

## **2022 Doing Research in Indigenous Communities**

Being a Good Relative in Research Planning Committee Biographies



Agnes Attakai, MPA, a member of the Dine (Navajo) Nation, was raised on both the Dine homelands in Arizona and the urban California suburbs. She currently works as the Director of Health Disparities Outreach and Prevention Education for the Center for Rural Health at the University of Arizona Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health. Within the College of Medicine, she is Program Manager for the American Indian Research Center for Health, managing the Indians into Medicine, Pima County Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) and Leadership in Health Equity for American Indian Health Research & Development (LEAD) programs. Agnes has a Master of Public Administration degree and a Public Health Training Certificate for American Indian Health Professionals from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.



Annabell Bowen is Onöndowa'ga (Seneca) and a citizen of the Diné (Navajo) Nation. She is Bijhbitoodnii (Deer Spring) born for the Bear Clan of the Onöndowa'ga. Her maternal grandfather is Tł'ízíłani (Manygoats) and her paternal grandfather is Snipe Clan of the Onöndowa'ga. She is from Tó Naneesdizí (Tuba City, AZ). She serves as the Director for the Office American Indian Initiatives at Arizona State University. Her scope of work focuses on the recruitment and retention of American Indian students by coordinating and aligning academic/student services on campus. She received her Associate of Arts (AA) degree from Diné College and transferred to Arizona State University (ASU). She holds two bachelor's degrees in History and American Indian Studies and a master's degree in Education (M.Ed.) - Curriculum and Instruction with an Indian Education focus from Arizona State University.



**Bryan Brayboy** (Lumbee) is President's Professor, Senior Advisor to the President, and Vice President of Social Advancement at Arizona State University. He is a Fellow of the American Educational Research Association and Member of the National Academy of Education



As Executive Director of Research Development, within Knowledge Enterprise at ASU, **Faye Farmer** manages a team of exceptionally talented individuals who are dedicated to advancing the research agenda of the university. Joyfully, I have seen this conference grow from a single conversation among a handful of individuals in 2016 to what it is today (a massive success). I also manage the generous award from the ABRC that supports this conference.



Angela Gonzales (Hopi) is an Associate Professor in the School of Social Transformation at Arizona State University. As a community-engaged, interdisciplinary scholar, her research interests cut across and integrate the fields of Sociology, Indigenous Studies, and Public Health. Over the past two decades, she has engaged in a number of community-based research projects in tribal communities. Her research has been supported by the National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation, and the Ford and Russell Sage Foundations. Gonzales holds a Ph.D. in Sociology from Harvard University, a master's degree from the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and a

bachelor's degree in Sociology from the University of California, Riverside. As an enrolled member of the Hopi Tribe, she is committed to research that incorporates community-based participatory action research methods to create relationships of trust and reciprocity between tribal partners and academic researchers.

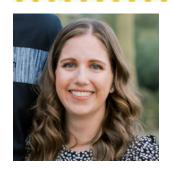


**Sahmie Joshevama**, Hopi, is Piqos'wungwa (Bearstrap Clan) from the Village of Songoopavi. She is a graduate of Arizona State University, earning a BS in American Indian Studies (AIS) in 2015. Sahmie currently serves as the Coordinator for the Office of American Indian Initiatives at Arizona State University. She has served on the Doing Research in Indigenous Communities Conference Planning since 2017.



Allison Kelliher, MD, is Koyukon Athabascan, Dena, from Nome, Alaska. She is the Director of the American Indian Collaborative Research Network (AlCoRN), a Practice-Based Research Network at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences where she is also an Assistant Professor in the Department of Family & Community Medicine. She also serves as faculty at the University of Washington School of Medicine and University of Alaska Anchorage and serves on the Board of Directors for the Association of American Indian Physicians. She is the first and only physician trained as a Traditional Healer in a Tribal Health setting and weaves this into her

practice as a Family and Integrative Physician. She was honored as the University of Alaska Fairbanks Alumnus of the year 2022 and recently published a chapter in a textbook Walking Together, Working Together Engaging Wisdom for Indigenous Well-Being.



Rachel La Vine is a Project Manager Sr. within the College of Health Solutions at Arizona State University. She has twelve years experience working in higher education in both student facing and community engagement positions. Ms. La Vine supports efforts stemming from the Design and Innovation Studio for Health (DISH) team as well as the College of Health Solutions strategic initiatives. She eagerly engaged with the planning committee and her campus colleagues to execute the 6th Annual Doing Research in Indigenous Communities conference.



