

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF KEY THEMES

Discussed at the Researcher Meeting Convened by NIJ

March 31 & April 1, 2009

NIJ convened a meeting of researchers working in American Indian and Alaska Native communities, and other federal partners to discuss the proposed program of research under section 904 of the Violence Against Women Act of 2005.

Following presentations by NIJ on the proposed program of research discussion centered on the following issues.

- *Sampling.* Participants raised a number of challenges that will be involved in carrying out a random sample for the primary data collection phase of the project. These centered around difficulty of accessing the study population, the practical challenges of attempting a nationally representative survey (for example, such as cost and time), the diversity of the study population and the representativeness of the sample that may result. Researchers highlighted that conducting a nationally tribally representative sample would require trade-offs with the study's ability to collect in-depth, specific contextual data. Researchers suggested that in order to conduct a representative random sample, household enumeration methods would be necessary, and suggested that NIJ work with other partners that may be able to assist with this phase.
- *Enrollment Status.* Researchers felt that the issue of enrollment status has material importance in terms of the proposed program of research, and its stated goals. Given that tribes do not have jurisdiction over non-enrolled members, researchers felt that the current program should focus only on enrolled members. They suggested that future studies be proposed to look at non-enrolled and non-reservation populations.
- *Age of Respondents.* Because of issues of consent, researchers suggested that the study confine itself to surveying women 18 years and older. They suggested that the study model other successfully-used techniques that ask about past-year and lifetime prevalence to be able to measure rates of victimization among both younger and older age groups.
- *Scales and Measures.* Researchers strongly suggested that the program of research model questions that have been used in both public health and public safety focused questionnaires to enable comparison between the data collected as part of these various efforts. They suggested that these questions may form the "core" of the questionnaire, and that additional questions could be included that collect data on behaviors and contexts that may be specific to the tribal environment.
- *Culturally appropriate methods, scales and measures.* Researchers were not aware of any existing scales and measures that were specifically appropriate to the tribal context. They cautioned against using a one-size-fits-all approach, and suggested that these should be developed in consultation with tribes, and use both qualitative and quantitative methods.

