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Presenter: Abby Abinanti

ABBY ABINANTI, Yurok Chief Judge is an enrolled Yurok Tribal member, she holds a Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of New Mexico School of Law, and was the first California tribal woman to be admitted to the State Bar of California. She was a State Judicial Officer (Commissioner) for the San Francisco Superior Court for over 17 years assigned to the Unified Family Court (Family/Dependency/Delinquency). She retired from the Superior Court in September 2011 and on July 31, 2014 was reappointed as a part-time Commissioner for San Francisco assigned to Dependency, and Duty Judge for that Court where she served until 2015. She has been a Yurok Tribal Court Judge since 1997 and was appointed Chief Tribal Court Judge in 2007, a position she held in conjunction with her Superior Court assignment until 2015.

Presenter: Adams, Annie Forsman

Annie Forsman Adams (Suquamish) started her career in the movement to end violence against indigenous people in 2011. Since that time she has remained a dedicated advocate and activist for systemic change to address the social inequities across Indian Country. Annie currently serves as the Policy Analyst for the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and People Task Force with the Washington State Attorney General's Office. Additionally, she is completing her graduate program at Seattle University, where she studies the intersection of homicide, gender, race and media. She lives on the Port Madison Reservation.

Presenter: Anthony, Donna

Donna Anthony is the Chief of Police for the Chickaloon Tribal Police Department and has over 20 years of law enforcement and security experience that includes being a sworn Police Officer with the Palmer Police Department in Alaska, and a Deputy Sheriff in Ohio. During her time with Palmer, she was a Field Training Officer (FTO) and an investigator assigned to the Alaska State Trooper Statewide Drug Task Force Unit in an undercover capacity. She served as a case officer in several State and Federal cases. She has also worked throughout Alaska with many law enforcement agencies including the U.S. Marshals, DEA, ATF, and FBI.

Donna has extensive training in SWAT, Rapid Response to an Active Shooter, Tactical Vehicle Assault, Tactical Firearms, Hostage Negotiation, Tactical Raid Planning, Undercover Techniques, Tactical Narcotics Techniques, Surveillance Platform Operations, Anti-Terrorism Training, Law Enforcement Prevention & Deterrence of Terrorist Acts, Tactical Operations Planning, FEMA Intermediate for Expanding Incidents, FEMA Advance Incident Command & General Staff-Complex Incidents, United States Advance (Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) Lt. Command School and is currently on the FBI Tribal Task Force.

Donna is a certified NRA Firearms Instructor, a Firearms Training Counselor for USCCA and a Rangemaster with the National Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors Association.

Donna is currently on the board for the Woman Police of Alaska, the Alaska Police and Fire Chaplains, and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC).

Donna has received numerous awards for her work including the National Association of School Resource Officers Award (NASRO), Sheriff's Commendations, Hero's Award, Palmer Chamber of Commerce, Alaska State Troopers (AST) Award for Commendation for Honorable Service, DEA Award of Appreciation, AST Mat-Su Drug Unit Task Force Award for Dedication, Governors Award from Governor Sean Purnell and the Enrique "Kiki" Camarena (In memory of DEA Agent) Award presented by the Palmer Elks lodge, as well as a lifesaving award for valor.

Presenter: Avery, Orlando

Hau, mitakuyapi cante waste nape chiyuzapi, Hanhepi Omani emachiyapi, wasicu canze kin Orlando Avery wakpa waste emathan, Hello, I greet you with a warm handshake my Lakota name is Hanhepi Omani (Travels at Night) my English name is Orlando Avery I come to you from the Cheyenne River Lakota nation. I am currently the K-12 Lakota language teacher at Native American Community Academy in Albuquerque NM. I have been playing Handgame since I was a young kid. I played for our school at the time and eventually started playing mainstream on the Handgame circuit my first major handgame tournament was in Coeur d' Alene ID. I gained much appreciation and respect for the game as it provides so much opportunity and taught me core values. Handgame is much more than a game for many hand gamers is a family and a way of life. I'm excited to share my experience and teach you the game of Handgame. Pilamayaye

Presenter: Barney, Crystal

My name is Crystal Dawn Barney. I am Navajo from Chinle, Arizona but I grew up in the mountains of Bowl Canyon located near Navajo, New Mexico. The location of my family home site is called Narrowcreek, NM. It is named after the many creeks we have flowing through our land. My family currently resides in Rio Rancho, New Mexico. In the Navajo culture, we introduce ourselves with our clan system. My clans are Bitter Water (Tódich'í'ni) born for Zuni clan (Naasht'ézhi) My maternal grandfather is Towering House (Kinyaa'áanii) and my paternal grandfather is Salt Clan (Áshjii). This is who I am, as a Navajo Woman. I am a mother of three children. I am currently pursuing my Bachelors of Science in Family and Child Studies with a focus on Early Childhood Multicultural Education at the University of New Mexico. I am working full-time as a Lead Pre-K teacher at the Child Development Center at the Pueblo of Sandia. I love to travel with my family and learn about all our beautiful cultures around the world. I truly believe living a diverse lifestyle is healthy for the mind. I have learned so much through my travels and am blessed to have gained many distant relatives along the way.

Presenter: Begay, Nicole

Originating from Arizona, Nicole Begay was born of the Towering House clan (Kinyaa'áanii) and Red Running into the Water clan, (Táchii'ni) in this way Nicole is a Navajo Woman. Professionally and personally Nicole's passion is to create positive change and conversation on topics related to sexual violence. Before starting a career in advocacy work, Nicole voluntarily dedicated five years to spreading sexual violence awareness against women and children through public speaking and education. These speaking opportunities led her to the field of child and family advocacy with a focus on Child Abuse Prevention. Nicole's passion for this work stems from personal experiences with sexual violence as a child. She is proud to call herself an overcomer and hopes to continue her growth with CSVANW educating and inspiring others through a survivor lens. Nicole has obtained her Associates degrees in Arts & Education and aspires to further her education in psychology to better support survivors impacted by violence. Outside of a working environment, Nicole is a very creative individual. She has a 2-year certification in Fashion/Interior Design and has started a small embroidery business as a side hobby.

Presenter: Belgarde, Jovita

Jovita Belgarde (she/they) is from the Ohkay Owingeh and Isleta Pueblos of New Mexico and the Turtle Mountain Chippewa Nation of North Dakota. She is passionate about working with Native youth and making positive social change in Native communities. Jovita received her B.A. in Criminology from the University of New Mexico and received her Prevention Specialist Certification from the New Mexico Credentialing Board for Behavioral Health Professionals. She has worked in the prevention field for seven years prior to coming to NIWRC, working with Native youth doing violence prevention, suicide prevention, substance abuse prevention, and experiential education. As Youth Program Specialist, Jovita will continue to work from a strength-based perspective that encourages growth, healing, and intentionality. She believes that youth engagement is key to creating strong healthy communities "Native youth are our future leaders and they deserve caring support. We should uplift their voices to advocate for their communities and eliminate violence against all of our relatives. Native Love should be a vehicle for Indigenous youth-led advocacy that can drive solidarity, kinship, and anti-violence work for future generations."

Presenter: Bruegl, Heather

Heather Bruegl is a citizen of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin and first-line descendent Stockbridge Munsee. She graduated from Madonna University in Michigan and holds a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in U.S. History.

Her research comprises numerous topics related to American history, legacies of colonization, and Indigeneity, including the history of American Boarding Schools, and Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. Heather has presented her work at academic institutions including the University of Michigan, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Vassar College and Bard College. Heather consults for a variety of cultural centers and is a frequent lecturer at conferences on topics ranging from intergenerational racism and trauma to the fight for clean water in Indian Country. She has been invited to share her research on Indigenous history, including policy and activism, equity in museums, and land back initiatives for such institutions as the Tate and the Brooklyn Public Library. Heather spoke at the Women's March in Lansing, Michigan, in January 2018, and at the Indigenous Peoples March in Washington, DC, in January 2019. In 2019, 2020, and 2021, Heather spoke at the Crazy Horse Memorial and Museum in Custer, South Dakota, for its Talking Circle Series. Heather is currently a Policy Specialist for the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center and is a doctoral student at the University of Wisconsin- Green Bay in the First Nations Education Ed.D Program. She also works as a public historian, and independent consultant who works with institutions and organizations for Indigenous sovereignty and collective liberation.

Presenter: Bulltail, Dr. Grace, bulltail@wisc.edu

Grace is a citizen of the Crow Tribe in Montana and a descendant of the Three Affiliated Tribes of Fort Berthold, North Dakota. She currently serves as an assistant professor at the University of Wisconsin- Madison Nelson Institute for environmental studies. Grace is currently a member of American Indian Science & Engineering Society board of directors and is a professional engineer licensed in the state of California. She also serves on the Not Invisible Act Commission, a commission established by the Department of the Interior and the Department of Justice. The Not Invisible Act Commission makes recommendations to both the Department of the Interior and Justice on how to improve intergovernmental coordination to combat the epidemic of Missing and Murdered Indigenous peoples.

Presenters: Carr-Shunk, Rachel

Rachel Carr-Shunk is an enrolled member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Utilizing her experience working with and for tribal communities, she has presented on a variety of topics, including domestic violence and sexual assault in Indian Country, historical trauma, and improving the tribal systemic response to domestic violence and sexual assault (DV/SA). In addition to her professional experience, she recently completed her MSW to strengthen her ability to understand and broaden her perspective on complex social issues. Ms. Carr has also advocated for domestic violence legislation, including the Violence Against Women Act (2013), on the local, state and national level. Rachel currently serves as the Executive Director for Uniting Three Fires Against Violence (U.T.F.A.V). Prior to her current role, Ms. Carr served as the Policy Specialist for UTFAV and as a Victim Advocate for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians/Advocacy Resource Center

Presenter: Cate, Pat

Pat Cate is an Indigenous facilitator from the Pueblos of San Felipe (Katishya) and Santo Domingo (Kewa). He is also a United States Marine Corps veteran that graduated from the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training with a focus on helicopter mechanics for the 2nd MAW Helicopter Squadron HMLA/269. He has been in the Therapeutic Adventure field for almost a decade serving all populations in New Mexico. His focus is providing Indigenous youth with the opportunity to experience activities that they might have access to in their own lives. With a passion for survival skills as part of his teaching methods, he wants to inspire the younger generation to reconnect to the "old ways" through engaging them with ideologies that were given to him through past generations.

Presenter: Cave, Cathy

Cathy Cave Co-founder, Inspired Vision, LLC has more than 30 years' experience as an administrator, facilitator and consultant specializing in cultural inclusion, equity, anti-racism work and disparities elimination, trauma informed services and supports, organizational development, supervisory practice and leadership coaching within child welfare, juvenile justice, disaster response, health care, mental health, and substance use services. She is one of New York State's early trauma champions, coordinating county collaboratives and clinical training trauma conferences.

For the National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma, and Mental Health, Cathy is engaged in internal and external planning, development, and change initiatives. She provides in-person and virtual training, technical

assistance, and curriculum development supporting programs, coalitions, other technical assistance centers, governmental bodies and community-based organizations. Since 2012 as a Senior Training Consultant with NCDVTMH, she utilizes her survivor, family, community, and administrative perspectives to facilitate organizational change to improve service quality at local, state and national levels.

Presenter: Chaisson, Lora Ann

Ms. Chaisson is a current resident of Point aux Chene, LA, and the daughter of Theo Chaisson and the late Betty Sanders Chaisson. She is the UHN's National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Alternate Delegate as well as the Southeast Regional Alternate Vice President to the NCAI Executive Committee. She is also a current member of the United States Department of Labor Native American Employment and Training Council as well as a Board Member and Treasurer for the American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association. Locally, she is an appointee to the Lafourche, Assumption, and Terrebonne (LAT) Workforce Board.

