

## Welcome & Introduction

### **Sheldwin A. Yazzie, PhD, MPH, MS (Albuquerque Area Southwest Tribal Epidemiology Center)**



Sheldwin earned a doctorate degree in Exposure Science and a MS degree in Epidemiology at the University of Washington School of Public Health; prior he also received a MPH at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine. During his MPH studies, Sheldwin designed and developed an epidemiologic case-control study titled “Understanding Lung Cancer Risk among Navajo Former Uranium Miners”. For his dissertation, Sheldwin designed and developed an indoor radon prediction model for homes on the Navajo Nation. For this project, he designed a survey questionnaire for homes, collected indoor radon measurements, and geospatially mapped homes on the Navajo Nation. He then combined this information with geographic land covariates thought to be associated with indoor radon to develop an indoor radon prediction model. His goal in public health is to improve the health of all communities with a focus on disparate environmental exposures and disease rates among disadvantaged populations, specifically on American Indian/Alaska Native populations.

## Invocation

### **Nancy Martine-Alonzo (Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board)**



Nancy Martine-Alonzo, Ramah Band of Navajo Tribal member, part Yaqui and Spanish heritage. Permanently resides in Pine Hill, NM and part time in Albuquerque, NM. Has five adult children, eight grandchildren and six step grandchildren.

She retired in 2010 with thirty seven years as an educator with Bureau of Indian Education, state public and tribal schools. Worked for state government under three state governors and tribal governments. She is currently the Executive Director for the Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board Inc., a consortium of six tribes in New Mexico, and Southern Colorado (Mescalero Apache, Jicarilla Apache, Southern Ute, Ute Mountain, Ramah Navajo and Tohajiilee Navajo Tribes) which serves twenty seven tribes in the southwest region to provide Audiology, HIV/AIDS Education and Prevention, health-related research, surveillance and training to improve the quality of life of American Indians; and to provide accurate and timely health data to member tribes. She has a bachelor degree, two master degrees, and education specialist certificate and education doctorate candidate all in the field of education and organizational administration. She holds a lifetime K-8 teaching certification and K-12 administration certification. Concurrently also served as the Ramah Navajo Chapter secretary treasurer for 12 years and Ramah Navajo School Board Member for 19 years. She served on the National Indian Education Association and Board of Regent member for Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, California. Active lifetime member in the Church of the Nazarene. Bilingual, Bicultural and biliterate in Navajo and English.

## Speakers

### **Camie Goldhammer, MSW, LICSW, IBCLC, (Sisseton-Wahpeton)**



Camie Jae Goldhammer, MSW, LICSW, IBCLC, (Sisseton-Wahpeton) is a Clinical Social Worker and Lactation Consultant. Camie received her Master of Social Work degree from the University of Washington in 2006, specializing in Maternal Mood Disorders and the affects of complex/Intergenerational trauma on attachment, bonding and the parenting practices of Native families.

Camie is the founder and chair of the Native American Breastfeeding Coalition of Washington. She is also a founding mother and President Elect of the National Association of Professional and Peer Lactation Supporters of Color. In 2013 she became Washington State's first Native American IBCLC. Camie is a consultant with Center for Health Equity, Education and Research CHAMPS program. She is a member of the Center for Social Inclusion's First Food Racial Equity Cohort. Recently she worked as a Campaign Director with MomsRising working to bring paid family and medical leave to Washington State which was signed into law in July 2017. She is now a member of the MomsRising breastfeeding team. In fall 2017 Camie launched the Indigenous Breastfeeding Counselor Certification (IBC) which is a 45 hour foundational lactation counselor program for those that identify as Native/Indigenous/First Nations. In November 2018 Camie was elected to the board of the United States Breastfeeding Committee. She is a National leader on topics of racial equity and first food justice.

### **Nancy Whitesell (Colorado School of Public Health)**



**Nancy Rumbaugh Whitesell, Ph.D.**, is a developmental psychologist and Professor at the Centers for American Indian and Alaska Native Health, Colorado School of Public Health, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus. She has been engaged in research with American Indian and Alaska Native communities for more than 16 years, using community-university partnerships, a developmental perspective, and prevention science methods to understand risks and promote positive outcomes among American Indian and Alaska Native children and families.