- *Modes of Administration.* Researchers agreed that face-to-face data collection would yield the most reliable information. They also suggested the use of case-studies to aid in bringing context to the data and analysis. Researchers suggested using Native American interviewers from the same linguistic group and suggested that NIJ be guided by the participating community in terms of protecting confidentiality and interviewer selection. Researchers supported extensive and standardized “core” training for interviewers, providing opportunities for debriefing, and the development of safety plans for interviewers and interviewees. Researchers also supported capacity-building within participant communities by training and utilizing local researchers and interviewers.
- *Location of Interviews.* Researchers reported that neutral, structured locations such as community centers and healthcare facilities have been successfully used in other research of this nature. They highlighted issues such as community knowledge of the research focus, and suggested strategies that may help mitigate this.
- *Ethical considerations.* Researchers raised issues such as interviewer/interviewee safety, and mandatory reporting requirements for interviewers. They suggested that the program of research be sensitive to, and guided by tribal concerns on this issue.
- *Facilitating participation by tribal communities.* Researchers suggested the following strategies that have been successfully used by other tribally-focused studies: holding forums to inform the community about the research goals, making presentations to tribal governments and leadership, and using tribal listservs and newspapers. Researchers also suggested that other organizations like tribal colleges and the National Congress of American Indian may be essential resources for facilitating participation by tribal communities. They also suggested that the program use both Native and non-Native American researchers who have strong ties in the community under study to facilitate this process. Researchers suggested that in presenting this study to communities, NIJ must address issues like previous abuse of research up-front and underline the ways that the current project aims to mitigate these concerns.
- *Outreach & Marketing.* Researchers suggested that NIJ use multiple formats and venues to assist in informing the communities and ensuring continued tribal involvement and support. They suggested that the program may be more successful if it clearly outlined the benefits to the community and provide them with tangible resources created by participation in the study. They suggested that outreach and marketing materials address these benefits in terms of the legal, victim-focused, intergovernmental, and community benefits. Researchers suggested that appropriate feedback and outreach plans may vary by community, and will have to take into account available resources and internal tribal mechanisms and customs for sharing information.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2009	
8:00 am to 9:00 am	Registration and Meet & Greet <i>OJP's Video Conference Room 3500</i>
9:00 am to 10:30 am	<p>Opening <i>Meeting Moderator</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Angela Moore, Associate Deputy Director, National Institute of Justice (NIJ) <p>Welcome Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kristina Rose, Acting Director, National Institute of Justice ▪ Catherine Pierce, Acting Director, Office on Violence Against Women <p>Participant Self-Introductions</p> <p>Meeting Overview & Guidelines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Angela Moore, Associate Deputy Director, NIJ <p>Overview of VAWA 2005, Title IX, Section 904a & NIJ's Proposed Program of Research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Christine Crossland, Senior Social Science Analyst, NIJ
10:30 am to 10:45 am	Break
10:45 am to 12:00 pm	<p>Facilitated Discussion <i>NIJ's PRIMARY DATA COLLECTION PLAN</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ General Strengths & Weaknesses ▪ Other Considerations
12:00 pm to 12:15 pm	Break
12:15 pm to 1:30 pm	<p>Working Lunch: Breakout Groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Group A—Sampling ▪ Group B—Study Population ▪ Group C—Questions, Scales, & Crosswalks ▪ Group D—Tribal Participation & Agreements ▪ Group E—Respondents (e.g., Recruitment and Safety) ▪ Group F—Mode of Administration and Interviewer Selection ▪ Group G—Outreach & Marketing
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TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2009	
1:45 pm to 3:00 pm	Facilitated Discussion <i>GROUP REPORTS & PARTICIPANT DISCUSSION</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Group A—Sampling ▪ Group B—Study Population ▪ Group C—Questions, Scales, & Crosswalks
3:00 pm to 3:30 pm	Break
3:30 pm to 4:45 pm	Facilitated Discussion <i>GROUP REPORTS & PARTICIPANT DISCUSSION (Cont.)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Group D—Tribal Participation & Agreements ▪ Group E—Respondents (e.g., Recruitment and Safety)
4:45 pm to 5:00 pm	Day Overview & Wrap up
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2009	
8:00 am to 8:30 am	Registration
8:30 am to 10:15 am	Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Angela Moore, Associate Deputy Director, National Institute of Justice Facilitated Discussion <i>GROUP REPORTS & PARTICIPANT DISCUSSION (Cont.)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Group F—Mode of Administration and Interviewer Selection ▪ Group G—Outreach & Marketing
10:15 am to 10:30 am	Break
10:30 am to 11:45 am	Facilitated Discussion <i>NIJ's SECONDARY DATA ANALYSIS PLAN</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ General Strengths & Weaknesses ▪ Data Systems & Sources
11:45 am to 12:00 pm	Closing and Adjourn

**Section 904 Violence Against Indian Women
in Indian Country Researchers' Workshop
Biographical Sketches**

Non-Federal Participants

Nicole R. Bowman-Farrell (Mohican/Munsee) is the President/Owner of Bowman Performance Consulting LLC (BPC). BPC is the only certified Native American and scientific research firm in the country and provides educational and scientific consulting services. Our services empower underserved groups so that policy, research, strategic planning, and evaluation efforts include and address their unique needs. Nicole was awarded the US Small Business Administration's Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award signifying the only time a Native American or WI resident has ever been given this honor for her work on raising funds and sustaining programming to Native American and at risk communities. Currently Nicole serves on behalf of at risk/diverse audiences through the Northeast WI Technical College Presidential Diversity Advisory Board, Green Bay Public Schools Minority Achievement Committee, and the American Evaluation's Diversity Task Force Committee. Additionally, Nicole has been appointed by WI Governor Doyle and/or selected by her academic colleagues to serve on numerous boards, national academic journals, and advisory committees for her expertise on education, economic development, evaluation, and community development. Her work in these areas has been utilized by and/or presented for the following organizations: American Civil Liberties Union, American Educational Research Association, American Evaluation Association, Great Lakes Intertribal Council, and National Congress of American Indians, and the WI Association of School Boards to name several. As a University of WI PhD Fellow, Nicole is currently completing her international PhD research on oral Indigenous knowledge use and transfer to contemporary practice.

