice.

Dr. Ehiri provides technical assistance on maternal and child health issues to national ministries of health, non- governmental organizations, United Nations and bilateral agencies. With over 20 years of experience in global health, Dr. Ehiri has authored/co-authored more than 70 peer-reviewed articles, in addition to a book, and numerous book chapters. He is a member of the Global Health Council, Washington, D.C., USA, and the Global Academy for Tropical Health (GATH).

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Mark C. Bauer, PhD – Co-Director for Research, Education & Training
Faculty Member, Science & Mathematics, Diné College (formerly Navajo Community College)

Mark C. Bauer, PhD, has over thirty years of service with Diné College, the Tribal College for the Navajo. Dr. Bauer co- developed the Associate of Science degree in Public Health at Diné College, as well as a Certificate in Public Health. Additionally, he founded the Summer Research Enhancement Program that engages American Indian students in learning and applying quantitative and qualitative research skills in behavioral and public health research.

Dr. Bauer serves on the Navajo Nation Human Research Review Board, the Institutional Review Board for the Navajo Nation. He also serves on various working groups with the Navajo Division of Health in areas of cancer prevention, surveillance surveys, and workforce development to help determine collaborative solutions to address the Navajo Nation’s epidemiological and public health needs. He remains an active researcher in areas of cancer prevention, nutrition and rural health. Dr. Bauer has received numerous awards over his career, including the 2010 training award given by the Native Research Network “to recognize the training program that demonstrates excellence in recruiting, retaining, and training Native investigators to engage in Native Health Research.”



Heather Dreifuss, MAT, MPH – Associate Director for Research, Education, and Training
Center for American Indian Resilience Adjunct Lecturer Health Promotion Sciences, Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health, University of Arizona

Heather Dreifuss, MAT, MPH, is an experienced educator and public health professional specializing in curriculum design, interactive teaching strategies, developing and enhancing learning communities with adolescents and adults. Previous experience includes collaborating with refugee community health workers to implement a nutrition education program for newly arrived refugees. Ms. Dreifuss coordinates a research education and practicum experience for Native students. She is a skilled instructor and has collaborated on curriculum development with Diné College, the Navajo Nation Tribal College. In addition, she has experience in global public health and is committed to integrating community voice into public health strategies. Her research interests are in building effective community-based public health education programs and culturally relevant research.

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Alexis McKinley, BS – Research Assistant for Community Engagement and Outreach

Research Assistant, Northern Arizona University
Student Scholar, University of South Florida's Institute of Translational Research in Adolescent Behavioral Health

Alexis McKinley, BS recently graduating from Northern Arizona University with a BS in Public Health with minors in Biology and Health and Wellness Coaching. Then she completed an internship as a research assistant with Arizona State University's Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center (SIRC). She also completed a graduate certificate from the University of South Florida's Institute of Translational Research in Adolescent Behavioral Health and plans to attend the University of Arizona to receive an MPH in Health Promotion. With this, Ms. McKinley strives to become a health educator or health promotion coordinator for diverse youth in her local community. As a student intern, Ms. McKinley has reviewed literary articles relating to the resilience model and framework, created health literacy reports for review, planned, implemented, and evaluated the *Moccasin Story: The Birds and The Bees* health workshop for American Indian youth in the Flagstaff community. She continues her work with CAIR as a Research Assistant to promote resilience to American Indian communities in the Southwest with CEOC.



Jacqueline V. Brown, MPH – Research Assistant for Community Engagement and Outreach

Research Assistant, Northern Arizona University
AmeriCorps VISTA Volunteer- University of San Francisco, Success Center San Francisco

Jackie Brown, MPH recently graduated from the University of San Francisco with a Master's in Public Health and previously graduated from Northern Arizona University with a BS in Public Health with minors in Biology and Health and Wellness Coaching. She is currently serving a second term with AmeriCorps VISTA working with the Engage San Francisco Initiative led by the Leo T. McCarthy Center at the University of San Francisco and in partnership with Success Center San Francisco. She responsible for community outreach, health assessment of the Western Addition Neighborhood, and capacity building of the Success Center. Her graduate capstone focused on the impact of housing insecurity on community health outcomes. She focused on the historical context of Urban Renewal and how social and environmental factors hinder access to community resources in the Western Addition today. In the future, Jackie would like to use her education to promote health and wellbeing in communities of color. She has interests in food deserts, mental health, and health policy.

