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EDUCATION

PhD	University of Washington	Expected Spring 2020
MSSW	Columbia University	June 2008
BA	University of California at Santa Barbara	December 1999

AWARDS, HONORS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS

CSWE– Doctoral Minority Fellowship Program Award	09/2019-06/2020
MSW Students' Choice Teaching Award, nominee	09/2018-06/2019
NIH Research Supplement to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research Award	06/2018-04/2019
CSWE– Doctoral Minority Fellowship Program Award	09/2017-06/2018
Institutional National Research Service Award T32	09/2017-06/2018
Outstanding Teaching Evaluations Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, UW School of Social Work	03/2017-06/2017
Boeing Scholar, Boeing Stewardship Program Award	01/2017-03/2017
Husky 100, nominee, campus-wide student recognition award at UW	12/2016-06-2017
Indigenous Substance Abuse, Medicines and Addictions Research Training Fellowship. IWRI, UW	09/2015-06/2016
Graduate Opportunity Program Research Assistantship Award GO-MAP, UW Graduate School	09/2015-06/2016

RESEARCH INTERESTS & EXPERIENCE

Interests

American Indian/Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian health; Indigenous historical and contemporary trauma and the life-course; HIV/STI prevention interventions; harm reduction; drug and alcohol prevention and treatment interventions.

Experience

Recipient of NIH Research Supplement to Promote Diversity 2017-2018

Received doctoral research funding to continue working on an individual-level research agenda as part of a larger parent study, MyPEEPS Mobile study. Constructed study recruitment operating procedures, produced marketing/outreach materials, recruited and enrolled participants, delivered community information sessions, worked with youth-serving organizations, and fostered meaningful relationships with colleagues and team members across the U.S.

MyPEEPS Mobile Study 2016-2018

Research assistant for MyPEEPS, a theoretically driven, multi-ethnic efficacy study that integrates theories of racial identity and development, minority stress, and stigma management in a smartphone app with games and activities to prevent HIV/AIDS and AOD use among YMSM (13-18 years of age).

Vr2L 2Spirit Study 2015-2016

Research assistant for the Vr2L 2Spirit (Virtual Two-Spirit) study, which uses virtual web technology (Second Life) in the design of an HIV prevention intervention for adult Native men who have sex with men (MSM). The intervention is culturally grounded and facilitates positive sexual health behaviors and promotes HIV risk and harm reduction strategies.

NAEHCR Project 2011-2013

Program manager for the Native American Engagement in HIV Clinical Research project, which aimed to increase the engagement and participation of Native communities in NIAID-funded HIV clinical trials in a culturally respectful manner. Project funded by the Division of AIDS, National Institute of AIDS and Infectious Disease at the NIH.

HONOR Project 2006-2007

New York City site coordinator for the HONOR Project, managed data collection for a national LGBT/Two-Spirit research project.

Coordinated project outreach and conducted individual interviews with participants.

TEACHING INTERESTS & EXPERIENCE

Interests

Social work practice with marginalized populations; historical trauma and healing; community-engaged social work research; substance abuse prevention and treatment; research methods.

Experience

Sole Teaching

Historical Trauma and Healing (SOCW581) Masters, University of Washington, 2 nd time instructing course	04/2019-06/2019
Historical Trauma and Healing (SOCW581) Masters, University of Washington	04/2018-06/2018

Guest Lecture

Foundations of Social Welfare Research (SOCW505) Masters, University of Washington	10/2019
Advanced Practice II: Multigenerational (SOCW548) Masters, University of Washington	01/2018
Foundations of Social Welfare Research (SOCW505) Masters, University of Washington	11/2018
Social Work for Social Justice: Developing a Personal-Professional Stance (SOCW504), Masters, University of Washington	11/2018
Introduction to Social Welfare Research (SOCWF390), Bachelors, University of Washington	10/2017
Caring for Persons with Life-Limiting Illness: A Lifespan Approach (SOCW557), Masters, University of Washington	11/2017
Historical Trauma and Healing (SOCW581) Masters, University of Washington	10/2017

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Publications (In Print)

1. **Ignacio, M.**, Garafalo, R., Pearson, C., Kuhns, L., Bruce, J., Batey, S., Radix, A., Hidalgo, M., Hirschfield, S., Schnall, R. (*In Press*). Pilot feasibility trial of the MyPEEPS mobile app to reduce sexual risk among young men in 4 cities. *Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association Open*.
2. Schnall, R., Kuhns, L., Hidalgo, M., Powell, D., Thai, J., Hirschfield, S., Pearson, C., **Ignacio, M.**, Bruce, J., Batey, D., Radix, A., Belkind, U., Garofalo, R. (2018). Adaptation of a Group-Based, HIV Risk Reduction Intervention to a Mobile app for Young Sexual Minority Men. *AIDS Education and Prevention*, 30(6), 449-462.