Chaisson is employed as a Vice President of Tribal Solutions Group. Her work with Tribal Solutions Group encompasses a variety of divisions with solution based services in areas such as education, gaming, medical, and broadband/communications specifically for tribal nations, entities, and enterprises. Previously, she worked with the Inter-Tribal Council of Louisiana and the Institute for Indian Development within both the domestic violence and the workforce development programs. Lora is also an alumnus of the American Indian Opportunity Ambassador Program – a national organization providing capacity building and leadership development for Native American professionals looking to grow their communities.

During her free time Chaisson enjoys teaching friends and family traditional Houma Indian basket-weaving, jewelry-making, and cooking. She has exhibited her work at various venues, but is long standing at the New Orleans and Jazz Heritage Festival for 39 fests.

Presenter: Chapin, Janelle

Janelle Chapin is Koyukon Athabascan. Her family is originally from Kaltag and Illinois. She is married with two children. Janelle holds an associate degree in addictions counseling and bachelor degree of fine arts in Social Work with a minor in Alaska Native Studies. Janelle has worked in the domestic violence field with both survivors and batterers throughout her career. Janelle spent several years working in behavioral health and addictions. She believes the way we change family patterns is working with the whole family and through addressing cultural and historical trauma and cultural resiliency.

Presenter: Clairmont, Bonnie

Bonnie Clairmont (Ho-Chunk), Victim Advocacy Specialist, serves from TLPI's Minnesota office. Prior to her employment with TLPI, she was the Outreach/Client Services Coordinator for Sexual Offense Services of Ramsey County, a rape crisis center. While employed there, Bonnie provided leadership in the development of Sexual Assault Response Teams and Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner programs and offered guidance with multidisciplinary sexual assault protocol development. She has worked more than twenty-five years advocating for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. She has dedicated much of her work to providing and improving services for victim/survivors of sexual assault, battering, and child sexual abuse, particularly those from American Indian communities. For four years she coordinated the Strengthening the Circle of Trust Conference, a conference focusing on sexual assault and exploitation perpetrated by American Indian spiritual leaders/medicine men. Bonnie co-edited a recently published book "Sharing Our Stories of Survival" an anthology of writing by Native Women who've experienced violence. Bonnie provided technical assistance to research conducted by Amnesty International USA that led to the report, "Maze of Injustice: The failure to protect Indigenous Women from sexual violence in the USA." She and her partner Jim Clairmont have two children and five grandchildren.

Speakers: Colfer, Kerri

Kerri Colfer is Senior Native Affairs Advisor for the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center. In her role, Kerri will assist in developing and managing NIWRC's policy agenda and provide expert analysis and leadership in enhancing the sovereign authority of Tribal Nations to protect Native people.

Prior to coming to NIWRC, Kerri was the Congressional Advocate on Native American Policy at the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) in Washington, D.C. While at FCNL, Kerri worked with Native and non-Native partners and members of congress to advance Native policy, with a focus on addressing violence against Native women.

Kerri earned a B.A. in English Literature from Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island and a J.D. from the Temple University Beasley School of Law in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Speaker: Contreras, January

January Contreras is the Assistant Secretary for the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. ACF is the United States' largest human services administration. It was created to focus on the needs of America's children and families.

Assistant Secretary Contreras was appointed by President Biden and confirmed by the United State Senate with bipartisan support. In her role, she works under the leadership of HHS Secretary Becerra to strengthen the well-being of the nation's children and families with a focus on prevention, safety, economic stability and equity. She does so alongside ACF's 1,500 employees and in partnership with state, tribal, territorial and local governments, as well as a diverse network of non-profit and philanthropic organizations.

Throughout her career, Assistant Secretary Contreras has been motivated by a sense of duty to children, families and individuals, especially when they are facing their most difficult moments.

For more than 20 years, Assistant Secretary Contreras has championed safety, stability and opportunity for children, youth and families. She most recently was a non-profit executive, leading a legal aid center for children and young adults experiencing abuse, neglect, human trafficking, family separation and homelessness.

Assistant Secretary Contreras previously served in the Obama-Biden Administration as Ombudsman for Citizenship and Immigration Services at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and as a designee to the White House Council on Women and Girls. In these roles she led efforts to launch new federal training and guidance to ensure immigrant victims of domestic violence and other crimes are treated with the same dignity and protection all victims deserve.

At the state level, Assistant Secretary Contreras oversaw the Arizona Department of Health Services after serving as Assistant Director of the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System, Arizona's Medicaid agency. She was a member of Governor Janet Napolitano's Children's Cabinet, as well as the Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board. She is a former Deputy County Attorney and Assistant Attorney General.

Assistant Secretary Contreras is proud of her Arizona roots. She earned a B.A. and J.D. from the University of Arizona. She and her husband of 28 years are the gratefulparents of two adult sons.

Presenter: Corcoran, Carma

Dr. Corcoran (Chippewa-Cree) directs the Indian Law Program at Lewis and Clark Law School. She is an Adjunct Professor in the Indigenous Nations Studies Program at Portland State University. Dr. Corcoran is very involved in the Native American Community in Portland, Oregon. In addition, she presents across Indian Country on a variety of Social Issues that are important for Native American people. Dr. Corcoran is a member of the 2019-2022 Class of the Whisenton Public Scholars. Dr. Corcoran is one of the 2021-2022 Native Hope Fellows. Dr. Corcoran's book, "The Incarceration of Native American Women: Creating Pathways to Wellness and Recovery Through Gentle Action Theory" will be published by the University of Nebraska Press in the Spring of 2023.

Presenter: Coriz, Alysia

Aysia Coriz (she/they), comes from Kewa Pueblo (formerly known as Santo Domingo Pueblo) and currently serves the Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women as the Director of Membership and Outreach. She is

passionate about creating empowerment through community building, revitalizing and maintaining Indigenous language and culture, and making positive social change in Native communities. Alysia holds a Bachelor's degree in Native American Studies, with a concentration in Indigenous Learning Communities, and a minor in Business Management from the University of New Mexico. She also serves as the Chair of the All Pueblo Council of Governor's Youth Committee and is a board member with Naeva (formerly known as the Native American Voters Alliance – Education Project). She is also the former Female Co-President for the Kewa TRUTH Youth Council and former Co-President of the UNM Kiva Club. Alysia is a 2020 recipient of UNITY's 25 under 25 Award, a former Uplift Climate Fellow, and an appointed co-founder/member of the NM Indian Affairs Inaugural Youth Council. When she is not busy organizing, Alysia can be found creating traditional arts and crafts, whether it's making Pueblo jewelry with her family in their generational business or teaching her younger sister how to embroider and sew traditional and contemporary clothing. She also enjoys practicing tai chi, golfing, and making memories with her family and dog, Sadie.

Presenter: Engelking, Jolene

Jolene joined MIWSAC's National Training and Technical Assistance Team in 2020. Jolene leads the National Sexual Assault Response Center program, working to support Tribal and non-Tribal programs who support Indigenous survivors of sexual violence. Jolene has been in the anti-sexual violence movement since 2006. After years in direct advocacy, she has been doing national training and technical assistance for most of the last six years. An advocate at heart, Jolene thrives when talking with communities about increasing genuine collaboration and reimagining justice, accountability, and advocacy to better meet the needs of all survivors and create safer communities. Jolene is a social worker, a lover of books, a wannabe runner, a grown-up theater kid, a mother, a daughter, and a proud Anishinaabe woman.

Presenter: Fameró, Cindy

Cindy Fameró currently works for the Office of Disability Concerns as a Disability Advocate. She is the mother of seven children 4 boys and 3 girls. She is originally from Lawton, Ok but moved to the West Coast in her early 20's. She and her family moved back home in 2015 from the Bay Area, where she worked at the Friendship House, Native American Healing Center as a Substance Use Disorder Counselor.

Ms. Fameró works in the community in several ways. She is the founder of Warrior Woman Society, a community-based organization that helps Indigenous women with all things that supportive services do not help with, founding member of Comanche Academy Indigenous Charter School, founding member of the Lawton Indigenous Peoples' Day, Vice Chair of State Chapter of Missing and Murdered Indigenous People and President of the Cameron University Native American Student Association. Ms. Fameró was awarded Woman of The Year 2019 for Comanche County by the Mayor's Commission on The Status of Women and most recently Parent of the Year from Oklahoma Council on Indian Education.

Presenter: Foley, Christopher T.

Christopher T. Foley (Cherokee), an enrolled citizen of the Cherokee Nation, is a staff attorney with the Indian Law Resource Center in its Helena, Montana office. Chris works on both international indigenous rights, supporting efforts to build and strengthen human rights standards relating to indigenous peoples within the United Nations and the Organization of American States, and on the Center's domestic litigation and law reform projects. He focuses much of his time on the Center's Safe Women, Strong Nations project which works to end violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women. Chris received his B.A. from Swarthmore College, his J.D. from Temple University, and he is admitted to practice law in Pennsylvania.

Presenter: Fregoso, Stephanie

Stephanie Fregoso (Yaqui, She/Her), B.A. is a Project Manager at the Sewa U'usim Community Partnership Program of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe. Stephanie has been a part of the HONOR Collective since 2019. Her efforts to bring awareness of MMIR to her tribe has resulted in several educational events at Pascua Yaqui. HONOR Collective is

comprised of Indigenous women, Two-Spirit, transgender, and non-binary individuals who are grounded in feminine energy to support individuals, families and communities who have experienced trauma related to Murdered and Missing Indigenous Relations.

Presenter: Garcia, Rick A., Esquire

Rick A. Garcia serves as the Co-Director of Law and Policy for the Alaska Native Women's Resource Center (AKNWRC). Rick was born in West Germany and raised in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Rick moved to Alaska in 2018 and has dedicated himself to serving Alaska Tribes by providing training and technical assistance to Alaska tribal courts and justice systems. Prior to joining AKNWRC, Rick served as a Tribal Justice Facilitator with the Alaska Native Justice Center (ANJC) and as the Tribal Justice Director and Associate General Counsel for the Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP) in Bethel, Alaska. Rick also had the honor of serving as the District Court Magistrate Judge for the Alaska Court System's 4th Judicial District, based in Aniak and Hooper Bay.

Since 2018, most of Rick's time in Alaska has been spent living and working off the road system in communities such as Bethel and Aniak. Through his work with AVCP, Rick had the opportunity to travel extensively to many Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Villages, connecting with Tribes and assisting with tribal court and justice capacity building and training and technical assistance.

Rick graduated cum laude from the Southern Illinois School of Law in 2009 and received his bachelor's degree in Political Science cum laude from Florida Atlantic University in 2004. Rick has been a licensed Attorney for over a decade and is licensed in the state courts of Florida and Alaska and in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

Speaker: Gardner, Jerry

Jerry Gardner (*Cherokee*), JD, is an attorney with more than 30 years of experience working with Indian tribes, tribal court systems, and victims of crime in Indian country. He is the Founding Executive Director of the Tribal Law and Policy Institute - an Indian-owned and operated nonprofit corporation established in 1996 to design and deliver education, research, training, and technical assistance programs that promote the improvement of justice in Indian country and the health, well-being, and culture of Native peoples. He also serves as the Director of the National Child Welfare Resource Center for Tribes www.NRC4Tribes.org - a service of the Children's Bureau. He has served as an Adjunct Professor at the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law (Boalt Hall), UCLA School of Law, and Southwestern School of Law (presently). He has been a tribal appellate court judge for various tribal courts including the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians in North Dakota and the Poarch Creek Band in Alabama. He served as the Administrator for the National American Indian Court Judges Association (NAICJA) from May 1998-December 2000. He served as the Senior Staff Attorney with the National Indian Justice Center (NIJC) from NIJC's establishment in 1983 until December 1996. He has also worked for the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs (1978-1979), the national office of the Legal Services Corporation (1979-1981), and the American Indian Lawyer Training Program (1981-1983). Since 2006, he has been a Council Member of the American Bar Association (ABA) Section on Individual Rights and Responsibilities (IRR) and the Tribal Courts Council of the ABA Judicial Division. Indian country crime victimization issues, especially child abuse and violence against Indian women issues, have been a particular focus of his training and technical assistance experience and expertise including coordinating 3 NIJC sponsored Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) national Indian Nations victims of crime conferences (1990, 1992, and 1994) and 6 TLPI sponsored national OVC Indian Nations victims of crime conferences (2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, and 2012) - see www.ovcinc.org.