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Anna L. Schwartz, PhD, FNP-BC, FAAN – Director for Research
Associate Professor, School of Nursing, Northern Arizona University

Anna L. Schwartz, PHD, FNP, FAAN, is the Director of the CAIR Research Core, an Associate Professor of Nursing and an oncology nurse practitioner at the Northern Arizona Cancer Center. Dr. Schwartz is internationally known for her program of research, which focuses on exercise interventions to reduce the acute and long -term effects of cancer treatment. She has received research funding and awards from the National Institutes of Nursing Research (NINR), National Cancer Institute (NCI), Oncology Nursing Foundation, the Department of Defense Breast Cancer Research Initiative, and the American Cancer Society. Her current research focuses on developing an exercise intervention for Navajo cancer survivors and is funded by the Native American Cancer Prevention Partnership (U54CA143925). Dr. Schwartz is a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing. She co -chaired the American College of Sports Medicine roundtable to develop exercise guidelines for cancer survivors and is a member of the American Cancer Society Nutrition and Physical Activity working group. She has received numerous awards over the years including the 2012 RoseMary Carol Johnson Distinguished Award for writing from the Oncology Nursing Society and the 2005 University of Florida Alumnus of the Year award. She has also set 3 world records in bicycling and in 2003 was a member of the Tour of Hope.



Laurie Rogers, MA – Evaluator, Northern Arizona University

Laurie Rogers, MA, is an evaluator for two funded research projects: The Center for American Indian Resilience (NIH P20), and the Partnership for Native American Cancer Prevention (NIH U54), Ms. Rogers works in collaboration with the evaluation team to collect, organize and analyze data, develop instruments and create reports for dissemination of result to meet evaluation plans for each program. Ms. Rogers has a Master’s Degree from Northern Arizona University in Applied Medical Anthropology.

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Carmella Kahn-Thornbrugh, MPH – Graduate Assistant for Research
Zuckerman College of Public Health, University of Arizona

Carmella Kahn-Thornbrugh, MPH, (Navajo) is a doctor of public health student in Maternal and Child Health at the Zuckerman College of Public Health at the University of Arizona. She has six years of experience working with urban American Indians on community based participatory research projects. As a graduate research associate for CAIR, she will be assisting with investigative and evaluation duties.

Mrs. Kahn-Thornbrugh is the founder and director of a community-based program GROW NATIVE. This project was created to teach urban American Indian children and families how to garden to promote healthy lifestyles. Additionally, the project helps build community relationships and facilitates cultural activities.



Shannon Whitewater, MPH – Administrative Assistant & Technical Expert, for Administration and Research
Staff, Health Promotion Sciences, Zuckerman College of Public Health, University of Arizona

Shannon Whitewater is member of the Health Promotion Sciences division and was a student within the graduate Certificate of Public Health program offered by the Zuckerman College of Public Health. Ms. Whitewater has previous experience working with the Pima County Communities Putting Prevention to Work grant project funded by the Centers for Disease Control, as well as working with health education and promotion. Her previous experience includes program management with the Pinal County Women, Infants, and Children Program.

Ms. Whitewater has dual positions within CAIR. She is a member of the CAIR administrative section and is also a part CAIR University of Arizona Research. Ms. Whitewater will be using her technical expertise to develop digital stories focusing on specific themes from data analysis. She has a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Arizona.

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Jan Kerata – Program Manager for Administration
Program Manager, CAIR, Northern Arizona University

Jan Kerata comes from the Merriam-Powell Center for Environmental Research at Northern Arizona University, where she handled several dozen grant accounts and millions of dollars in funding from local, state and federal agencies. In addition to administrative duties, Jan also authored three grants related to solid waste reduction and recycling education. Before coming to NAU, Jan owned RE: Solutions, a business that provided grant writing and facilitation services to schools and organizations. Ms. Kerata's experiences include management of the City of Flagstaff's conservation programs and employment program for Goodwill Industries of Northern Arizona.

Ms. Kerata holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, and Employment Training Specialist certification from the University of San Francisco. Ms. Kerata is a certified mediator with experience working for the Arizona Attorney General's Flagstaff mediation office.

Jackie Assini – Senior Accountant for Administration
Senior Accountant, Zuckerman College of Public Health, University of Arizona

Jackie Assini is a senior accountant within the Public Health Administration at the University of Arizona. Prior to coming to the University of Arizona, Ms. Assini was at Stanford University for approximately eight years. At Stanford University, she provided grant administration, and prior to Stanford, was a sponsored projects administrator at the University of Arizona Sponsored Projects Office.

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Carlyle Begay

VP of Business Development, American Indian Health & Management Policy

Carlyle Begay has a tremendous acumen and passion for health policy, business and economic development. He has focused the majority of his efforts on services related to Indian health and Indian health program development. He has experience in the management of health care organizations, managed care, health care market structure, and health care delivery. He has a keen understanding of how public policy actions affect costs, quality, and access, in the Indian health and public health care sectors.