Duane Champagne is a member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa from North Dakota. He is Professor of Sociology and American Indian Studies, a member of the Faculty Advisory Committee for the UCLA Native Nations Law and Policy Center, Senior Editor for *Indian Country Today*, and a member of the TLCEE (Tribal Learning Community and Educational Exchange) Working Group, and contributor of the education chapter to the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues' (UNPFII) *State of the World's Indigenous Peoples Report*. Professor Champagne was Director of the UCLA American Indian Studies Center from 1991 to 2002 and editor of the *American Indian Culture and Research Journal* from 1986 to 2003. He wrote or edited over 125 publications. Champagne's research and writings focus on issues of social and cultural change in both historical and contemporary Native American communities, the study of justice institutions in contemporary American Indian reservations, including policing, courts, and incarceration, and policy analysis of cultural, economic and political issues in contemporary Indian country. He has written about social and cultural change in a variety Indian communities including: Cherokee, Tlingit, Iroquois, Delaware, Choctaw, Northern Cheyenne, Creek, California Indians, and others.

Dr. Walter S. DeKeseredy is Chair of the American Society of Criminology's (ASC) Division on Critical Criminology and Professor of Criminology, Justice and Policy Studies at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT). He has published 13 books and close to 70 scientific journal articles on a variety of topics, including woman abuse in intimate relationships, criminological theory, and crime in public housing. In 2008, the Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma gave him the Linda Saltzman Memorial Intimate Partner Violence Researcher Award. He also jointly received (with Martin D. Schwartz) the 2004 Distinguished Scholar Award from the ASC's Division on Women and Crime and the 2007 inaugural UOIT Research Excellence Award. In 1995, he received the Critical Criminologist of the Year Award from the ASC's Division on Critical Criminology and in 2008, the Division on Critical Criminology gave him the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Christine Duclos is a Senior Consultant with JSI Research and Training Institute, Inc., a Clinical Assistant Professor of Family Medicine at the University of Colorado Denver (UCD), and affiliated faculty member with the UCD's Health and Behavioral Sciences Program. She also serves as Chairperson of the Colorado Multiple Institutional Review Board (human subjects review) which over sees research at UCD. She has over 29 years experience in primary care, health services, mental health, substance abuse, evaluation, research, consumer and participatory process, and skills trainer. Her expertise include cultural competency, health disparities, primary care access especially relating to use of other nonappropriate care, multimethod research and evaluation (protocol design,, data collection and analyses), performance measures, program assessment, system technical assistance planning and development, interesection of criminal justice and health issues, adolescent health, and community participatory group facilitation, especially within the American Indian population.

Bonnie Duran is an associate professor in the Department of Health Services, University of Washington School of Public Health and Community Medicine and is Director of the Center for Indigenous Health Research at the Indigenous Wellness Research Institute (www.iwri.org). Bonnie has worked in public health research, evaluation and education among Native Americans and other communities of color for 27 years. She has conducted studies of mental disorder prevalence, victimization risk factors and treatment seeking among Native American women attending Indian Health Service primary care facilities and men and women from rural reservation communities. In addition to her epidemiologic work, Dr. Duran has worked with the Navajo Nation, Indian Health Service and CBOs on HRSA-funded projects aimed at providing integrated mental health and HIV services in a frontier rural setting. Since moving to Washington State, Dr. Duran is working with new partners at the National Congress of American Indians Policy Research Center, the Northwest Indian College in Bellingham Washington, and the American Indian Higher Education Consortium. Dr Duran is on the editorial boards of the American Journal of Public Health; Progress in Community Health Partnerships and is a member of a health services study section at NIMH. She is on the Boards of the Vallecitos Mountain Refuge and the Taos Mountain Hermitage, and the Haskell Indian Nations University RED Center.