Publications Under Review

3. **Ignacio, M.**, Pearson, C., Schnall, R., Spigner, C., Fernandez, A., & Spencer, M. (under review) Systematic review of harm reduction interventions addressing contextual vulnerabilities to drug harm among youth and young adults 12-19 years of age. Submitted to *Journal of Substance Use and Misuse*.

Peer-Reviewed Presentations

4. Foley, R., **Ignacio, M.**, Arnold, M., Osterhage, K., Velcoff, J., Grey, M., Humes, D., & Schouten, J., (2013, November). An innovative participatory model reciprocally builds capacity among four urban Native American communities and local HIV clinical research sites, oral presentation at American Public Health Association Annual Meeting 2013: Boston, M.A.

Technical Report

5. **Ignacio, M.** Peterson, V. & Foley, R. (2013). Action, compassion and healing: working with injection drug users in Native communities. Denver, CO: NNAAPC.

Invited Conference Presentations

6. **Ignacio, M.** & Thompson, L. (2016, October). Honoring our relations: history, cultural factors, and treatment approaches for Native American LGBTQ clients, oral presentation at the National Conference on Addictions Disorders: Denver, C.O.

7. **Ignacio, M.**, & Elm, J. (2016, March). Exploring Native American LGBTQ/Two-Spirit Health Issues, oral presentation at Queer I Am LGBTQ+ Student Summit Exploring Culture & Pride: Tacoma, W.A.
8. **Ignacio, M.** & Alexander, C. (2015, May). Clinical Considerations When Working with Native LGBTQ/Two-Spirit Individuals, oral presentation at 4th Annual Hepatitis C Tribal Summit: Addressing HCV, HIV, and Drug Use in Tribal Communities: Mahnomen, M.N.
9. **Ignacio, M.** & Grey, M. (2015, May). Indigenizing Harm Reduction, oral presentation at 4th Annual Hepatitis C Tribal Summit: Addressing HCV, HIV, and Drug Use in Tribal Communities: Mahnomen, M.N.
10. **Ignacio, M.** (2015, April). The State of HIV and HIV Prevention in Indian Country, oral presentation at Native American Training Institute: Professional Education Program for Behavioral Health Professionals: Albuquerque, N.M.
11. **Ignacio, M.** (2013, July). Working towards balance: Native cultures, Native communities and HIV clinical research, oral presentation at National Indian Health Board's 30th Consumer Conference: Traverse City, M.I.
12. **Ignacio, M.** (2013, June). Overview of Native Adults Living with Hepatitis C, oral presentation at Standing Rock Sioux Reservation's Positive Wellness Conference: Ft. Yates, N.D.
13. **Ignacio, M.** (2013, May). Strategies for engaging communities most impacted by the HIV epidemic: lessons learned from the Native American engagement in HIV clinical research project, oral presentation at 25th Annual Boston College Conference on Social Work and HIV/AIDS: Chicago, I.L.
14. **Ignacio, M.** (2013, December). Reducing HIV incidence in all of our communities: HIV testing as routine clinical practice. Washington D.C.: National Indian Health Board.

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Behavioral Health Consultant

2014 – 2015

American Indian/Alaska Native Addictions Technology Transfer Center
University of Iowa, 1207 Westlawn, Iowa City, IA 52242

Served as a national trainer and provided management and production oversight for two SAMHSA-funded publications, *Honoring Our Relations: Increasing Knowledge of LGBTQ/Two Spirit Wellness* and *A Provider's introduction to substance abuse treatment for Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, Transgender individuals*.

Project Manager

2011 – 2013

The National Native American AIDS Prevention Center
720 S. Colorado Blvd, Suite 650-S, Denver CO 80246

Managed four federally funded HIV/AIDS capacity-building assistance training programs. Supervised 1 full-time Capacity Building Assistance Specialist position. Assisted in the adaptation of CDC EBIs: Safety Counts and Street Smart for Native populations and communities.