Filmer Lalio, MEd

Assistant Senior Services Director for the Salt River Indian Community

Mr. Lalio is the Assistant Senior Services Director for the Salt River Indian Community. Prior to this, Mr. Lalio was the principle community outreach representative for Banner Alzheimer's Institute's Native American Outreach Program. He has played a critical role in establishing relationships with 16 Native American tribes throughout Arizona. The education and outreach efforts he leads are designed to improve recognition of Alzheimer's disease among both urban and reservation- dwelling Native Americans while providing access to resources for those affected by the disease and their family caregivers.

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Marcy Averill
Operations Director, Spirit of EAGLES, Mayo Clinic

Marcy Averill's American Indian heritage is Turtle Mountain Chippewa. Born and raised on the reservation in North Dakota, she grew up surrounded by nature and her mother's large, close-knit family. These foundations built a passion for using science to help people. Beginning in junior high, Marcy's involvement with American Indian Science & Engineering Society (AISES) Pre-College Academic Programs and Science Fairs steered her toward engineering. Marcy earned her Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering degree from the University of Minnesota. Through ten years (plus 5 summer internships) professional experience at IBM, Marcy's technical and leadership roles included chip design, project management, and guidance of clients through IBM's chip development methodology – especially for Aerospace and Defense projects. Marcy's IBM career highlight was creating and managing a program for IBM technology applied to enable Native American communities with high-speed internet access, with focus on improving quality of life – through education, healthcare, public safety, economic development, and cultural preservation. Marcy now serves as Operations Director for Spirit of EAGLES – a National Cancer Institute Community Network Program (U54), at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN – where science is helping people as it is applied to improve the health of American Indian and Alaska Native people.



Elmer J. Guy, PhD
President of the Navajo Technical University (NTU)

Before joining NTU, **Dr. Elmer Guy** was Executive Director and Deputy Director of the Navajo Nations Department of Education, a position that is appointed by the Navajo Nation President. During Dr. Guy's tenure with the Navajo Nation government many outstanding programs were established such as a \$7 million and \$6 million Trust Programs for Handicapped and Vocational Education respectively, Navajo Medicine Man Apprenticeship Program and a Teacher Education. These programs were institutionalized and are in full operation.

Dr. Guy completed his Bachelor of Arts degree in Special Education at the University of Arizona, his masters in Rehabilitation Administration from the University of San Francisco and his doctoral degree in Rehabilitation and Special Education Leadership at the University of Arizona. Dr. Guy serves on the American Indian College Fund Board, College Board's Community Colleges Advisory Panel for the College Board and other regional and national associations.

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Brenda Charley

Nutrition Consultant at NACOG Head Start, Youth Fitness Lead Instructor at Native American Fitness Council

Brenda Charley, Diné, is a physical and health educator in Indian Country. Her unique teaching experience and passion for educating children has led her to become recognized as a leader in Native youth fitness and health promotion. She shares her successful methods of motivating and engaging youth in quality physical activity by leading workshops, camps, and consulting with reservation schools on improvement of their physical education and youth fitness programs nationwide. Brenda is currently a Fitness Coach and Certified Personal Trainer for the NACA Wellness Center in Flagstaff, Arizona, expanding her work with at-risk adults and children who need more one-on-one attention. A former PE Teacher and Health Educator, Brenda understands and delivers quality physical education and fitness activities that can enhance any health program. Brenda has been recognized by the Arizona Department of Education, Navajo Nation Health Promotion, and by the Coconino County Public Health Services District.



Mae-Gilene Begay

MSW Program Director for CHR/Outreach, Navajo Division of Health

Mae-Gilene is Diné, her maternal clan is Salt and paternal clan is Bitterwater. She manages four tribal programs to prevent communicable diseases and a CDC three-year funded project. She conducts program/policy planning and development; ensures conformity to tribal policies and guidelines, and manages a staff of 175 employees. She collaborates with tribal and non-tribal resources to enhance and expand service delivery. Mae-Gilene has held various leadership, administrative, and supervisory positions in health, foster care, adoption, behavioral health, youth empowerment, and Indian Health Services. She is Chair-elect for the APHA CHW Section for 2014 and takes office during the American Public Health Association conference in Boston, MA in November 2013.