Laurence (Larry) French, PhD, has worked with Native American groups in Indian Country since the early 1970s. He has the BA, MA, & Ph.D. in sociology/criminology from the University of New Hampshire - Durham; a second MA in school psychology from Western New Mexico University; the Ph.D. in cultural psychology from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln; and a post-doctorate in minorities & criminal justice education from the State University of New York-Albany. He is a Fellow of the American Psychological Association and a licensed clinical psychologist (AZ). He has over 260 publications including 14 books- most on Native American issues.

Jennie R. Joe, PhD, MPH (Dine') currently directs the Research Core of the current NCMHD funded EXPORT Center. She is a professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine (DFCM) and also directs the Native American Research and Training Center (NARTC). She has over 25 years of experiences in administration, teaching, and research, studies that emphasize research partnerships with tribal or other communities. Some of her research endeavors have been with White Mountain Apache Tribe, Navajo Nation, and groups such as American Indian Wildland firefighters, Intertribal Council of Arizona, California Rural Indian Health Board, Battelle Memorial, Institute for Scientific Analysis, etc. Her multiple grants and contracts over the years have been from NIH, NIJ, NLM, NIDDR, Indian Health Service and a number of private foundations.

Christina Lanier is an assistant professor in Sociology and Criminology at the University of North Carolina Wilmington. Her research interests include lethal violence victimization among American Indians, intimate partner violence, and substance abuse on college campuses. Recently she co-authored a National Institute of Justice Report, *Violence Against American Indian and Alaska Native Women and the Criminal Justice Response: What is Known*. Her work has also been published in *Homicide Studies* and is forthcoming in *Violence Against Women*.

Carol Chiago Lujan, an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation, is currently an associate professor at Arizona State University (ASU) in American Indian Studies where she is the founding director of the American Indian Studies Program. She earned a Ph.D. in sociology from the University of New Mexico and is actively involved in American Indian issues and policy. She has worked directly with numerous Indian Nations across the country. Her research interests focus on American Indian justice, and cultural and political sovereignty. In the mid-1990s Dr. Lujan received an evaluation grant from the National Institute of Justice to evaluate the Department of Justice Indian Country Justice Initiative. She currently teaches classes on crime and justice in Indian Country. In addition to her scholarly and research interests, she serves on a number of local and national advisory boards including the American Indian Studies Association, the US Census Bureau's American Indian/Alaska Native Race and Ethnic Advisory Committee, and the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community School Board as well as the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Judicial Selection Committee. In addition to her academic career, Dr. Lujan is also an award winning artist. She exhibits her clay sculptures and masks in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona.

Lorraine Halinka Malcoe, Ph.D., is an Associate Professor of Social Epidemiology and Gender in the Faculty of Health Sciences, Simon Fraser University, British Columbia, Canada. Prior to moving to Canada, she was Associate Professor and Associate Director in the Masters in Public Health Program, University of New Mexico. She currently teaches courses on social determinants of health, epidemiology methods, and health inequities. Lorraine's research on violence against women centers on understanding how women's lived experiences of partner abuse intersect with poverty, racism and other social and structural inequities. She has worked in collaboration with tribal and community partners to study the extent, social contexts and consequences of violence against women from diverse racial, ethnic and socioeconomic groups. Her research has been funded by the National Institute of Justice, the National Institutes of Health, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Her research on intimate partner violence against Native American women has shown that rural, low-income Native American women in Oklahoma experience rates of partner abuse that are far higher than national and state estimates, and that many Native women's experiences of physical and sexual violence are intricately connected with the poverty, underemployment and other depressed socioeconomic conditions they and their partners experience. Lorraine seeks to improve understanding of the connections among social and structural determinants of health and violence against women that will directly inform the design, implementation and evaluation of community-level interventions and policies to prevent and reduce violence, and promote health, healing and well-being.

Ada Pecos Melton (Jemez Pueblo) is President/Owner of American Indian Development Associates, a 100% Indian-owned training and technical assistance, research and evaluation firm since 1989. Ms. Melton has over 30 years experience working on Indian crime, delinquency, violence, and victimization issues. In particular advancing the use of indigenous justice philosophy, methods, and traditions to address the aforementioned issues. Her public service includes work as a Probation Officer, Court Administrator, and Director of juvenile programs. She founded and manages the NM Tribal Crime Data Project and the NM Tribal [Juvenile] Justice Council and serves on several other Boards and Committees aimed at improving the quality of life for Indian people. Ms. Melton is a recipient of the 2005 YWCA Women on the Move Award, the 2000 New Mexico Distinguished Public Service Award, the 1999 Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of New Mexico Public Administration Department, and the 1998 Outstanding Achievement Recognition for Advancing the Needs of Indian Children from the U.S. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. She has a Masters of Public Administration and Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice.