Dr. Whitesell's current projects span child development from infancy to early adolescence, include studies of implementation and intervention, and support national networking and mentoring of junior researchers. She led the creation of Thiwáhe Gluwáś'akapi, a family-based substance use prevention program for young American Indian adolescents (funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse), and is currently preparing for an effectiveness trial of this intervention. She oversees the Multi-site Implementation Evaluation of Tribal Home Visiting (funded by the Administration for Children and Families). Dr. Whitesell co-directs the Tribal Early Childhood Research Center ([www.tribalearlychildhood.org](http://www.tribalearlychildhood.org)), the Native Children's Research Exchange ([www.ncreconnect.org](http://www.ncreconnect.org)), and the Native Children's Research Exchange Scholars program.

### **Crystal Kee (Family Spirit Senior Program Manager for Dissemination)**



**Crystal Kee** is a member of the Dine Nation in northeastern Arizona and currently works as the Family Spirit Senior Program Manager for Dissemination, Training and Implementation with Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health. Ms. Kee has been an advocate, educator, teacher and leader in Early Childhood, Maternal Child Health and Public Health all of her career. In 2007, Ms. Kee began implementing the Family Spirit curriculum with families residing on the Navajo Nation. As a Family Spirit Family Health Educator through Johns Hopkins and later through Indian Health Services, she taught Family Spirit to over 100 families. She

later moved into the position of Program Coordinator for the Family Spirit Program within the Public Health Nursing Department in Chinle, Arizona to train and supervise other Family Health Educators. Ms. Kee has been the lead Family Spirit trainer for replication sites since 2009 and in August 2012 she formally joined Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health to manage the dissemination of the Family Spirit model. Family Spirit is now in 20 states and over 120 tribal communities, including 2 non-Native communities in Illinois and Missouri. She brings to this position a wealth of expertise in implementing home visiting programming in tribal communities and the Family Spirit model. Ms. Kee is based at the Center's Chinle, Arizona office and oversees other Center behavioral health initiatives and frequently liaises with community and Tribal leaders and other Center partners on the national and international level.

### **Rebecca Riley (Tribal Home Visiting Program)**



Rebecca Riley is a citizen of the Pueblo of Acoma and has served NAPPR since 2012. Ms. Riley received her degree from the University of New Mexico in Community Health Education and a minor in Native American Studies. Her first experience in early childhood education was as a young parent receiving Early Intervention for her oldest son in 2006 and then again for her youngest son in 2016. Her first professional experience out of college was working for the Pueblo of Isleta Head Start as a Lead Teacher and then as a Health Coordinator for the Pueblo of Acoma Head Start Center. Since 2009, she has worked in the

field of Early Childhood and with tribal community programs, developing an understanding of the complex challenges tribal programs and communities face when addressing health disparities for children and families. She believes in the benefits and incredible services of Home Visiting programs, not only from her own experience as a parent, but of the many impacts Home Visiting makes and will make in the future of New Mexico. Ms. Riley continues to remain an active participant in her own community where her passion and service to improve the health and wellness of families stems from. Her interests endure to positivity contribute and impact the overall quality of life for Native women, children and their families through mindful, diverse and inclusive practices that are reflective of community goals. Ms. Riley enjoys reading, writing, traveling and running. She currently lives in Albuquerque with her family and three children.

**Jessica Riggs, CD(ICTC)**



Jessica Riggs – Indigenous Women’s Health and Reproductive Justice Program Manager, has been working with Tewa Women United since 2010 as a community doula, childbirth educator, Certified Lactation Educator and in her current position since 2015. Her Bachelor’s degree in Integrative Health Studies is from Northern New Mexico College. Jessica is from the Pojoaque Valley, a co-parenting mother of a beloved son, a community herbalist, and a passionate advocate for reproductive and birth justice.



**Corrine Kaa Pedi Povi Sanchez, PhD**

Corrine Sanchez, PhD, of San Ildefonso Pueblo is Executive Director of Tewa Women United. She received her BA in Environment, Technology and Society from Clark University. Her MA in American Studies with a minor in Health Education from the University of New Mexico and completed her doctorate at Arizona State University in Justice Studies. She has been part of the co-creation process of building Indigenous Knowledge through the contribution of Tewa Women United’s Research Methodology and Theory of Opide, a braiding of practice to action. Corrine is trained in sexual assault intervention and prevention. She has worked in the sexual violence field for 20 years and helped refine Tewa Women United’s awareness and healing intervention, “Trauma Rocks”. Corrine was one of sixteen visionary leaders across the country selected as the first cohort of the Move to End Violence. She was selected in 2016 for the *Stepping Into Power* Fellowship of Forward Together, a movement building fellowship for Reproductive Justice. Corrine is dedicated to family and community healing, youth development, and ending violence against women, girls and Mother Earth.