Presenter: Gray, Renae

Yá'át'ééh shik'éeí dóó shidine'ée. Shí éí Renae Gray yinishyé. Kinyaa'áanii (Towering House People) nishjé, Ts'ah Yisk'idnii (Sagebrush Hill Clan) báhishchíní. Deeshchii'nii (Start-Of-The-Red-Streaked People) dashíchei. Biih Bítóo'nii (Deer Spring Clan) dashínáí. Ákót'éego diné nishjé. Na'nízhoozhí kééhasht'jé. Ahéhee'.

Renae Gray is of the Diné-Navajo Nation and currently resides in Iyanbito, NM, a small community west of Gallup. A graduate of the University of New Mexico with a Bachelor's in Liberal Arts. Her studies at UNM revolved around Community Health Education and Sociology, providing her the opportunity to enhance her skills in health education strategies, community outreach, and advocacy.

Renae has been active in the Advocacy field for the past 10 years, she has presented at several conferences, including the Circle of Harmony, and Philly Trans Wellness Conference, and was a guest lecturer at the University of Washington Graduate School of Social Work. Renae has provided Safe Zone training for tribal organizations, hospital employees, Gallup McKinley County Schools staff, and FBI agents.

Renae states that her journey has been mostly to survive the trans woman of color experience. Identifying as a Native-Dine Trans Woman, she has lived and experienced a life that entailed pervasive discrimination, incarceration, homelessness, addictions, sexual assault, near-death experiences, and survival work. This has given her to drive to do the work to educate the public about what it means to be a Native Trans* Person. Renae has been doing Transgender Advocacy at the local, state, and national levels.

Presenter: Grignon, Lucille

Lucille Grignon is a homesteader at Ancient Roots Homestead, which is located on the Stockbridge-Munsee Reservation. She has transitioned from teaching in a modern colonial classroom into working as an educator of Ancient Indigenous skills, ideas, and traditions guided by the ways of her ancestors. Healing, learning, teaching, growing and connecting.

Presenter: Guerrero, Selina

Selinda Guerrero is an abolitionist organizer who says her main work is to “lift the voices of the voiceless” as a grassroots human rights activist and organizer. All of her work is intersectional with focus on Black Liberation and self-determination for all people while addressing underlying issues of generational poverty, access to housing, education, employment, and healthcare.

Presenter: Guy, Leanne

Leanne Guy, Diné, is of the Tó' áhani (Near to water) clan and is born for the Tódichi'ii'nii (Bitter Water) clan. Her chei (maternal grandfather) is from the Tábaahí (Waters Edge) clan, and her nali (paternal grandfather) is from the Tachii'nii (Red Running into the Water) clan. This is who she is as a Diné woman. She is a mother, grandmother, sister, auntie, and works for the betterment of tribal communities.

Leanne has over 25 years of experience in tribal community health promotion, disease prevention, and public health and safety initiatives. She has worked to help increase the capacity of tribal programs to organize, develop and implement public health intervention and prevention strategies for increased wellness, healing, safety, and justice. She is a member of numerous national, state, and tribal boards, task forces, and committees including the Alliance of Tribal Coalitions to End Violence, National Indigenous Women's Resource Center, National Congress of American Indian's Violence Against Women Task Force and Arizona's Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Study Committee.

Currently, Leanne is the founding executive director of the Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition, Arizona's tribal domestic and sexual violence coalition. Prior to this, she was the executive director of a nonprofit, community-based domestic violence and sexual assault services program located on the Diné Nation. Leanne has also worked for the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. and the Indian Health Service in the area of HIV/AIDS, cancer prevention, and women's health. The many blessings Leanne has experienced in working with tribes is

getting to know the people---hearing their stories, observing their customs, seeing their land, and sharing in laughter and in their food.

Presenter: Hadley, Geneva

Geneva Hadley was born in Lawton, Oklahoma and a enrolled Comanche member. She graduated from Elgin Public Schools and attended the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and attended online classes from the University of Phoenix, Grand Canyon University. Geneva Hadley is committed to her Comanche people concerns and finding solutions and a candidate for Comanche Business Committee. Geneva's real work and passion is advocacy, which began during the Standing Rock occupation where we stood in solidarity with over 500 tribes against the Dakota Access Pipeline. Geneva Hadley formed the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women of Oklahoma Southwest Chapter in 2017. Geneva is a advisor for the State Chapter of Oklahoma Missing and Murdered Indigenous People. She was invited to meet the Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland and make a presentation on the Oklahoma Epidemic of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women in Washington D.C. Her hobbies include anything cultural, traveling, music, visiting museums, family time and photography.

Presenter: Hanks, Alaina

Alaina Hanks is and enrolled tribal member of the White Earth Ojibwe and a licensed professional counselor. She is currently the coordinator of violence prevention and response at the Gerald L. Ignace Indian Health Center. In her current role she provides leadership for the Circles of Strength program and maintains a caseload for therapy. Her clinical work has centered supporting survivors of violence across the lifespan to include training in infant mental health as well as to provide intervention at the earliest point possible. Her work is rooted in empowering people with own sense of agency and healing. In addition to her clinical work, she has co-authored articles and provided presentations highlighting the importance of culturally-centered mental health care for Native communities.

Presenter: Harvey, Carmen Thompson

Carmen is from the Choctaw and Hualapai Tribes. She is originally from Talihina, Oklahoma. She graduated from Riverside Indian School in Anadarko, Oklahoma, received her Bachelor Degree of Science from Cameron University in Lawton, Oklahoma and received a Master Degree in Human Resources at East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma. She is the President for State Chapter of Oklahoma Missing and Murdered Indigenous People and has been involved with MMIW movement for 7 years and co-founder of the first Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Chapter in the State of Oklahoma. Co-founder of the 4 Directions Missing and Murdered MMIP Conference. Carmen speaks at Conferences on the Awareness of MMIW issues and in numerous settings such as at the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Awareness Day at the Oklahoma State Capitol on May 5 every year, invited to speak at Colleges, Memorial walks for families, keeps a data base for Oklahoma Missing and Murdered Indigenous People, speaks on Panels, involved in searches, assist sex Trafficking victims. Resources, supports the families at Court, Partners with the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation and Missing and Murdered Unit. Collaborates with the Oklahoma MMIP/MMIW State Chapters in Oklahoma, Partners with the Missing and Murdered Unit Bureau of Indian Affairs, Lobby for Kacey's Law to become Law to Assist in the Epidemic of Missing and Murdered Indigenous People, assisting with the 2ndt Annual 4 Directions MMIW Conference on November 20, 2022 She is a certified Suicide prevention Instructor. Carmen is honored to be selected as a Commission Member on the Not Invisible Act Taskforce, with Deb Haaland Secretary of the Department of Interior.

Presenter: Holgate, Jolene

Jolene is a Diné (Navajo) woman intent on creating social change in Indigenous communities with hopes to address systemic challenges to support pathways toward solutions to protect women, children, and relatives of expansive gender identities. For nearly 10 years Jolene worked with elected Navajo leadership engaging in policy advocacy to address areas of human trafficking, sexual and domestic violence, cyberbullying, and protecting Navajo children. Jolene then transitioned to community organizing to take a community-centered approach to the missing and murdered crisis on Diné'tah (Navajo lands) as a co-founder and member of the Missing & Murdered Diné Relatives organization, in which she serves as the Board Chair. Jolene remains committed to supporting Indigenous

community healing, empowerment, and awareness in her role at CSVANW through education and awareness to end violence in tribal communities.

Presenter: Holiday, Alanna

Alanna Holiday, is a member of the Oglala Lakota Sioux Tribe in Pine Ridge, South Dakota. She grew up on her reservation and then pursued a college career after high school. Alanna attended Fort Lewis College in Durango, CO. She received her Bachelors of Art's degree in Psychology and Minor in Native American Indigenous Studies. Alanna has had various careers since graduating in 2021, working as a Teachers Aid, Youth advocate and now currently a Transitional Housing Specialist on the Meskwaki Settlement in Iowa. Her passion is helping those who are in need of assistance and support.

Speaker: Holsey, Shannon

Shannon Holsey serves as president of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians.

Holsey has served three terms as President, following eight years as a member of the Tribal Council. Holsey grew up on the Stockbridge-Munsee reservation in Bowler, Wisconsin, and has committed the Tribe to serving as good stewards of its economic, environmental and culture as well as intellectual resources.

Holsey also serves as president of the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, which represents eleven-member tribes with a land base of about 1 million acres spanning 45 counties. She is appointed as the Wisconsin State Legislature's Special Committee on State-Tribal Relations. NCAI Treasurer, NCAI area vice president, MAST Secretary, INMED Advisory Council, CMA Tribal Technical Advisory Group, NCAI Sub Committee member of land management, Co-chair of NCAI Violence Against Women's Act Task force, Wisconsin's MMIW Task Force, Governor Appointed Student Debt Relief Task Force National Council on Aging committee member, Region 5 EPA RTOC member.

Holsey's personal philosophy on leadership recognizes that Native Americans are growing economies, preparing students to succeed, delivering high-quality health care, protecting the environment, upholding tribal sovereignty, and solving the unique challenges facing our tribal communities. Holsey received her bachelor's degree in business administration magna cum laude and master's degrees in strategic leadership and communication from Seton Hall

Presenter: Imus-Nasonnhoya, Valura

Valaura Imus-Nahsonhoya, Hopi Tribal member, Founder and Executive Director of Honwungsi Consulting Services, LLC, CEO of Omauw Resource Center, 501c3, Associate with the National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College, Task Member/Tribal Liaison/Study Coordinator for the Arizona State Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples Ad Hoc Committee and Director of Communication Engagement with ASU Research on Violent Victimization Lab. Implemented Arizona's Missing Person's & Trafficking Recovery Program. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Health Promotion from Northern Arizona University and Master's in Criminal Justice with an Emphasis in Legal Studies from Grand Canyon University. With over 20 years of progressive experience augmented by a strong background in victim service program development and implementation, including policy development. Grant proposal writing and financial management. Effective in coordination and collaboration with Indigenous Leaders and Communities. Subject matter expert, educator, and trainer on victim service implementation, human trafficking, domestic violence, sexual violence, Missing & Murdered Indigenous People, and other related topics. Her partnerships expand throughout the United States and Alaska to assist with improvements of health and wellness of Indigenous People.

Presenter: Jackson, Andrea

Andy is currently the Cultural Specialist for Pokagon Band of Pottawatomi Victim Services. She brings cultural activities and teachings to women and children who have been victimized by violence. The victim services staff works together to help each other by bringing balance back into the lives of victims and survivors. Andy is dedicated to the approach that culture can help connect in the healing of our families. Andy has worked with children, throughout her entire life. She was a preschool teacher for many years. Gardening also is a huge part of my life. Planting and working with mother earth and watching plants grow makes her happy.

She grows flowers for everyone. She says, “passing out flowers to our community and showing them that a small gesture brings happiness and appreciation, gathering medicines and using them to help others is also very important to me’. She loves spending time and listening to traditional elders. The Elders have so much knowledge and awesome teachings we need to absorb can from them before they are gone from us. It is a privilege to be with them and an honor for them to entrust their teachings with us.

Andy has been working with the Pokagon Victim Services program since it began years ago. Making sure as a tribe domestic violence would be acknowledged as a huge issue and needed to be addressed. She has remained committed to taking care of families as necessary to helping heal the harm and historical trauma that we have endured.