Marianne O. Nielsen received her doctorate in Sociology (with a Specialization in Criminology) at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Canada in 1993. She is a Professor in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona, USA. She is the co-editor with Robert A. Silverman of Criminal Justice in Native America (University of Arizona Press, 2009), Native Americans, Crime, and Justice (Boulder, CO: Westview, 1996) Aboriginal Peoples and Canadian Criminal Justice (Toronto: Butterworths, 1992). With James W. Zion she co-edited Navajo Nation Peacemaking: Living Traditional Justice (University of Arizona Press, 2005). Her work has also appeared in numerous books and journals. Her current work focuses on the structures, processes, survival and success of Indigenous-operated justice organizations.

Mona Polacca is of Havasupai, Hopi and Tewa lineage and an enrolled member of the Colorado River Indian Tribes of Parker, AZ. She has served as Treasurer and tribal council member of her tribe. She is in the Arizona State University School of Justice Studies Interdisciplinary Ph.D. program studying social justice issues related to public policy and legislation which effect American Indian tribes. Mona has over twenty years of practical experience working on health and social issues affecting American Indian tribes throughout the nation. She served as the field team leader for a research contract with the National Institute of Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse at the University of Arizona. She wrote a chapter entitled “Clinical Vignette: Mandatory Reporting, Domestic Violence in an American Indian Tribe” for *Physicians Guide to Violence Against Women* (2004). As well as other articles, she has written in “American Indian and Alaskan Native Elderly”, and is second author of “Staying in Balance on the Fourth Hill of Life: Mental Health and the Elderly Native American”. Mona is currently employed by the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. as a Health Programs Specialist working on behalf of the Native American Tribes in Arizona.

André B. Rosay is an Associate Professor and the Interim Director of the Justice Center at the University of Alaska Anchorage. As a researcher, Dr. Rosay is well known for his expertise in community-based participatory research. He is actively involved in research on violence against Native Alaskan women and has collaborated with many agencies to study this problem, both in urban and rural settings. These agencies include police departments, state troopers, sexual assault nurse examiners, and prosecutors throughout the State of Alaska. Dr. Rosay is currently engaged in three projects funded by the National Institute of Justice funded that study the characteristics of sexual assaults, domestic assaults, and stalking incidents. These studies offer a unique perspective on violence against women by combining police, medical/forensic, and prosecution data. These projects provide an in-depth understanding of victimizations against Alaskan women, including how offense characteristics and investigative strategies affect case processing. The ultimate goal of these projects is to enhance offender accountability by removing barriers to the legal process. Dr. Rosay has authored numerous reports on these issues, which are available on the University of Alaska Anchorage Justice Center website at <http://justice.uaa.alaska.edu>. In addition, Dr. Rosay has authored articles in the leading criminology journals, including *Criminology* and the *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*. Prior to joining the faculty at the University of Alaska Anchorage, Dr. Rosay earned his doctoral degree from the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Maryland, College Park and was an Assistant Professor with the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice at the University of Delaware.

Pamela Jumper Thurman, Ph.D., a Western Cherokee, is a Senior Research Scientist with the Ethnic Studies Department at Colorado State University and has over 30 years of experience in mental health and substance abuse research and epidemiology, as well as provision of direct treatment and prevention services. She is a co-developer and co-author of The Community Readiness Model and has applied the model in over 3,000 communities throughout the US as well as over 30 communities internationally. She has worked with cultural issues utilizing community participatory research, prevention of ATOD, methamphetamine treatment and prevention, prevention of violence and victimization, rural women's concerns, HIV/AIDS, and solvent abuse. She currently serves or has served as principal investigator or co-principal investigator for federally funded grants that examine community/grassroots prevention of intimate partner violence, state wide initiatives to prevent methamphetamine use, epidemiology of American Indian substance use, prevention of HIV/AIDS, and epidemiology and prevention of solvent use among youth. She is also the Project Director of a CDC funded project to provide capacity building assistance for community mobilization for HIV/AIDS prevention in Native communities throughout the United States. She has served as a member of the National CSAT Advisory Council and is also a member of one of Roslyn Carter's Caregiving Panels and assisted with the First Lady Laura Bush's "Helping Americas Youth" initiative.