Jacob Moore (Tohono O'odham, Akimel O'odham, Lakota, Dakota), Associate Vice President of Tribal Relations, is responsible for the intergovernmental relations between Arizona State University and tribal nations and communities. Previously, Jacob Moore was managing partner for Generation Seven Strategic Partners, LLC, and also worked as an Economic Development Analyst and Special Assistant on Congressional and Legislative Affairs for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. Jacob previously served on the Arizona State Board of Education, where he had served as president once and vice president twice. Mr. Moore is currently on the board of directors for the Arizona Community Foundation, the ASU Morrison Institute, WestEd, and the Arizona

Minority Education Policy Analysis Center (AMEPAC). Mr. Moore earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance and Executive MBA from Arizona State University's W.P. Carey College of Business. Jacob is an enrolled member of the Tohono O'odham Nation.



Since 2014, **Dr. Morris** has been the executive director of the American Indian Policy (AIPI) Institute at Arizona State University. She is a member of the Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma. Under her leadership, the AIPI has grown and diversified its service to Indian Country providing policy analysis, tribally driven research, and capacity building working with such Indian Country partners as the National Congress of American Indians, the Native American Finance Officers Association, and the American Indian Science and Engineering Society. A national expert in tribal broadband and access, she has testified at the Federal Communications Commission and on Capitol

Hill. Additionally, she is an expert in Tribal digital equity, broadband policies, and digital sovereignty.

As an entrepreneur before her ASU appointment, Morris founded Homahota Consulting LLC, a national Native American woman-owned professional services firm working in policy analysis, telecommunications, education, and research assisting tribes in their nation-building efforts and working with Native Nations, tribal businesses, and those businesses working with tribes. Morris can be reached at <a href="mailto:traci.morris@asu.edu">traci.morris@asu.edu</a>.



Myra Parker JD, MPH, PhD, is an enrolled member of the Mandan and Hidatsa tribes and serves as an Associate Professor in the Center for the Study of Health and Risk Behavior in the University of Washington School of Medicine's Department of Psychiatry and Director for Seven Directions. She has worked for fifteen years on tribal public health program implementation, coordination, and research with tribal communities across the U.S. Prior to her work in research, she worked for five years in the policy arena within Arizona state government, in tribal governments, and with tribal working groups at the state and national level. Her research experience in public health involves Community Based Participatory Research (CBPR) and the development and testing of cultural adaptations of evidence-based interventions in American Indian communities.



Christopher Sharp, M.S.W, M.P.A, D.S.W. Candidate, is of the Mohave tribe, descendant of the Frog Clan (Bouh'th) and a citizen of the Colorado River Indian Tribes. He is a Clinical Assistant Professor and Director of the Office of American Indian Projects, within the School of Social Work, Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions at the Arizona State University. He has extensive experience working for and with American Indian and Alaska Native (Al/AN) tribes and tribal populations in Arizona and throughout the United States. He earned his B.S. in American Indian Studies, Master of Social Work, and Master of Public Administration at ASU. He is currently a Doctoral Candidate at the University of Southern California, Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work.



Nate Wade is an Assistant Research Professor and Executive Director for Strategic Initiatives and Innovation for ASU's College of Health Solutions. In this role, Nate co-led his college's COVID-19 response which included organizing and facilitating the ASU National COVID-19 Diagnostics Summit, the ASU Indigenous Health Summit, and the Indigenous Health Ambassadors program. Nate is a member of the college's Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) Council, the college's leadership team, and the Doing Research in Indigenous Communities planning committee. Over the past two years, Nate led the health learning community for ASU's INSPIRE college readiness program for American Indian high school students. He has two decades of progressive leadership experience within institutions of higher education. Nate's research and initiatives have received funding from The Rockefeller Foundation, the Genentech Innovation Fund, the National Institutes of Health, the Tohono O'odham Nation, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. He holds a Ph.D. in Human and Social Dimensions of Science and Technology from Arizona State University, a M.Ed. in Counseling Student Services from the University of Southern

Mississippi, and a M.P.A. from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Thank you to the planning committee: Agnes Attakai, Annabell Bowen, Bryan Brayboy, Faye Farmer, Angela Gonzales, Sahmie Joshevama, Allison Kelliher, Rachel La Vine, Jacob Moore, Traci Morris, Myra Parker, Christopher Sharp, and Nate Wade

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