Andy is committed to us all needing to work together to make our communities safe and welcoming. She supports us the belief that we can all work together for the next seven generations to come. Our children are our future, and it is our job to make it a better place for them. And Give them the tools they need to succeed.

Presenter: Jones, Rebekah

Rebekah Jones, Grants Management Specialist, United States Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, Tribal Affairs Division

Rebekah works from Mayetta, Kansas, and is a citizen of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska. She manages the OVW Grants to Indian Tribal Governments Program (Tribal Governments) and multiple training and technical assistance projects within OVW’s Tribal Affairs Division. Rebekah joined the Tribal Affairs Division in 2015 and has since managed several tribal specific grant programs, special initiatives, and technical assistance projects. Prior to joining OVW, she was the Program Manager for a tribal victim services program. While there she and her team initiated and implemented a broad range of comprehensive victim services for Native Americans living on and near the reservation communities of northeast Kansas including: general victim advocacy and services; community outreach and education; criminal justice system based victim advocacy; batterer’s intervention programming; safe visit/safe exchange; SAFESTAR sexual assault response; and lay legal advocacy for domestic violence and sexual assault survivors in tribal courts. She received her Associate of Arts degree from Haskell Indian Nations University, and her Bachelor and Masters of Social Work from Washburn University.

University with distinction.

Presenter: Jerue, Tami Truett

Tami Truett Jerue lives in Anvik Alaska, a small Athabascan community on the Yukon River. She is the mother of four children and the grandmother of five. She has worked in the field of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault for the last 40 years in various capacities. Ms. Jerue’s education includes a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work, Community Psychology, and Secondary Education. She has been involved with many non-profit boards over the years and has worked most of her professional life in rural Alaska in many fields such as Therapist, Sexual Assault Counselor, Teacher, Tribal Administrator, ICWA Social Worker, and Trainer. She currently works as the Executive Director of the Alaska Native Women’s Resource Center. Her many experiences and that of her family and friends with Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault have kept Ms. Jerue passionate about helping facilitate change at a community level, within systems, and in families to help survivors live a violence-free life.

Presenter: Jojola, Theodore

Theodore (Ted) Jojola, Ph.D., is a Distinguished Professor and Regents’ Professor in the Community & Regional Planning Program, School of Architecture + Planning, University of New Mexico (UNM).

Currently, he is the founder and Director of the Indigenous Design + Planning Institute. iD+Pi works with tribal communities throughout the SW region as well as internationally by facilitating culturally informed approaches to community development

From 2008 to 2010, he was Visiting Distinguished Professor at Arizona State University where he was a member of the faculty of the School Geographic Sciences and Planning. He was Director of Native American Studies at UNM from 1980 to 1996 and established the interdisciplinary undergraduate degree program in Native Studies.

He is actively involved in major research projects on Indigenous community development and PlaceKnowing. He is co-editor of two books—*The Native American Philosophy of V.F. Cordova* entitled *How It Is* (U. of Arizona Press, 2007) and *Reclaiming Indigenous Planning* (McGill-Queens University Press, 2013). He has published numerous articles and chapters on topics relating to indigenous design & planning, stereotyping and economic development. He is an enrolled member of the Pueblo of Isleta.

Presenter: Jump, Lori

Lori Jump, a citizen of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, is the Chief Executive Officer of the StrongHearts Native Helpline. Her love of family and community is central to the work she chooses as is her belief that we have responsibilities to those who came before us and those who will follow. Her most important roles are those of Mom, Gma, Sister, Daughter, Auntie. Lori brings a wealth of tribal advocacy experience to StrongHearts having worked for 25+ years in her tribal community, working with tribal, state and federal jurisdictions. She continued her work in the field of violence against women as a founding member and former Executive Director of Uniting Three Fires Against Violence, Michigan's tribal coalition. Lori continues to serve her tribal nation as an Appellate Court Judge for the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Court.

Presenter: Julian, Paula S.

Paula Julian serves as Editor of *Restoration Magazine* and Senior Policy Specialist for the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center (NIWRC), developing NIWRC's policy agenda on restoring sovereignty to increase Native women's safety. She works with staff and partners to identify, analyze, monitor, and draft policy priorities and supporting documents, provide training and technical assistance regarding policy priority areas, engage in advocacy efforts to advance NIWRC's policy priorities and develop partnerships to strengthen laws, policies, and responses addressing violence against Native women. Paula has worked with Alaska Native advocates establishing the Alaska Native Women's Resource Center and with Native Hawaiian advocates to form the Pouhana O Nā Wāhine (Pillars of Women) – both organizations dedicated to addressing domestic and gender-based violence in the Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian community respectively. Paula has over 25 years of experience working on violence against women issues, especially Native women issues. Formerly, Paula was an Outreach Coordinator with Sacred Circle, worked for the Avellaka Program of the La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians to help develop the Tribe's response to violence against women; and worked with the White Buffalo Calf Woman Society, Inc. to develop and provide technical assistance to tribes nationwide to strengthen tribal capacity to respond to sexual assault victims through development of a curriculum, community education, and webinar materials. Paula also was a Program Manager at the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice. Highlights of her time at OVW include the analysis and development of policies affirming government-to-government relations and the Federal trust responsibility for the Department and with other Federal agencies; development of the Safety for Indian Women from Sexual Assault Offenders Initiative; development and administration from 2001-2006 of the Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions Grant Program; development and implementation of technical assistance and training; and management of various OVW Programs.

Presenter: Kasper-Well, Casey

Casey Kasper-Welles is a Citizen of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians. In 2013 she joined the Department of Social Services as the Victim Services Manager and has served as the Victim Services Supervisor since May 2021. Casey has spent her career working in domestic and sexual violence services and is humbled to be given the opportunity to help cultivate a safe and equitable community for all. Casey holds a Master of Social Work from the University of Michigan. In her free time she enjoys working out, sewing and quilting, reading, and spending time with friends and family.

Presenter: Katcher, Katherine

[Katherine Katcher](#) is the Justice Policy Lead for the Yurok Tribe, where she works on strategies to [end the crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous People](#). In this role, she supports the Tribe by providing advocacy, legislative

analysis, coalition-building and policy research around issues related to ending violence against Indigenous persons in Tribal communities and the crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous People. Katherine has 19 years of work in the public policy and nonprofit sector, with a broad range of roles and experiences, including criminal justice reform, adult education, and victim services. Katherine received her B.A. degree in Anthropology from Columbia University and received her J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law. She is an attorney licensed to practice in the state of California.

Presenter: Kennedy-Howard, Nellis

Nellis Kennedy-Howard founded Asdzáą Consulting - Asdzáą (meaning “woman”) is a Navajo woman owned consulting firm assisting mission driven organizations in becoming more effective, more impactful, and more equitable. Nellis is a former Sierra Club Executive who served as Director of Equity, Inclusion, and Justice where she worked to transform the country's oldest and largest environmental non-profit to become more equitable. Nellis is an attorney with certificates in Federal Indian Law and Natural Resources Law. She previously worked alongside Winona LaDuke as Co-Executive Director at the Native non-profit organization, Honor the Earth. She first became an environmentalist after learning of the country's largest uranium spill, which took place just miles from her family's home on the Navajo Reservation.

Presenter: LaFrinier-Ritchie, Anne

Anne LaFrinier-Ritchie is a 2020 graduate of the NHTTAC Human Trafficking Leadership Academy Class 5, which developed recommendations on how culture can be used as a protective factor against human trafficking among Indigenous youth. Anne has been working in the anti-trafficking field in direct services, training, and technical assistance since 2016. Anne has worked with tribal communities for the past decade in advocacy, child welfare, and anti-trafficking. Anne has led and co-facilitated culturally specific, gender-focused, and preventative youth and adult groups with Native American and non-Native participants since 2011. Anne has provided trainings related to human trafficking, systemic oppression, and historical trauma in person and online to over 8,000 individuals. Anne is an active member of the YWCA Cass Clay Racial Justice Committee and is a board member for the Indigenous Association of Fargo-Moorhead and Mending the Sacred Hoop.

Presenter: LaPorte, Caroline

Caroline LaPorte (immediate descendant of the Little River Band Of Ottawa Indians) is the Director of the STTARS Indigenous Safe Housing Center after previously serving as NIWRC's Senior Native Affairs Policy Advisor. She graduated from the University of Miami School of Law, where she was named a Henry Bandier Fellow, and received the Natasha Pettigrew Memorial Award for her time as a fellow in the Children and Youth Law Clinic. She currently serves as an Associate Judge for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

Caroline's work focuses primarily on housing, human rights, children, firearms, and criminal justice focused within the gender-based violence framework. She serves on the American Bar Associations Victim's Rights Task Force, co-chairs the Victim's Committee for the Criminal Justice Section of the ABA, is a member of the Lenape Center's MMIW Task Force, on the Board of Directors for StrongHearts Native Helpline and the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence, worked with Gwen Packard on helping to start the National Working Group on Safe Housing for American Indians and Alaska Natives and is an adjunct instructor at the University of Miami teaching Native and Indigenous studies.

Presenter: Long Chase, Memory

Memory Dawn Long Chase is an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. She has worked in the anti-gender-based movement for the past 10 years. Memory has spent much of her career providing advocacy for victim/survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. Her previous experience includes working for Arizona's state coalition and has worked in direct service for several years at a community based multi-service agency running the Outreach department. Prior to coming to SWIWC, Memory worked with the chronically homeless, single adult Native American population in Maricopa County. Memory is actively studying for her Bachelor of Arts in Community Advocacy and Social Policy at Arizona State University.

Presenter: Lopez, Melodie A.

Melodie A. Lopez (Hopi/Navajo/Pueblo/Mexican - Pam'i/She/Her), M.S.W. is a founding matriarch of the HONOR Collective. She is the President of Indigenous Strategies LLC which blends traditional Native knowledge with contemporary Indigenous scholarship to provide unique programming, evaluation and professional development. Melodie has helped to nurture other organizations including the Indigenous Intellectual Warriors and Native Education Alliance, Tucson. HONOR Collective is comprised of Indigenous women, Two-Spirit, transgender, and non-binary individuals who are grounded in feminine energy to support individuals, families and communities who have experienced trauma related to Murdered and Missing Indigenous Relations.

Presenter: Love, Christina

Christina Love is an Alutiiq/Sugpiaq woman (she/her) from Egegik village who was raised in Chitina, Alaska. Christina is a consultant, recovery coach and civil and human rights activist. Christina has dedicated her work and energy to systems change for targeted and marginalized populations. She is a formerly incarcerated person in long term recovery who currently works as a Specialist for the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (ANDVSA), the state's coalition of domestic and sexual violence programs. Christina's role focuses on intersectionality with an emphasis on trauma. Christina is part of a collective movements that works to end violence, oppression, shame, and stigma through the liberation of education, community healing, and storytelling.

Presenter: Majel-Dixon, Jauna

Juana Majel-Dixon, Ph.D., is a citizen of the Pauma-Yuima Band of Luiseño Indians and has served on the tribe's legislative council for 28 years. As a member of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) for nearly five decades, she has championed the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), spearheading the formation of NCAI's VAWA Task Force in 2003, dedicating endless hours to VAWA re-authorization in 2005, and ensuring the passage of VAWA and the Tribal Law and Order Act in 2013, which established an Office of Tribal Justice within the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). Under the auspices of the DOJ's Tribal Nations Leadership Council, she currently chairs the Tribal Actions Leadership Council, advising the Attorney General on public safety, criminal justice, and other critical issues facing American Indian and Alaska Native communities today.

Dr. Majel-Dixon holds a joint doctorate in U.S. policy and education, a master's degree in behavioral science, and a master's degree in psychology. She has taught federal Indian law and U.S. policy for 25 years at Palomar College and is a visiting professor at San Diego State University, Claremont Graduate University, and Cal State San Marcos. Throughout her career as an advocate, educator, and traditional Native healer, she has traveled the world representing the unique perspectives of Indigenous peoples, raising awareness about Native sovereignty, tribal justice systems, racism, spirituality, healing, and education.