Melissa L. Walls, Ph.D. (Bois Forte Ojibwe) is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology/Anthropology at the University of Minnesota-Duluth. Her research interests include American Indian/First Nations behavioral health, community based participatory research, the sociology of mental health and deviance, substance use/abuse, and quantitative methods. Her most recent projects include collaborations on NIMH grant applications focused on preventing Indigenous youth suicide, and another aimed at understanding how mental health factors impact self-care behaviors among Ojibwe diabetics. Dr. Walls' collaborative research includes work with several regional reservation/reserve communities, the Center for Rural Mental Health Studies at the UMN School of Medicine (Duluth Campus), and researchers at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Eidell Wasserman, Ph.D., is a Victim Services Consultant, based in California. She was formerly an Assistant Professor of Criminology at California State University, Fresno, where she taught courses related to victimology. In addition, Dr. Wasserman has served as a core faculty member of the National Victim Assistance Academy. She is a clinical psychologist, with over 25 years working with victims of crime, including the past 21 years working with victim assistance programs in Indian Country. In 1988, she developed the first on-reservation treatment program for sexual abuse victims on the Hopi reservation in Arizona. Her experience includes teaching, authoring several victim service publications, working in a domestic violence shelter, providing counseling to child sexual abuse victims and their families, acting as member of several tribal Child Protection Teams, evaluating domestic violence and other victim services programs, and providing training and technical assistance to over 60 tribes throughout Indian Country.

Janet Sullivan Wilson, Ph.D. R.N., is a professor at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OUHSC), College of Nursing graduate and doctoral programs. She is a consultant, author, and researcher in the area of intimate partner violence. She counsels both men and women in hospitals and community agencies who have violence related issues and teaches health care providers and forensic technical investigators about responding to intimate partner violence. Her research focus is on how women from different cultural and socio-economic backgrounds make decisions to safely disengage from intimate partner violence. As founding member, past chair, member, and legislative appointee to the Oklahoma Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board (ODVFRB), Dr. Wilson does cases analyses on all Oklahoma deaths due to intimate partner violence. Dr. Wilson is founder and chair of the Oklahoma Nurse's Association Intimate Partner Violence Task force. She was the legislative appointee to the Oklahoma House of Representatives Committee on Behavioral Health. She is on the board of the Oklahoma County YWCA and is on the steering/executive committee of the Oklahoma County Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program (SANE).

Darryl S. Wood, PhD, is an Assistant Professor in the Criminal Justice Program of Washington State University Vancouver. Prior to 2007 he was with the University of Alaska Anchorage for 12 years as an Assistant and then Associate Professor. He earned his PhD in Criminology in 1997 from Simon Fraser University for his research on alcohol use and violence among the Inuit of the eastern Canadian arctic. In 2004 he completed an NIAAA postdoctoral fellowship on Alcohol Studies in the School of Public Health at the University of California, Berkeley. His most recent research includes the study of police and prosecutorial processing of sexual assault and domestic violence cases in rural Alaska as well as an evaluation of police efforts to reduce illegal alcohol trafficking into isolated Alaska Native villages. Dr. Wood's primary research interests revolve around the community and criminal justice system responses to violence in rural and indigenous communities.

Federal Participants

Summer Acevedo is a doctoral student in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Maryland, College Park. She received a B.A. in Criminology and Psychology from Florida State University in 2002. After completing her M.A. thesis on victim interventions in response to stalking, she accepted a Research Assistant position with at the National Institute of Justice (NIJ). Ms. Acevedo currently works in the Violence and Victimization Research Division at NIJ and hopes to complete her dissertation on a topic related to violent crime prevention.