**Neil Tift (Native American Fatherhood and Families Association, NAFFA)**



Neil is Outreach Project Coordinator for the Native American Fatherhood and Families Association (NAFFA). From 2010 to 2016, he was the Father Involvement Program Director for the Child Crisis Arizona in Mesa. He served as Director of Professional Advancement at the National Practitioners Network for Fathers & Families (NPNFF) in Washington, D.C.

Prior to this, Neil was the Director of the Resource Center at the National Fatherhood Initiative (NFI) in Gaithersburg, Maryland. From 1990 to 1998 Neil was the founding Director of the Fathers’ Resource Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Neil is a licensed family mediator, along with his wife Denise. Neil has written chapters for six books and numerous articles on fatherhood and related issues. He contributed to the text *Working With Fathers*, co-authored *Mediation for Dads*, contributed to the textbook *Intervention for Fathers* and in 2006 wrote a chapter for *Why Fathers Count*.

Neil is a men’s therapist, college instructor, game creator, staff trainer parent educator and overweight jogger.

Neil earned an M.A. in Counseling Psychology from the University of Saint Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. Neil is the father of three, the grandfather of twelve and a foster father of many for the past 23 years.

### **Jovanna Archuleta (LANL Foundation)**



Jovanna Archuleta joined the LANL Foundation in 2017 as the Pueblo Outreach Coordinator in the Early Childhood Program. In this role, she will coordinate services for a grant-funded program partnering with Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council (ENIPC) to strengthen home visitation and other support services to families of young children and assist in completing a comprehensive mapping and community assessment in each of the Eight Northern Pueblo communities.

Jovanna was born and raised in Nambe Pueblo. She worked for the Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council for seven years, most recently as the Deputy Director. Jovanna earned a master's degree in business administration and an undergraduate degree in business management from New Mexico Highlands University.

### **Anna Marie Garcia (LANL Foundation)**



Anna Marie is the Early Childhood Director at the LANL Foundation. She has offered technical support to First Born programs throughout the state and was instrumental in starting the Northwest NM First Born home visitation program serving San Juan and McKinley Counties including the Navajo Nation and Zuni Pueblo. She continues to support home visiting as a statewide initiative to improve the health and well-being of New Mexico children and families and works to build infrastructure across several program models. She is currently working on a project in partnership with the Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council that is mapping home visitation and family support systems in each of the Eight Northern

Pueblos.

Anna Marie has a master's degree in early childhood/special education and is currently pursuing a doctorate degree in early childhood social justice. Along with her three sons, Anna Marie spent a year in the rain forests of Costa Rica consulting in a bilingual preK–12th grade school. While there, she developed an inclusive special education program. Anna Marie has taught early childhood classes at Northern New Mexico College, as well as at Santa Fe Community College.

### **Jerrod Moore (Albuquerque Area Southwest Tribal Epidemiology Center)**



Jerrod Moore is a member of the Navajo Nation from Tohatchi, New Mexico. He started his work in Alaska for three and half years where he worked as the Peer Prevention Coordinator and Injury Prevention Specialist at the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation. As the Peer Prevention Coordinator he spearheaded the Project Zero program, which focused on reducing suicides throughout the Bristol Bay Region. He also helped establish youth groups in surrounding communities advocating for safe and healthy communities. He graduated from the University of New Mexico earning his B.A. in Native American Studies concentrating on Leadership and Building Native Nations. He has completed the Indian Health Services Epidemiology Fellowship which consist of developing a research project which serves tribes in the Albuquerque Area. Earlier work includes eight years with the New Mexico Youth Conservation Corp and seasonal work as a commercial fisherman and cattle rancher.

**CAPT Christine J. Benally, Ph.D.:** Since her youth, Dr. Benally was interested in pursuing a career in the health/medical field so she obtained a degree Medical Laboratory Technology, in Microbiology, and a Doctorate in Environmental Health. Since, she worked with the Navajo Nation, the Indian Health Service, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, the Centers for Disease Control, the Assistant Secretary for Health, and the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response. Her role varied from technician, research, management analyst, program analyst, public health advisor, epidemiologist, program/executor director, and senior director scientist officer. Her recent work is on suicide and violence prevention, initially among the Navajo and spanning nationwide. She is working with service providers, community members, and legislators to protect crime victims and their rights, and to provide awareness on trauma informed care and services. She actively advocates to forte laws, enhance enforcement, cross deputation and jurisdiction, and, for offenders, enhance punitive measures. She works with teams implementing collaborative trauma informed care, diabetes managed care, injury prevention, and public health surveillance.