Presenter: Marley, Jennifer

Jennifer Marley is a Ph.D. student in the American Studies department at the University of New Mexico. Jennifer entered the program having completed a B.A. with a double major in Native American Studies and American studies from the University of New Mexico (2019).

Jennifer's research interests include Queer Indigenous Studies, Indigenous feminisms, Third world feminisms, Indigenous Political Movements, Marxism, internationalism, Environmental Studies, Critical Indigenous studies, and settler colonialism. Influenced by her upbringing as a citizen of San Ildefonso Pueblo, Jennifer's research explores the unique ways heteropatriarchy has manifested in Pueblo communities and how this shapes and re-shapes Pueblo Identity and kinship, as well as relationships to the state, other groups. In particular, Jennifer is interested in articulating a Pueblo/a/x feminist lens and contributing to the theoretical frameworks Indigenous feminisms have produced.

Presenter: Martinez, Rita

Rita Y. Martinez (Pueblo of Laguna and Jemez), MCRP, MPA, is the Vice President of American Indian Development Associates, LLC. She has over 15 years of management, research, and evaluation experience overseeing daily

operations with accounting, human resources, contracts, and reporting. She manages multiple research, evaluation, and assessments applying various methodologies with tribes nationwide. Rita is co-lead of the National Baseline Study: A study of health, wellness, and safety among Native women living in tribal communities and a Victims of Human Trafficking formative evaluation in six Native American communities. She is a Native FEWS Alliance Evaluation Team Member through Native Pathways, where she provides input on evaluation design, data collection, and analysis. Her master's degrees are from the University of New Mexico. Rita's mission is to use the knowledge, skills, and abilities obtained from her education and experience to implement culturally relevant and community-based solutions through Indigenous planning, policy, programs, research and education, and community development in tribal communities.

Presenter: Martinez, Ryan

Ryan Martinez, LSAA is a psychology graduate from Northern New Mexico College. He is a member of Nambe Pueblo and the founder of Tewa Roots Society. His passion for outdoor behavioral health and experiential education was the inspiration that drove him to create the first and only accredited tribal mental health organization in the world. He comes with a wealth of knowledge and experience as a Lead Mental Health Program Facilitator and Operations Manager for the Mountain Center. Along with overseeing the direction of Tewa Roots Society, he also serves as the programs grant writer, and has brought in over \$4,100,000 in grant funds since 2018. He strives to assure that our Indigenous people have access to high quality direct services and programs necessary to mitigate the soaring rates of substance use, suicide, domestic violence, and other mental health related issues. His goal for Tewa Roots Society is to continue expanding clinical service options, in order to assure Tewa Roots Society and the Pueblo of Nambe continue to build a reputation as one of the most dynamic mental health programs in the state of New Mexico.

Presenter: Matthews, Nicole

Nicole Matthews is a descendent of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe, and is the Executive Director for Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition; a statewide Tribal Coalition and National Tribal Technical Assistance Provider, addressing sexual violence and sex trafficking against Indigenous people. Nicole was one of five researchers who interviewed 105 Native women used in prostitution and trafficking for their report: Garden of Truth: The Prostitution and Trafficking of Native Women in Minnesota. Nicole served as the Vice Chair of Minnesota's Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women's Task Force; she serves on the Executive Council of the Young Women's Initiative of Minnesota; she is a board member for the Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center; she served on the State of Minnesota Attorney General's Work Group on Sexual Assault. She is a TedX Speaker, and a National and International Speaker on sexual violence and sex trafficking, and the intersections of racism and oppression. Nicole is also the proud mother of three beautiful children and the grandmother to one. They give her the strength and motivation to continue working to end gender-based violence.

Presenter: McKenna, Anissa

Anissa McKenna (Yaqui, she/her/they/them), M.S. is a Tribal Climate Resilience Liaison for the American Indian Higher Education Consortium and the Southwest Climate Adaptation Science Center. In this role, Anissa works to connect Tribes and Tribal colleges and universities to resources related to climate adaptation and resilience. They are an environmental science graduate of the University of Arizona whose research focused on the contamination and human health risks associated with mine tailings. Anissa is interested in addressing harmful patriarchal structures within native communities. HONOR Collective is comprised of Indigenous women, Two-Spirit, transgender, and non-binary individuals who are grounded in feminine energy to support individuals, families and communities who have experienced trauma related to Murdered and Missing Indigenous Relations.

Presenter: McKenna, Sochik

Sochik McKenna (Yaqui, They/Them) is a Two-Spirit & LGBTQ+ Outreach Coordinator at the Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition. They enjoy working with Native youth and currently serve as an administrator for Yoeme Two-Spirit group, an online community for trans, queer, and Two-Spirit Yaqui individuals. They're interested in creating protocols of repair and defense for trans, queer, and Two-Spirit Native people living throughout the southwest and

along the borderlands. HONOR Collective is comprised of Indigenous women, Two-Spirit, transgender, and non-binary individuals who are grounded in feminine energy to support individuals, families and communities who have experienced trauma related to Murdered and Missing Indigenous Relations.

Presenter: Melander, Christina

Christina Melander, MSW, is a researcher in RTI International's Justice Practice Area. Coming from a background in community practice social work, her work focuses on using participatory and community-engaged research methodologies with vulnerable populations to critically examine and improve systems response to violence and marginalization. Her research areas include human trafficking, sex trading, sexual violence, intimate partner violence, gender equality, and labor protections. She is currently the Associate Project Lead for the Administration for Children and Families' Formative Evaluation of the Demonstration Grants to Strengthen the Response to Victims of Human Trafficking in Native Communities (VHT-NC) Program.

Presenter: Melton, Ada Pecos

Ada Pecos Melton (Pueblo of Jemez), MPA, is the President/CEO of American Indian Development Associates, LLC. She has 33 years of experience designing and managing culturally relevant studies involving tribal justice systems and programs. Ada has administrator and practitioner experience working on violence and victimization issues occurring on tribal lands from her work as a chief probation officer and administrator in her early career. The hands-on work enables her to develop and manage culturally relevant tribal studies. She has written numerous project reports, instructional and information materials, and articles. She is the project director and co-research associate for two national victimization studies (one involving Native women and another on Native American human trafficking). These studies are helping tribes understand the causes and correlates of crime, violence, and victimization occurring in tribal communities by and against Native people. Her knowledge and lived experience working with tribal, state, and federal agencies strengthens her capabilities to engage practitioners, administrators, and policymakers involving tribal governments and citizens.

Presenter: Musgrave, Marquel

Marquel Musgrave (they/she) is a mother, auntie, and tribal citizen of Nanbé Owingeh (the Pueblo of Nambe). She is joining the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center as the Covid TA Specialist after dedicating the last two years as the Membership and Communications Director at the Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women. During their time at CSVANW, Marquel had the honor of being a member of the core work group that organized to pass the Indian Family Protection Act, effectively codifying the federal ICWA protections in the state of NM. Marquel's recent advocacy work has focused on mutual aid projects, clean indoor air mitigation, and disability justice to support the collective and long-term health of tribal communities in the southwest region during the Covid-19 pandemic and ongoing climate crisis. Prior to her work at CSVANW, Marquel was an outdoor experiential educator with the Mountain Center under the Native American Emergence Program and Therapeutic Adventure Program. Through this program, she focused on decolonial resilience and the reclamation of Indigenous knowledge systems as a pathway toward intergenerational healing. She presented on the concept of 'Cultural Risk Management' at the 2019 NOLS Wilderness Risk Management Conference. She served an elected term as Tribal Council Secretary for the Pueblo of Nambe in 2011. During this time, she also served as the Grants and Contracts Administrator, leading the creation and seeding of the Nanbé Owingeh Community Garden project which has continued to grow and feed the community for over a decade. Marquel has a BA in Business Administration and over fifteen years of community organizing experience. Marquel has a background in journalism, as a lead Reporter for OTR Global and regularly contributing writer and Creative Director for Indigenous Goddess Gang online Indigenous feminist magazine. Cultural and language revitalization are deeply important to Marquel. The core values that guide Marquel's advocacy are 'seegi' and 'agín' or love and respect for her people and all relatives, human and non-human. She is currently a member of the Tewa Language Committee in Nanbé Owingeh, serves on the Board of Directors for Pueblo Action Alliance, and is a co-founder of the Rights of Mother Earth and Water Beings Coalition. Marquel is committed to a Tewa values-centered practice to fulfill the responsibility of being a good relative and lifelong learner/unlearner. She greets the sun each day with the prayer and intention of contributing to the health and well-being of current and future generations.

Presenter: Nagle, Mary Kathryn

Mary Kathryn Nagle is an enrolled citizen of the Cherokee Nation. She is an attorney whose work focuses on the restoration of tribal sovereignty and the inherent right of Indian Nations to protect their women and children from domestic violence and sexual assault. From 2015 to 2019, she served as the first Executive Director of the Yale Indigenous Performing Arts Program. Nagle is an alum of the 2013 Public Theater Emerging Writers Program. Productions include Miss Lead (Amerinda, 59E59), Fairly Traceable (Native Voices at the Autry), Sovereignty (Arena Stage), Manahatta (Oregon Shakespeare Festival), Return to Niobrara (Rose Theater), and Crossing Mnisose (Portland Center Stage), Sovereignty (Marin Theatre Company), and Manahatta (Yale Repertory Theatre). She has received commissions from Arena Stage, the Rose Theater (Omaha, Nebraska), Portland Center Stage, Denver Center for the Performing Arts, Yale Repertory Theatre, Round House Theater, Oregon Shakespeare Theater, the Kansas City Repertory Theatre, and the Santa Fe Opera. She also works in film and television. Most recently she served as an Associate Producer on the film PREY. She is most well known for her work on ending violence against Native women. Her play Sliver of a Full Moon has been performed in law schools from Stanford to Harvard, NYU and Yale. She has worked extensively on Violence Against Women Act re-authorization, and she has filed numerous briefs in the United States Supreme Court, as a part of the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center's VAWA Sovereignty Initiative, including most recently, Denezpi v. United States, United States v. Cooley, Oklahoma v. Murphy, Oklahoma v. McGirt, Oklahoma v. Castro-Huerta, and Brackeen v. Haaland. She represents numerous families of Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls, including Kaysera Stops Pretty Places' family who have brought a public campaign demanding an investigation into her murder. More can be read here: www.justiceforkaysera.org

Presenter: Nahsonhoya, Brandon

Brandon Nahsonhoya (Tewa/Hopi). Co-owner of Honwungsi Consulting Services, LLC. Brandon's profession is in Quality management and inspection of machine and fabricated equipment and parts. Coordinates a Missing Person and Human Trafficking Recovery Program, operational planning to include security and driving tactics in collaboration with survivors of F.I.R.E and Angels Go To Work since 2016. Trained by survivors of human trafficking and Side by Side International Church in safe recovery techniques. He worked in Executive Protection and Security with Executives, Dignitaries and Professional Sports in minimizing risk of threats, identifying, resolving and eliminating threats for clients. A coordinator and mentor for men and boys in addressing violence and victimization. Recently, expanded youth services through sports and providing education/awareness on sex trafficking, social media dangers, substance use, health and wellness. Attended Fort Lewis College.

Presenter: Nelson, Henrietta Stands

My name is Henrietta Stands Nelson; I'm an enrolled member Oglala Lakota, I was born and raised on the Pine Ridge reservation, in the small town of Oglala. Through the years I attended different colleges. I received my degree in associate, bachelor and onto receive my Master of Science in Addiction Counseling at the University of Grand Canyon. Worked in several places as an Addictions Counselor or Wellness Counselor. Currently, I am pursuing my Doctorate in Doctor of Philosophy in General Psychology with an emphasis in Cognition and Instruction at GCU. I'm more observant in honoring diversity and embracing a Multicultural Approach. I'm an Advocate for MMIP and secretary of MMIP State Chapter. Love helping people with their endeavors for a better viewpoint on life. I ride a Harley and ride to MMIP events and Memorial rides. Riding with Prayers for our Loved Ones. Living my life in a humble way.