Bethany Backes is a Social Science Analyst at NIJ, where she maintains a research portfolio on a variety of victimization issues and determines priority areas for research and program development related to violence and victimization. Ms. Backes also teaches victimology courses at the University of Maryland University College. Prior to NIJ, she was the Coordinator of Victim Services for a statewide non-profit and directed an injury prevention research and service program at Johns Hopkins University. She has been a health educator for a local health department and a therapist for survivors of rape and childhood sexual abuse. Ms Backes holds a Master of Social Work and a Master of Public Health from the University of Michigan.

Dr. Michele Lynberg Black has been an epidemiologist at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention since she joined the CDC's Epidemic Intelligence Service in 1988. While at the CDC, she has worked across a broad range of disciplines, including reproductive health, environmental health, and violence prevention. She has been with the National Center for Injury Prevention's Division of Violence Prevention since 2002 and has been working in the areas of intimate partner violence, dating violence, sexual violence, and family violence. She is leading CDC's effort to establish the ongoing National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Surveillance System (NISVSS). Dr. Black has also published work regarding the ethics of asking about abuse and about telephone respondent reactions to being asked questions about violence.

Christine Crossland is a Senior Social Science Analyst with the National Institute of Justice, U.S. Department of Justice. She is responsible for planning, implementing, testing, evaluating, managing, and reporting on social and behavioral science grants, contracts, and studies. Ms. Crossland is currently directing and organizing, in partnership with the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), a research program to examine violence against American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) women. She is also directing efforts at NIJ to develop a broader research agenda on American Indian and Alaska Native crime and justice issues.

Garrick DeClay is an enrolled member of the White Mountain Apache Tribe and was raised upon the Fort Apache Indian Reservation in Whiteriver, Arizona. After graduating from Alchesay High School in 1994, DeClay enrolled at Northern Arizona University (NAU) and was a dual major in Sociology and Criminal Justice. DeClay graduated from NAU in 1998 and began working fulltime at the White Mountain Apache Tribal Police Department as a tribal police officer where he was employed part time since 1994 as a reserve police officer. DeClay then transferred to the White Mountain Apache Office of Higher Education where he managed the scholarship office and served as the Vice-President of the Tribal Election Commission, Vice-President of the Whiteriver Community Board, Vice-President of the Watershed Land Conservation Board. During his tenure at the Higher Education Department, DeClay attended the Arizona State Fire Academy earning state/national fire fighter I and II credentials and was a volunteer tribal fire fighter for the White Mountain Apache Tribal Fire and Rescue Department. DeClay also attended NAU statewide program and earned his Masters of Education with an emphasis in Counseling Human Relations (M.Ed). DeClay began his employment with the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Justice Services in December of 2000 at the Fort Apache Agency Criminal Investigations Unit and investigated major crimes throughout Indian country. In the March of 2005, DeClay transferred to the BIA Office of Justice Services (OJS) Phoenix Office. In October 2005, DeClay was detailed to OJS Washington D.C. office and later transferred in July of 2006 where he currently is assigned. DeClay works on a variety of information technology and information sharing improvement projects for BIA OJS.

Lorraine Edmo currently serves as Deputy Director for Tribal Affairs in the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW). In this capacity, she supports the Director in all matters relating to the Safety of Indian Women, pursuant to Title IX of the Violence Against Women Act of 2005 (VAWA 2005). She directs OVW's Tribal unit that manages the Grants to Tribal Governments Program and the Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions Program. The Tribal Deputy Director position is statutorily required and created under Title IX of the VAWA 2005. Ms. Edmo joined OVW in November 2006 with more than 30 years' experience working on behalf of American Indian and Alaska Native people at the regional and national level. Prior to her federal service, Ms. Edmo directed two national non-profit Indian organizations, including the American Indian Graduate Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico and the National Indian Education Association in Alexandria, Virginia. She has served on numerous boards and commissions working for the betterment of Indian people. Ms. Edmo is a member of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe of Fort Hall, Idaho. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Montana and her Master of Arts degree in Public Administration from the University of New Mexico.

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