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Miguel Flores

Counselor/Traditional Healer, Behavioral Health Program, Tucson Indian Health Services; Spiritual Counselor/ Consultant, Desert Visions Youth Treatment Wellness Center; Consultant/Traditional Healer, Tohono O’odham Nation Division of Behavioral Health

Miguel Flores is a proud member of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe and Tohono O’odham Nation, husband, father, artist, healer, counselor and teacher. For the past 22 years, he has provided Spiritual Leadership and Traditional Medicine to the Tohono O’odham and Yaqui people. He has a 24-year career in behavioral health providing services to The People, particularly youth. He is a CEO and owner of his own business, Holistic Wellness Counseling & Consultant Services, who coordinates traditional healers, acupuncturists, counselors and artists, who assist Native men and women to develop healthy and holistic lifestyles by achieving harmony and balance in mental, physical, and spiritual health. He currently works as a Counselor/Traditional Healer with the Behavioral Health Program at the Tucson IHS.



Taryn Watson, MED

Health Promotion/Disease Prevention and Health Education Consultant
Phoenix Area IHS – Office of Health Programs

Taryn Watson, MED serves as the Health Promotion/Disease Prevention and Health Education Consultant for the Phoenix Area IHS Office of Health Programs. Her professional experience is in public health administration, grants management and primary health care development working with tribal communities in southwest Arizona. Taryn also shares her community-based participatory research experience working for local Urban Indian Health Programs and has been a CAIR Community Advisory Board Member for approximately 3 years.

A member of the Diné Nation, Taryn is of the Ashiihi Clan (Salt People) and born for Kiyaa’aanii Clan (Towering House People). Her maternal grandfather’s clan is Todich’ii’nii (Bitter Water People) and her paternal grandfather’s clan is Tachii’nii (Red Running Into the Water People). Ms. Watson earned her Bachelor’s Degree in Community Health Sciences from the University of Arizona and Master’s Degree in Educational Leadership from Northern Arizona University.

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Paul V. Dutton, PhD

Professor and Executive Director, Interdisciplinary Health Policy
Institute, Northern Arizona University

Dr. Dutton was born and raised in Palo Alto, California to parents who had migrated from the Midwest. He is now a Professor and Executive Director of the NAU Interdisciplinary Health Policy Institute. A historian of health and social policy, Dr. Dutton is the author of *Differential Diagnoses: A Comparative History of Health Care Problems and Solutions in the United States and France* (Cornell, 2007) and *Origins of the French Welfare State* (Cambridge, 2002) as well as articles in the *Journal of Modern History*, *Histoire et Sociétés*, *Bulletin d'Histoire de la Sécurité Sociale*, *French History*, and *Global Affairs*. In recent years, Dr. Dutton has held research fellowships at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, the Agency for Health Care Research and Quality, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Brookings Institution, and a Fulbright fellowship to France. Dr. Dutton earned his BA at UC Santa Cruz, MA from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, and PhD from the University of California, San Diego. He is currently working on a book that examines aging and death in the United States and Europe.



Linda Burhansstipanov, PhD

President, Native American Cancer Initiatives, Incorporated (NACI)

Dr. Burhansstipanov is Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma and is the founder of “Native American Cancer Research Corporation” (NACR). Dr. Burhansstipanov has been implementing CBPR since her initial NIH R01 grant, in 1989 (cervical cancer among urban AI women). She was recruited to NCI to develop the National Native American Cancer Research Program within the Special Population Studies Branch from 1989 to 1993 (IPA position and then “expert” position within NIH). She worked for AMC Cancer Research Center and then created Native American Cancer Initiatives, Inc. (a minority-woman-owned small business in 1998) and Native American Cancer Research Corporation (NACR), an American-Indian operated, 501(c)(3), community-based organization (1999). NACR staff have been involved with both CBPR and navigator programs since 1994. She is the originator for NACR’s Native Patient Navigation (called “Native Sisters”) which addressed outreach, recruitment and screening programs. She was the lead educator for the CDC BCCEDP annual training for tribal and urban recruitment and outreach strategies for breast and cervix screening since 1996. She has been the PI for a community-based participatory research (CBPR) R01 research application through NIH since her initial R01 grant in 1989. She serves on multiple DHHS Advisory Boards and has over 100 peer-reviewed publications, the majority focusing on Native Americans and cancer, cancer data, and cultural issues.