Presenter: O'Leary, Carmen

Carmen O'Leary is the Director of Native Women's Society of the Great Plains. She is a citizen and a resident of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe where she has gathered her experience and expertise to develop programs that serve native women experiencing violence. Carmen is a trainer on advocacy around sexual assault and domestic violence. She is a certified trainer with the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center for Law Enforcement on Domestic Violence. Carmen has worked at providing insight on Tribal Codes in relation to sexual assault, domestic violence, and the issuance of protection order. During the year 2000 she worked as a consultant for the State Court Association in providing training on full faith and credit to Judges and court staff on the VAWA provision. She has worked as a Social Services aide in a hospital setting, as a Child Protection Worker, and as the coordinator for the Women's Shelter for seventeen years. Carmen is a Tribal Legal Lay advocate for the Cheyenne River Tribal

court and has served as a part time magistrate for Tribal court. She has facilitated reeducation classes for Domestic violence Offenders and for Women's support groups and Adults Molested as Children. Carmen has served on the VAWA 904 Research Task Force, is the regional representative for the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center where she is the Vice Chair, and is on the Sacred Heart Center board, a local program that governs the women's shelter and an adolescent program. Carmen volunteers as a Guardian Ad Litem for children in the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal court.

Presenter: Packard, Gwen

Gwendolyn Packard (Ihanktonwan Dakota), Senior Housing Specialist, National Indigenous Women's Resource Center, has worked for many years in Indian country, both at the national and tribal level. She has served as editor for six national Indian publications. In 1990 she was instrumental in founding the National Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (NOFAS). She served as Executive Director for Morning Star House, an advocacy program that works with off-reservation Indian women and children who are victims/survivors of domestic and sexual violence. She also served as Executive Director of the NM Suicide Prevention Coalition and is the founder and Co-Chair of Rain Cloud, the off-reservation behavioral health collaborative in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She is a survivor of domestic violence, a writer, a grassroots organizer, an advocate, and a community activist. She has made a commitment to social change in working to address social, environmental, and economic justice issues that affect the health and well-being of Indian people as documented in her work experience.

Presenter: Pilgrim-Lewis, Sandra

Sandra Pilgrim-Lewis shares Oglala Lakota Sioux and African American heritage. She currently serves as the Uniting Three Fires Against Violence, DVS Director. She is a lifetime social change activist and advocate who has remained dedicated to seeking opportunities for creating chances for opening doors and diminishing access and social barriers. She holds a post graduate degree in education.

Sandra worked as an Executive Director of dual organizations in Michigan and Alaska for nearly two decades. She also served on the Michigan Coalition to Ending Domestic and Sexual Violence, Praxis International and Sunrise Center Boards of Directors and held an active role in the Alaska Native Sisterhood. Sandra, humbly served as a Project Manager for the Michigan Division of Victim Services, focusing on Tribal and other culturally specific community funding and service gaps. Sandra remains a constant voice, and advocate for expanding access to resources for our indigenous relatives, programs and communities with a concentration on violence against women and children's issues.

Presenter: Pope, Mitzi

Mitzi Pope LCSW is Yuchi, a member of The Muscogee Nation, and licensed clinical social worker with over 12 years serving Tribal communities. She served as therapist for Muscogee Nation's Center for Victim Services. In this role, she drafted and implemented counseling policy, provided trauma-informed counseling, conducted suicide crisis intervention, and facilitated women's trauma groups. In addition to direct service work, Mitzi has developed and facilitated victims service and trauma-informed training opportunities and resources in rural and urban Tribal communities.

Presenter: Ramirez, Rachel

Rachel Ramirez, LISW-S, RASS, is the Director of Health and Disability Programs and the Founder of The Center on Partner-Inflicted Brain Injury at The Ohio Domestic Violence Network (ODVN). In this role, she oversees several initiatives on the intersection of domestic violence, disability, behavioral health and health access, with a focus on trauma-informed services and partner-inflicted brain injury. She also provides extensive statewide, national, and international training, consultation, technical assistance, and program support. Rachel has been with ODVN for 16 years and has co-authored several peer reviewed journal articles, as well as been featured on National Public Radio, The New York Times Magazine, and The Washington Post discussing brain injury and domestic violence. Rachel is a dedicated and passionate advocate for survivors of abuse and works preparing systems to provide trauma and brain injury informed services.

Presenter: Red Hail, Gene

Gene Red Hail, Oneida Nation of Wisconsin/ Dakota, Crow Creek, has spent over two decades working in his community to not only help raise awareness of domestic violence, but also to work with the men who have been convicted of the offense. The sweat lodge is one of several tools Red Hail uses when working with male clients to help re-instill traditional values in their lives. "The values we're supposed to have as Native men are already available to us in our traditional teachings. It has nothing to do with being tough and not backing down and walking around with that warrior look. It's about being humble, compassionate, giving, loving, and caring. These are the values we're supposed to live by. These men in this program see that and respect that." In 1999, Gene started work for the Oneida Nation, Domestic Violence Coordinator as the Batterers Intervention Program (BIP) Coordinator. Between 2005 – 2021, he was the Coordinator for the Oneida Coordinated Community Response Team. Between 2008-2018, Gene was the Governor's appointee to Governor's Council to Domestic Violence Council, for the state of Wisconsin. He has traveled to various Tribal nations, training on BIP Programming & Coordinated Community Response Team development.

Presenter: Reynolds, Jourdan

Jourdan "Choi" Reynolds, is an adoptee from Seongnam, South Korea. He grew up in Wisconsin, in the Milwaukee metropolitan area. Though the state is home to 11 federally recognized tribes, Jourdan never encountered a tribal nation until he was 18 years old. His passion for helping indigenous communities would develop while student teaching on the Kickapoo Reservation in Kansas. As an adoptee who didn't grow up with his biological parents, Jourdan noticed several connections he shared with the children, many of whom often lived with their grandparents. Jourdan has worked for the Meskwaki Nation since 2020, working as a victim advocate, social worker, and now manager for the tribe's victim services program, RISE. He is currently working towards his master's degree in Social Work through the University of Iowa. Jourdan strives to be the warrior that sacrifices, cares for, and protects the defenseless. He thanks the Creator for path he has shown him, and is excited for where it will take him next.

Presenter: Rice, Jessie

Jessie Rice serves as a Crime Victim Program Specialist for the Alaska Native Women's Resource Center (AKNWRC). Jessie is a member of the Emmonak tribe. Jessie is a proud mother of 6 children.

Jessie was born and raised in Alaska. She has worked for tribal organizations for over 20 years. Prior to joining the Alaska Native Women's Resource Center, she served as a program coordinator and victim advocate. She completed the Rural Human Services program through the University of Alaska, Fairbanks.

Jessie has volunteered in several capacities with the intent to help make Alaska a safer place for our native women, including Cultural Ambassador of the Alaska State Fair Royalty; serving a year-long term as leadership of the Anchorage Alliance for Violence Prevention (AAVP); Girl Scouts of Alaska troop leader; Kairos Faith Formation teacher; USBC Youth bowling volunteer; Parent seat in the Anchorage School District's Native Advisory Committee; as well as member of the Zonta Club of Anchorage.

Presenter: Root, Kendra M.

Kendra M. Root Muscogee Nation/Euchee Kendra serves as the Research Associate for the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center, where she serves Native communities by providing culturally appropriate research and evaluation for our communities, to fight for Tribal sovereignty and the health, safety, and wellness for Native American families throughout Indian Country. A citizen of the Muscogee Nation she was raised in the heart of Creek Country, Bristow, Oklahoma. She is a descendent from the Euchee/Creek Snow Family of the Polecat Ceremonial Ground region. She received her Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Arts degree in Native American Studies from the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma. She is currently a PhD student at Oklahoma State University, College of Education and Human Sciences, studying Social Foundations of Education. Kendra is active and participates in many of her own tribal ceremonial and cultural activities as well as the Plains Tribes traditional ways with her daughter and husband, as they are citizens of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma. In her spare time, she loves to sew and craft, exercise, be outside, garden, cook, watch the hummingbirds in the spring and summer, and most of all spending time with her family. Her mother taught her to

be a strong Native woman and the importance of providing empowerment to our Native communities, she continues these teachings with her daughter. Her stepfather encourages her to continue her walk in two worlds with one spirit daily.

Presenter: Ross, Ruthy

Ruthy Ross (Yaqui, Purépecha, Mexican, she/her) is a proud mother, Danzante, drummer and HONOR Matriarch. She has helped her people with language barriers and is a Language Justice Interpreter. Through Danza/ceremony she has brought awareness to the border injustices Indigenous people face, and has been involved in actions/protests to protect sacred sites. HONOR Collective is comprised of Indigenous women, Two-Spirit, transgender, and non-binary individuals who are grounded in feminine energy to support individuals, families and communities who have experienced trauma related to Murdered and Missing Indigenous Relations.

Presenter: Roy, Cassandra

Cassandra Roy is a member of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe, based in St. Paul Minnesota. She is passionate about uplifting Indigenous voices and communities, working collaboratively to ensure healing, safety, and sovereignty in all indigenous communities both within and outside of the United States. Previously, she worked as Communications Coordinator with StrongHearts Native Helpline, a national domestic, dating, and sexual violence helpline culturally specific for Native Americans and Alaska Natives. As Data Specialist for the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center, she hopes to work collaboratively with the team to optimize database workflows. Cassandra is currently pursuing her degree in Psychology with the intention of gaining her Master of Social Work (MSW) while specializing in the healing of Indigenous communities.

Speaker: Sahneyah, Dorma

DORMA SAHNEYAH is Hopi & Tewa and the proud mother of five adult children, grandmother of 15, and great grandmother of one. She is blessed to have her mother, who is almost 86 years old, to support her work and guide the cultural education and activities of her family. She currently resides in San Tan Valley, Arizona with her husband, Calvin.

Ms. Sahneyah is the new Deputy Director of the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center (NIWRC), a national Native non-profit organization dedicated to restoring safety to Native women and tribal communities by upholding the sovereignty of Indian nations and Alaska Native tribes. In this capacity, she works closely with the Executive Director on the day-to-day operations of NIWRC and operative teams and serves as a liaison with the Board of Directors.

Ms. Sahneyah previously served as the Executive Director for the Hopi Tribe where she was responsible for overall operations of seven departments and six administrative support offices. Ms. Sahneyah also served as the Director of Training and Technical Assistance for the NIWRC. Ms. Sahneyah also served as Executive Director for the Hopi-Tewa Women's Coalition, which together with others, she helped to found. She also served for over twelve years as Chief Prosecutor for the Hopi Tribe where she implemented a tribal domestic violence program, which included victim and child advocacy, batterer's intervention program, intense domestic violence probation supervision, and civil legal services for domestic and sexual violence survivors.

Ms. Sahneyah has dedicated her career to addressing the unacceptable high rates of violent crime that has plagued Indian country for decades and restoring to justice systems development the culture, values and traditions wrongfully and purposefully taken from Indigenous peoples. Ms. Sahneyah received her Juris Doctor degree from Arizona State University School of Law.

Presenter: Samuel-Nakka, Samantha

Samantha Samuel-Nakka has 15 years of experience in the field of human rights focused on preventing and responding to gender-based violence – on the international and local scale. Before joining the OVC Human Trafficking Capacity Building Center, Samantha worked as the Deputy Director of Services at a county victim service provider in Maryland. Her experience in the anti-trafficking field includes working for the National Human

Trafficking Hotline, serving as a case manager for human trafficking survivors in emergency shelter, and developing and managing an Anti-Trafficking Department. She also served as the co-chair for the Maryland Human Trafficking Taskforce – Housing Subcommittee. Her international experience includes working with the International Indigenous Women’s Forum on advocacy related to violence against indigenous women at the United Nations Permanent Forum of Indigenous Issues (UNPFII). Samantha earned her Master’s degree from the London School of Economics in International Development and she is currently a Ph.D. candidate focusing on building equitable and inclusive communities.