Director of Training and Development

2008 – 2009

The National Native American AIDS Prevention Center
720 S. Colorado Blvd, Suite 650-S, Denver CO 80246

Managed SAMHSA Methamphetamine and Suicide Prevention Initiative (MSPI) education and training program. Worked with 13 state, county, and tribal health departments to implement multi-day training on HIV counseling, testing, and referral services for social service and health care providers.

Alcohol and Other Drug Counselor

2007-2008

Gay Men's Health Crisis, Substance Use Counseling and Education, Michael Palm Center for AIDS Care and Support, The Tisch Building, 119 W.24th Street, 5th Floor, New York, NY 10011

Co-developed GMHC's first sterile syringe distribution program under New York State's Expanded Syringe Access Program.

Provided harm reduction-based alcohol and other drug counseling for at-risk and HIV-positive clients. Facilitated psycho-educational group titled, *Steps towards Change*, as well as both open and closed supportive group counseling for HIV-positive men and women.

Harm Reduction Training Institute's National Training Coordinator

2004 – 2006

Harm Reduction Coalition, Harm Reduction Training Institute
22 West 27th Street, 5th Floor, New York, NY 10001

Developed and managed a New York State Department of Health education and training program for healthcare and social service providers in the Tri-State area (New York, Connecticut and New Jersey). Managed all other grant and foundation funded education and training programs including an LGBT-specific training series funded by The Paul

Rapport Foundation. Supervised 1 full-time Assistant Training Coordinator position.

Program Assistant

2002 – 2003

The National Native American AIDS Prevention Center
436-14th Street, Suite 1020, Oakland CA 94612

Assisted with five CDC funded projects designed to strengthen HIV/STI prevention interventions in Native communities. Established working relationships with rural, reservation and urban Native communities to deliver national multi-day training events titled, *Addressing Two Spirits in the American Indian, Alaskan Native and Native Hawaiian Communities*.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & SERVICE

Community Service

Multicultural HIV/Hepatitis Action Network member. Membership is comprised of representatives from community-based organizations, HIV clinical research sites, and related health promotion programs to coordinate services and resources for HIV and hepatitis services in King County and across Washington State.

2018-Present

Urban Native Education Alliance – Seattle Clear Sky Native Youth Council mentor. Clear Sky is a Native-specific afterschool program. Serve as tutor and facilitate health-related, culturally based workshops for youth.

2017-Present

Chinook Fund grant making committee member for the state of Colorado. The Chinook Fund is committed to transforming society into one that is free of all forms of oppression. Chinook Fund supports community organizations working on issues of racial, social and economic justice.

2010–2012

Harm Reduction Action Center’s syringe exchange advisory board member. Organizational mission is to educate, empower and advocate for the health and dignity of Metro-Denver’s injection drug users and affected partners in accordance with harm reduction principles.

2009–2012

Academic Service

Graduate Opportunities & Minority Achievement Program Student Advisory Board Member. Members provide valuable insight and act as

2016-2017

graduate student ambassadors, assist in the recruitment and retention of graduate students of color.

UW SSW PhD student representative for the Student Advisory Council. Representatives consists of elected student leaders who strive to create and build relationships with the SSW while promoting social and economic justice within the school and community. 2015-2017

Professional Associations

Completed the National Association of Social Worker's HIV/AIDS Training of Trainers Spectrum Project. The goal of the Spectrum Project is to provide the necessary practice skills for social workers addressing issues of substance use, mental health, case management and end-of-life care. 2013

Participant of the CDC's Tribal Leaders Advisory Committee. The committee is the primary link between the CDC, the Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry, and tribal governments. Tribal support activities primarily focus on fulfilling CDC's supportive role in ensuring that Native communities receive culturally appropriate services to keep them safe and healthy. 2010-2013

Co-founder of the National Native Youth Council on HIV. The NNYC-HIV aims to advocate, empower, and support Native youth in issues surrounding HIV/AIDs in rural and urban Native communities. NNYC-HIV consists of Native youth from communities across the United States. 2011

Graduate of the Center for Progressive Leadership (CPL) Fellowship program for the state of Colorado. CPL trains diverse leaders through an intense, non-partisan leadership program including grassroots activists, community organizers, organization leaders, future candidates and elected officials. 2010

REFERENCES

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