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Spero M. Manson, PhD
Professor of Public Health and Psychiatry

Dr. Manson has blended his personal life as an American Indian (Pembina Chippewa) with his professional career as a medical anthropologist. His work focuses on the assessment, epidemiology, treatment, and prevention of physical, alcohol, drug, and mental health problems over the developmental life span of American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/ANs). It emphasizes both theoretical as well as programmatic applications, and has unfolded within a deep commitment to honoring Native people as full research partners. He has written extensively on the importance of as well as methods for the mutual engagement of AI/AN communities and the scientific community. These accomplishments led to his election to the Institute of Medicine and to 3 service awards from the Indian Health Service for meritorious service. The fruits of these efforts gave rise to the Centers for American Indian and Alaska Native Health (CAIANH), a school-wide center within the Colorado School of Public Health at the University of Colorado Denver that he directs. The CAIANH leads the nation in health-related research, research training, information dissemination, and technological assistance specific to AI/ANs, and is frequently cited for its innovative approaches to culturally informed research.



Michael E. Bird, MPH
Director, Native American AIDS Prevention Center

Michael E. Bird is a Santo Domingo/Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo Indian from New Mexico. Mr. Bird has over 30 years of public health experience with Native American populations in the areas of medical social work, substance abuse prevention, health promotion and disease prevention, HIV/AIDS prevention, behavioral health, and health care administration.

Mr. Bird is currently a public health consultant and nationally recognized speaker on health disparities and Native American health. From 2005 to 2007, he served as the Director of Region 6 for Native Americans with Value Options- New Mexico (VONM), a national for-profit behavioral health company. From 2001 to 2005, he served as Executive Director of the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center (NNAAPC). At NNAAPC, he increased and strengthened the provision of technical assistance in HIV prevention program development to American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian communities.

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Jennie Joe, PhD

Family and Community Medicine, University of Arizona

Jennie R. Joe, PhD, MPH, MA, is professor emeriti in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Arizona's College of Medicine. She is a medical anthropologist and an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation. In addition to her academic responsibilities, most of her health-related research career has and continues to be involved in collaborating with tribal and other indigenous communities. Prior to retirement, Dr. Joe also directed the College of Medicine's Native American Research and Training Center. Currently, she remains active on several national and international committees, including the Institute of Medicine, the National Library of Medicine and the Institute for Aborigine Peoples' Health, a subcommittee of the Canadian Institute for Health Research.



Julie A. Baldwin, PhD

Professor, Department of Health Sciences and Director, Center for Health Equity Research, Northern Arizona University

Dr. Julie Baldwin (Cherokee) earned her doctorate in Behavioral Sciences and Health Education in 1991 from the Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health. From 1994-2004, she served as a tenured faculty member at Northern Arizona University (NAU), with a joint appointment in the Mel and Enid Zuckerman Arizona College of Public Health. She joined the faculty at the University of South Florida (USF) College of Public Health in the Department of Community and Family Health in 2005. She returned to Northern Arizona University's department of Health Sciences in August 2015, where she now directs the Center for Health Equity Research. Dr. Baldwin's research over the years has focused on both infectious and chronic disease prevention. She has been PI or Co-PI of several federally funded projects from NIDA, NIMH, NIAAA, NCI, CDC, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and HRSA. Cross-cutting themes which have characterized her work include: utilizing community-based participatory research approaches, working with underserved and/or marginalized populations, and addressing health disparities by developing and implementing culturally competent public health interventions. Her current projects include: serving as MPI of the "Institute for Translational Research in Adolescent Behavioral Health" (R25DA031103) and MPI of the "Intertribal Talking Circle for the Prevention of Substance Abuse in Native Youth" (1R01DA035143). As an enrolled member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, she has made a life-long commitment to serving diverse communities and to advocating for health promotion programs for children, adolescents and families.

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Donald Warne, MD, MPH

Professor and Chair of the Department of Public Health in the College of Health Professions at North Dakota State University, Senior Policy Advisor to the Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board

Donald Warne, MD, MPH is Professor and Chair of the Department of Public Health in the College of Health Professions at North Dakota State University, and he is the Senior Policy Advisor to the Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board. He oversees the only Master of Public Health in the nation with an American Indian Public Health specialization. Dr. Warne is a member of the Oglala Lakota tribe from Pine Ridge, SD and comes from a long line of traditional healers and medicine men. He received his MD from Stanford University School of Medicine and his MPH from Harvard School of Public Health. His work experience includes: several years as a primary care physician with the Gila River Health Care Corporation in Arizona; Staff Clinician with the National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive, and Kidney Disorders / NIH; Indian Legal Program Faculty with the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University; Health Policy Research Director for Inter Tribal Council of Arizona; and Executive Director of the Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board. Professional activities include: Member, Health Disparities Subcommittee of the Advisory Committee to the Director of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Dr. Tom Frieden); Member, Minority Affairs Section and Association of American Indian; Physicians Representative to the American Medical Association; Member, Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Services, US Department of Health and Human Services'; Member, National Institutional Review Board, Indian Health Service; and Former Member, National Board of Directors, American Cancer Society.