Presenter: Scheidegger, Tanya

Tanya Scheidegger is a licensed professional counselor and Deputy Director of Adolescent and Adult Services at the Gerald L. Ignace Indian Health Center. In her role she oversees the Native Connection program that focuses on suicide prevention and provides clinical mental health counseling. Through her work, Tanya has provided trauma counseling and advocacy for survivors of violence of all ages and genders. Additionally, she has participated in planning and facilitation of culturally-rooted community events centered on survivors of human trafficking and prevention-based mental health programming. Tanya has co-lead various presentations and trainings around trauma-informed healing and the importance of integrating culture in mental health care.

Speaker: Schlater, Wendy

Wendy Schlater is a dual citizen of the La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians and the U.S. In March 2019, Wendy was elected Vice Chairwoman for her Tribe, her third term as an elected tribal leader. Wendy also serves as Program Director of La Jolla’s Avellaka Program addressing safety for Native women on her Reservation. In this capacity, she organized the La Jolla Native Women’s Advisory Committee to host the first annual Inter-Tribal Sexual Assault Awareness Walk in 2010, which continues today traveling from reservation to reservation. One of Wendy’s passions is to assert and utilize tribal sovereignty to bring much needed services to her people. Wendy is also a member of the San Diego County Sexual Assault Response Team Committee and a Tribal Subcommittee member of the Violence Against Women Act Committee. Wendy is a founding Board member of a non-profit tribal coalition, the Strong Hearted Native Women’s Coalition and the National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center, for which she currently serves as NIWRC’s Board of Directors’ Treasurer. NIWRC is a national tribal nonprofit dedicated to restoring tribal sovereignty to increase Native women’s safety. Throughout her career, she has advocated for Native LGBTQ/2Spirit youth and adults, tribal youth, health, education, land, environmental issues and safety for Native women, developing innovative ways to create Tribal responses and programs respective of her people’s customs and traditions.

Presenter: Schultz, Dr. Dayna

Dr. Dayna Schultz, Psy. D., LSW, CSAC (Kanaka ’Ōiwi) is the Executive Director of Pouhana O Nā Wāhine. “To understand with your heart is Aloha.” Dayna believes that everyone has a story to tell and possess the ability to change their narrative as they grow. She welcomes individuals to share their stories with her in a safe space and at their own pace. She provides a sense of warmth, compassion and Aloha that fosters a “Kākou” (together) effort to remind each individual that she will be walking with them on their healing journey. As a Native Hawaiian Survivor of various traumas, Dayna continues to be guided by her na’au and ancestors daily in efforts of working toward ending violence from and within her people that will lead to peace, harmony, and sense of Aloha all ways, always.

Speaker: Simpson, Lucy

Ms. Simpson brings a wealth of legal and public policy experience, having served as an attorney in Indian country for almost 20 years, with over 15 years of financial and administrative management and supervision experience. Before joining the NIWRC team, she served as the Public Policy Coordinator for Sacred Circle and as the Senior Staff Attorney for the Indian Law Resource Center, where she worked on, among other projects, the Center’s Safe Women, Strong Nations project to address the epidemic of violence against Native women in this country. She has substantial experience working with Indian nations to promote tribal sovereignty, tribal code development, and protecting Native women and their families.

Presenter: Simpson, Tai

tai simpson (she/her) is also known as “The Storyteller” in the Indigenous language of the Nimiipuu, commonly known as the Nez Perce Tribe. As a direct descendant of Chief Redheart, tai takes great pride in serving her community as an organizer and advocate. tai catalyzed her racial and social justice organizing while studying Sociology and Political Philosophy & Public Law at Boise State University.

tai is a community organizer for the Indigenous Idaho Alliance. In 2018 and 2019, the Indigenous Idaho Alliance drafted the proclamations for Indigenous Peoples Day for the State of Idaho and the City of Boise. In 2020, the Alliance helped to draft a Concurrent Resolution acknowledging Missing & Murdered Indigenous Peoples Day in the Idaho Legislature.

As a Co-Director with the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence, tai focuses on violence prevention and response within Idaho’s five tribal communities. In 2019, tai gave a TEDxBoise talk exploring the belief that Indigenous “old ways” need to come back in style rejuvenated to interrupt harmful social norms perpetrated against Black and Indigenous communities. As an antiracism educator and community organizer, she uses Indigenous storytelling to depict the lens of “old ways” and how they protect the sacred, build strength in the community, and keep nature in balance; these principles support her work to champion radical inclusion, equity, and liberation.

tai can be found on Instagram @taisimpson, via Facebook @tai.simpson.1, and at www.taisimpson.com

Presenter: Smith III, Samuel J.

My name is Samuel J. Smith III. I am Taos Pueblo, Acoma Pueblo, and Navajo. I was born and raised in Taos Pueblo, which is in Northern New Mexico. My Navajo family comes from Indian Wells, Arizona. I am currently pursuing a Master of Science degree in Geospatial Systems Engineering at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. I graduated from Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute with 2 Associates degrees, one is for Pre-Engineering and the other is for Geospatial Information Science/Technology. I also received a bachelor’s degree from New Mexico State University in Geomatics/Surveying Engineering. I enjoy playing handgames, singing traditionally, powwow, and round dance. I have a family of 3 kids, 1 son, and 2 daughters, and my wife Crystal Barney. We currently reside in Rio Rancho, NM. I love to travel and meet new people from different tribes across Turtle Island.

Presenter: Soderberg, Nicole

Nicole Soderberg is from Nambe Owingeh who grew up in Los Angeles, California and moved to New Mexico in her youth. She graduated from Northern New Mexico College with her associates degree in gender education and her bachelor’s degree in integrated studies with an emphasis in Pueblo Indian studies. While attending NNMC she worked in the American Indian Center with Dr. Matthew Martinez as her mentor. She was president of the American Indian Student Organization for 2 years and facilitated multiple fundraisers to attend the Native American and Indigenous Association conferences in both Washington D.C. and Honolulu, HI. While attending the conference at the University of Hawaii she had the privilege of presenting her senior capstone. Nicole also worked with Pojoaque Valley School District as the Native American Liaison, where the need and support for our youth was fostered academically, socially, and personally. She witnessed and experienced the pressing needs of our youth. Her passion to help guide younger generations continues to remain her focus in life. She firmly believes that learning from one and other and sharing experiences is how we connect and grow.

Presenter: Stapp, Renee

Renee Stapp is a citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma, and currently serves as a Grants Management Specialist in the Tribal Affairs Division (TAD) at the Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW).

Prior to joining OVW/TAD, Renee spent the past 3.5 years with the National Center for Victims of Crime managing a center in support of providing TTA to Tribal grantee programs and those who serve Tribal communities. She has served as a federal victim specialist with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, a sworn police officer in Oklahoma (Tribal

and state), a Tribal victim advocate for domestic and sexual assault victims, a Tribal coalition director, and a state investigator for the Oklahoma Indigent Defense System. Renee is also a Tribal court legal advocate, certified by the National Tribal Trial College and the University of Wisconsin Law School.

Renee earned a Master of Science, Criminal Justice degree in 2010 from East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma. Renee has more than 20 years of experience dealing with victims of crime in Indian Country, working on different reservations across the country, including Oklahoma's complex jurisdiction. Her experience as an advocate and a law enforcement officer provides a unique perspective on Tribal, federal, and state systems response in addressing victims' needs in Indian Country.

Presenter: Stoner, Kelly Gaines

Kelly Stoner (Cherokee), serves as TLPI's Victim Advocacy Legal Specialist. She graduated from the University of Oklahoma College of Law in 1988. For the past twenty years, Kelly has taught at the North Dakota School of Law and Oklahoma City University School of Law (OKCU) where she taught American Indian/ Tribal Law and Domestic Violence related classes. She directed the University of North Dakota Native American Law Project that served clients of the Spirit Lake Reservation with a caseload that targeted domestic violence and sexual assault cases. In 2011, Kelly was appointed as a Judge for the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma. She also supervised a project in partnership with the Apache Tribe of Oklahoma that established a SAFE Unit at a local hospital, recruited SANEs and targeted community education on domestic violence and sexual assault. Kelly directed the Native American Legal Resource Center at OKCU where she supervised law students prosecuting Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking cases and representing victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in civil matters. She is a frequent lecturer for the American Bar Association's Commission on Domestic Violence and for the Office on Violence Against Women's national technical assistance providers on domestic violence issues in Indian Country. Ms. Stoner helped to launch Oklahoma's only tribal coalition against domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking- the Native Alliance Against Violence.

Presenter : Stover, Dawn R.

A citizen of the Cherokee Nation, Dawn Stover has been honored to use her passion and dedication to become a leading voice in Indian Country to address domestic and sexual violence in Tribal communities. Her largest demonstration of this has been her work with the Tribal coalitions, and her journey to advocate, educate and support Tribal efforts with reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).

Dawn was a founding board member and then director of the Oklahoma's Tribal coalition, in which she worked alongside 39 Tribal governments and victim service programs to work to enhance sovereignty and services to our Tribal lands. Dawn presently serves as the executive director of the Alliance of Tribal Coalitions to End Violence, a Native American organized and led nonprofit that works to advance Tribal sovereignty and the safety of American Indian and Alaska Native women by providing support to Tribal coalitions and communities to address equal justice for survivors of violence.

Prior to her work with the Tribal coalitions, Dawn served as the executive director of the Oklahoma Regional Community Policing Institute providing training to Oklahoma's peace officers, including Tribal officers. Dawn currently serves on the National Task Force to End Sexual and Domestic Violence, working on the development, passage, and implementation of effective public policy to address domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, particularly as it relates to Indian Country and Tribal communities, and impacts Tribal victim survivors, Tribal advocates, and Tribal coalitions. Dawn is the recipient of the Cherokee Nation ONE FIRE Advocate of the Year Award (2019), Women's Resource Center Partnership Award (2018), the Cleveland County Oklahoma's Woman of Influence Award (2018), the Bonnie HeavyRunner Victim Advocacy Award (2014), the Community Oriented Policing Services Award (2009), and a graduate of the Advocacy Learning Center (2014).

Presenter: Takes War Bonnett, Amanda

Amanda Takes War Bonnett-Beauvais, Oglala Nation, is public education specialist /Trainer for the Native Women's Society of the Great Plains, Reclaiming Our Sacredness, which is a coalition of domestic violence and/or sexual

assault programs committed to the reclamation of the sacred status of women. The Society offers a vision that ends domestic and sexual violence against Native women, in all aspects – a vision of change. The Society works to support and strengthen sisterhood and local advocacy and program development efforts through culturally specific education, technical assistance training and resource implementation. Amanda has worked in the field of journalism for more than 30 years and has since retired from print news and works to promote healthy lifestyles for women and children. She is a graduate from Sinte Gleska University with a masters in mental health and from Oglala Lakota College in Lakota Studies. She has worked as a communications coordinator at a tribal school for ten years and developed a successful communication interface model between school and community. She is also a part of the White Dragonfly Society, Tusweca Ska Okalokiciye, a traditional Lakota women's society using spiritual guidance and traditional ceremonies to assist in the teachings and healing of young female relatives. She has four children, three step children and 13 grandchildren. Her hobbies include beading, crafting, drawing, cake decorating, sewing, gardening and having fun with her grandchildren. She is married to Dr. Archie Beauvais, Sicangu Lakota, a PH.D graduate from Harvard University, retired.

Presenter: Tatofi, Dolly M.I.