### **Olivia Nastacio (Pueblo of Zuni WIC Program)**



Olivia Nastacio is an enrolled tribal member of the Zuni Tribe. She leads the Zuni Breastfeeding task force and is employed with the Zuni WIC Program as Assistant WIC Nutrition and Breastfeeding Coordinator.

With over 26 years of WIC experience, Olivia leads the program in caseload management and outreach, including home-visits and off-site clinics and assists the program through many changes. She is passionate about educating grandparents, great- grandparents, and even children on the intergenerational tradition of breastfeeding.

Olivia has received in-depth nutrition and breastfeeding training at national conferences. She graduated from UNM with a Bachelor of Liberal Arts Degree - Health Education, Psychology and Family Studies, and an Associates of Arts in Human Services.

**Olivia Roanhorse, Vice President of Programs, Notah Begay III Foundation**

**(Navajo)**



Olivia Roanhorse is the Vice President of Programs for the Notah Begay III Foundation where she oversees the strategic and operational responsibilities for all program areas. Currently, Olivia is pursuing her Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. She is excited about the opportunity to strengthen her analytical, evaluation, research and public policy skills and knowledge so that she can continue to be a strong advocate in supporting and investing in Native-led approaches in addressing health inequities in Native communities.

Prior to joining the NB3 Foundation, Olivia held several health program and policy positions in Chicago. She was a Policy Associate for at the Ounce of Prevention Fund, a state-wide early childhood advocacy organization; a Project Coordinator for RWJF National Project: *Finding Answers Program: Disparities Research for Change*; and a Clinic Manager for Community Health, the largest free health clinic in Illinois.

In 2006, Olivia was awarded a Morris K. Udall Congressional Internship in Washington D.C. where she spent a summer with the Senate Committee of Indian Affairs assisting legislative staff with research, data and policy analysis on the Indian Health Care Reauthorization Act. Olivia has a Master's degree in Public Health in Health Policy and Administration from the University of Illinois in Chicago and an undergraduate degree in Environmental Science from Colorado College. Olivia is a citizen of the Navajo Nation.

Learn more about the Notah Begay III Foundation at: [www.nb3foundation.org](http://www.nb3foundation.org).

**Nicolle L. Gonzales, (Diné - Navajo), is the Executive Director and Founder of Changing Woman**



Initiative, a Native American women-led health collective. Mrs. Gonzales received her Bachelor's of Nursing and her Masters of Nurse-Midwifery at the University of New Mexico. She is a member of the American College of Nurse Midwives and is certified with the American Midwifery Certification Board. She has over 12 years' experience as a nurse and has worked as a Nurse-Midwife doing full-scope midwifery for the last 7 years. Through the years, she has worked on several community projects around birth equity and she has served as the founding board president and vice board president of two birth centers in NM. In addition to attending births, Nicolle was a contributing author to the "American Indian Health and Nursing" in 2015 and is a contributing writer for the Indigenous Goddess Gang online magazine, where she discusses indigenous birth, midwifery, ceremony, reproductive justice, and indigenous feminism.

**Aiko Allen (Tribal Liaison, New Mexico Department of Health)**



Aiko Allen serves as the Tribal Liaison for the New Mexico Department of Health since 2014. She received her Master of Science Degree in Health Education and Bachelors of Arts degree from the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Aiko shares more than 30 years of experience working with tribal health systems/communities and public health systems. As a health educator, trainer, and evaluator, she focuses on facilitating opportunities to bridge western science and indigenous wisdom in order to promote better health outcomes. She is the 2018 recipient of the New Mexico Public Health Association Jonathan Mann award for lifetime work in social justice and public health.

**Alison Anderson (Albuquerque Area Southwest Tribal Epidemiology Center)**



Alison (Ali) Anderson was selected by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to work with AASTEC as part of the Public Health Associate Program (PHAP.) She has a B.S. in Biology and a graduate certificate in Nonprofit Management and Theory from the University of Georgia. During her undergraduate career, Ms. Anderson was an undergraduate research scholar, conducting research in microbiology, ecology, and veterinary pathology. Prior to coming to AASTEC, she served as an intern at the District of Columbia Department of Health.

**Del Yazzie, MPH (Navajo Nation Epidemiology Center)**

Mr. Yazzie is an Epidemiologist with the Navajo Epidemiology Center. He received his MPH Degree from the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD. He was born and raised in Cove, AZ. His maternal clan is Red House, paternal clan is Red Running into Water Clan, maternal grandfather clan is Yucca Fruit Strung Out in a Line, and paternal grandfather clan is Coyote Pass. His work focuses on maternal and child health, cancer and infectious disease epidemiology.