Dolly M.I. Tatofi, MSW, LCSW (Kanaka 'Ōiwi) is a member of Pouhana O Nā Wāhine's Board of Directors. She is a spiritually guided wāhine that was born and raised on the island of Oahu. She has been blessed with many experiences that have guided her to serve others that span from keiki to kūpuna. She has worked in Behavioral Health for 10+ years and has served within a Health Care Organization. Dolly is currently serving the underserved women, children, and families of Native Hawaiian, Asian, and Pacific Islander descent in the ahupua'a of Kalihiliolaumiha through Kokua Kalihi Valley Comprehensive Family Services, an FQHC. Dolly has come to realize that at this moment, part of her kuleana is to connect and support people with restoring relationships through Aloha. She believes that through the daily living in Aloha, this will create, maintain, and enhance the relationships we have, not only with others but most importantly with the self. If we are able to know who we are deep inside, we will see this reflected outside of us and then will we know what Lōkahi truly means and feels like

Presenter: Teller, Verna:

In the face of gender discrimination, Verna Williamson Teller of Isleta Pueblo ushered in a new era of leadership, becoming the first female Pueblo governor in 1987. By spearheading passage of a constitutional amendment requiring tribal leadership positions to be elected, as well as fighting to make tribal council meetings more open and accessible, Verna ensured that women's voices were not only heard but amplified within the Pueblo community of Isleta. Following her tenure as governor, Verna continued to serve Isleta Pueblo as Chief Justice, President of the Tribal Council, and council member. Under her watchful guidance, Isleta Pueblo became the first tribe in the United States to assert their right under federal law to establish water quality standards to protect their community. Verna went on to serve as project manager for the Native Peoples-Native Homelands Southwest Initiative, a project sponsored by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to examine the effects of climate change on Native Americans. As Project Director for Tribal Tobacco Health, Education and Outreach, Verna helped develop cancer prevention programs through Indian Health Services, the Centers for Disease Control, and the American Cancer Society. She also ran a consulting business, ATV Enterprises; served as a member of the All Indian Pueblo Council; was named "Indian Woman of the Year;" and has received numerous other accolades. Teller, who served as Isleta governor from 1987 through 1990 as Verna Williamson, was the president of the Isleta Tribal Council for eight years. It is astonishing to think of all that Verna has accomplished in her life. In the face of adversity, discrimination, and uncertainty, Verna's determination to lead her community never faltered.

In February 2015 as Isleta Pueblo was facing pollution of their sacred waters, impacting the tribe's way of life and their religious ceremonies to the point they had to stop using the visibly polluted water of the Rio Grande. Verna was vocal about the fight for clean water, and its impact on Pueblo ceremonial practices. "Our ceremonies and our religious culture here in our community are of utmost importance to us," she said. "That's what's kept us who we are as a people. And so, when there's any threat to that, it's very frightening for our people. It's a threat to our existence as far as we're concerned." (*Published by the Indigenous Goddess Gang*)

Verna was also the first Native person to open the US House of Representatives with prayer in 2020 with Congresswoman Deb Haaland by her side.

Presenter: Tibaduiza, Elizabeth

Elizabeth Tibaduiza, MA, is a researcher in RTI International's Justice Practice Area. She has 15 years of experience evaluating programs providing supportive services to vulnerable populations, including people experiencing homelessness, victims of crime, and people involved in the legal system. She is currently the Project Lead for the Administration for Children and Families' Formative Evaluation of the Demonstration Grants to Strengthen the Response to Victims of Human Trafficking in Native Communities (VHT-NC) Program and Co-Principal Investigator for the National Institute of Justice's Formative Evaluation of the Office for Victims of Crime's Law Enforcement-based Victim Services Program. Her substantive interests include equity in our health and legal systems, homelessness and housing, and community safety. She is committed to conducting research that is culturally responsive and incorporates community engagement.

Presenter: Torrez, Virjinya

Virjinya Torrez (Cherokee/Seminole/Muscogee Creek, She/Her), M.A./J.D. is a mother, attorney, judge, and activist. She is currently employed as an Assistant Attorney General for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe, providing representation on almost all areas of Federal Indian Law and Policy as they intersect with Tribal Government. She believes strongly in honoring her responsibilities to family and community. HONOR Collective is comprised of Indigenous women, Two-Spirit, transgender, and non-binary individuals who are grounded in feminine energy to support individuals, families and communities who have experienced trauma related to Murdered and Missing Indigenous Relations.

Presenter: Vallo, Kelly R.

HONOR Collective is a group of Matriarchs that consists of Indigenous women, Two-Spirit, Trans and Non-Binary individuals who volunteer their time to assist and provide healing to the Indigenous community in Indian Country. HONOR Collective is located in the Southwestern area of Arizona. As Matriarchs our main events are Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relations (MMIR) and Residential Indian Boarding Schools. These areas both have created and developed historical and intergenerational trauma amongst our Indigenous community. Historical and Intergenerational trauma have also caused a historical root in physical, sexual, emotional, mental and spiritual trauma which has caused our community to decrease their self-worth, self-identity and belonging. Through our healing we abide by Indigenous Philosopher Shawn Wilson's Four Rs, Respect, Relationship, Responsibility and Reciprocity. HONOR Collective is inter-disciplinary, having careers in Social Work, Attorneys, Environmental Professionals, Language Justice Interpreter, and Business Owner.

Presenter: Velasco, Karen

Karen Velasco (Tohono O'odham, She/Her), B.A. is a Family Resource Coordinator at the Tohono O'odham Nation Komkud Ki: Domestic & Sexual Violence Prevention Program. She is helping to bring awareness and healing to her community through a culturally guided and trauma informed way. HONOR Collective is comprised of Indigenous women, Two-Spirit, transgender, and non-binary individuals who are grounded in feminine energy to support individuals, families and communities who have experienced trauma related to Murdered and Missing Indigenous Relations.

Presenter: Walker, Jana L.

Jana L. Walker (Cherokee/ Delaware/Loyal Shawnee), an enrolled citizen of the Cherokee Nation and of the Delaware Tribe, is a senior attorney with the Indian Law Resource Center in Helena, Montana. Founded in 1978, the Center is a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting the rights of Indian and Alaska Native nations and other indigenous peoples. Jana serves as the project director for the Center's Safe Women, Strong Nations project, which works to end violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women and its devastating impacts on Native communities. The project does so by raising awareness domestically and internationally, providing advice to Native nations and Native women's organizations on ways to restore safety to Native women and criminal authority to tribes, and helping to strengthen the ability of tribes to prevent and address such

violence on their lands. Jana received her JD cum laude from the University of New Mexico School of Law and is admitted to practice law in Montana, New Mexico, and the District of Columbia.

Presenter: White, LaBretia

LaBretia White joined the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Victims of Crime (OVC) in January 2023. As Director of the OVC Tribal Division, she works collaboratively with both staff and grantees to address crime victimization among American Indians and Alaska Natives. With over 15 years of federal service at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Children and Families. Over the past 30 years, she has worked in the human services field to provide services and leadership in the areas of juvenile justice, youth development, education, and child welfare. She has worked as a part-time as a clinical therapist with individuals and families involved in the foster care system and youth experiencing behavioral health challenges.

Presenter: Whitefoot, Patricia

Patsy Whitefoot (Yakama/Diné), Educator, MMIWG Activist, was born and raised in the homelands of the Yakama Nation in central Washington. Her elder's vision for tribal education inspired her to earn a BA in Education with a Teaching Certificate and a MA in Education from Central Washington University. For 47 years, she has worked primarily in managing and teaching in Indian education, including serving on the Yakama Tribal Council. She has been a leading voice and activist to bring attention to the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women's crisis in Washington and nationally. Today, Ms. Whitefoot is retired and continues to work and live in White Swan, where strong tribal roots have survived. For 30 years, Patsy has served as the Education Chair of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians. Her vision for the health of her people is steeped in her ancestral knowledge formed by indigenous languages, cultures, and histories, tied to the rich landscapes.

Presenter: Williams, Kirby

Kirby Williams (Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma) is a violence prevention specialist addressing violence against Native people and tribal communities and is a survivor of intimate partner violence and sexual assault. She holds a master's degree in Clinical Psychology from Missouri State University. Since 2014, she has worked in her professional and personal life to raise awareness and promote prevention of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and stalking, and has conducted numerous trainings on serving Native American survivors of these crimes. She is a Class 5 graduate fellow of the National Human Trafficking Leadership Academy (HTLA), in which she and 11 other Indigenous fellows addressed how culture can be used as a protective factor in the trafficking of all Indigenous youth. For her work in violence prevention, she was named an inaugural recipient of the Cherokee Phoenix's Seven Feathers Award and the Nebraska recipient of the 2022 National Sexual Violence Resource Center's (NSVRC) Visionary Voice Award. In 2022, she helped to establish the Nebraska Tribes Addressing Violence Coalition (NETAV).

In addition to her understanding of violence against Native Americans, she has a background of knowledge and training in psychological diagnostics, statistical analysis, the impact of trauma from a physical and psychological perspective, healing from a culturally relevant perspective, and yoga teaching. She currently serves on the board for the Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs (NCIA) and is the tribal representative for the Nebraska Domestic Abuse Death Review Team.

Presenter: West, Sydney

Sydney West is a Grants Management Specialist in the Tribal Affairs Division (TAD) at the Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW). Sydney has two decades of experience providing grants and management experience to the US government, universities, and international non-governmental organizations

Prior to joining OVW/TAD, Sydney spent the past seven years with the International Services Division of the American Red Cross, managing a diverse portfolio of grants and contracts in support of recovery efforts in Haiti after the devastating 2010 earthquake. She has served as a grants and program manager in the areas of global reproductive health and rights, HIV/AIDS prevention clinical trials, and adolescent sexuality for projects in Haiti, India, Nigeria, and South Africa.

Sydney also is committed to and passionate about helping sexual assault victims, preventing sexual assault, and ensuring that perpetrators are brought to justice. Since 2010 she has served as a crisis counselor to sexual assault victims and their loved ones for the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN) on their civilian and military hotlines. Sydney is also a certified victim advocate with the National Organization for Victim Assistance and from 2015 to 2018 served as a subject matter expert reviewer for the DOD's Sexual Assault Advocate Certification Program.

Presenter: Wynecoop-Abrahamson, Victoria

Victoria "Tori" Wynecoop-Abrahamson (she/her) is a citizen of the Spokane Tribe located in Eastern Washington State and the Training and Technical Assistance Manager at the National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma, and Mental Health (NCDVTMH). She began her advocacy journey during her undergraduate career at Illinois College by establishing a sexual assault support group in response to the #MeToo movement. After graduation, she returned home to the Spokane Indian Reservation and worked as a Domestic Violence Advocate providing assistance to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, teen dating violence, stalking, and elder abuse. Assistance for survivors often included accessing resources for civil and criminal court cases, mental health support, and substance use services. This position encouraged Tori to pursue and complete a Master of Social Work at the University of Chicago Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice. Prior to joining NCDVTMH, Tori provided SAMHSA-funded training and technical assistance to tribal communities and nations with a focus on building program capacity and sustainability in the areas of suicide prevention, substance use, and mental health.

Presenter: Ybanez, Victoria

Victoria Ybanez, MPA, Diné, Apache, and Mexican, has been working to end violence against American Indian/Alaskan Native women for 35 years. She has a depth of experience working closely with Tribes in developing and implementing a range of responses to violence against indigenous women, and has conducted numerous on-site visits, facilitated sessions, and training for tribes over the past 20 years. She is experienced working inter-tribally as well as within a tribe's local culture. She developed and is the Executive Director of Red Wind Consulting, Inc. (2005-present) coordinating and providing Tribal Technical Assistance for recipients of the Tribal Governments Program for the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW). Current projects include the development and implementation of Tribal specific shelter and transitional housing programs and assisting Tribal programs in the development and program delivery; addressing children impacted violence against Indian women and teen dating violence; working with Tribal college and university campuses to develop holistic responses to sexual assault; and responses for urban Native programs.