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## **Education**

### *PhD in Social Work*

University of Utah

School of Social Work

Salt Lake City, UT

Dissertation: Deg Xit'an Athabascan Conversations on Wellness: A Qualitative Study  
Exploring the Radical Possibilities of Relationships

Graduated: August 2017

### *Master of Social Work in Social and Economic Development with Indigenous Communities, with an emphasis in Management*

Washington University, George Warren Brown School of Social Work, St. Louis, MO

Field of Study: Social Work/Social and Economic Development

Co-Chair of the American Indian Student Association

Graduated: December 2005

### *Bachelor of Arts in Social Work*

University of Alaska Fairbanks, Fairbanks, AK

Field of Study: Social Work/Psychology Minor

Social Work Student of the Year, May 2004

UAF Lola Gray Tilly Memorial Award, May 2004

President of the Alaska Native Social Work Association

### *Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Development*

University of Alaska Fairbanks

Graduated: May 2000

Licensure: State of Alaska, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic  
Development, Division of Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing. Licensed  
Master Social Worker, Effective 11/21/14 - Present.

## **Relevant Work Experience**

**University of Alaska Fairbanks**

Jan 2006-Present

*Tenure Track Associate Professor*

Social Work Department

Fairbanks, Alaska 99775-6480

Department Chair 2010/2011

Promoted to Tenure Track Associate Professor May 2019

Promoted to Clinical Associate Professor July 2015

Teach variety of undergraduate social work courses (Introduction to Social Work; Human Behavior in the Social Environment I and II; Rural Social Work; Research Methods; Social Welfare History; Practice II, Child Abuse and Neglect, Social Work and Aging, Trauma & Wellness: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives) and an Alaska Native Studies course titled, Cultural Knowledge of Native Elders. Academic advisor for social work majors. Faculty Advisor for the Alaska Native Social Workers Association Student Club. Attend Chairs Council meetings when required. Member of speaker series committee for community. Chair of SWK Recruitment and Retention committee. Extensively involved with Accreditation process through the Council on Social Work Education. Undergraduate research mentor. Graduate level research committees. CLArity Newsletter Committee member 2015/2016 and 2017/2018. Member of Provost Hiring Committee, 2017/2018.

University of Alaska Fairbanks

Aug 26, 2019-June 30, 2021

Research Scientist II

Affiliation with the Institute of Arctic Biology

### **Administration for Native Americans (ANA) Grant Panel Reviewer**

*Consultant*

June 2019 – Present

Read and score new ANA grant applications, attend grant reviewer training, collaborate with other reviewers during panel discussions. Communicate effectively in writing and verbally during the panel discussion. Utilize ARM, the web-based application review system, to record application scores and comments. Understand evaluation criteria used to analyze and score grant applications and be diligent in providing a thorough, objective, accurate, and analytical comments.

### **Association of Interior Native Educators**

May 19, 2015 – July 2015

*Consultant*

2015 Signs of the Land: Reaching Arctic Communities Facing Climate Change Camp. Fairbanks, Alaska 99707

Worked collaboratively with project partners and staff to prepare and coordinate camp activities, schedule, arrange logistics, assist with outreach/recruitment and travel and transportation for elders, guests and participants. Consultant will provide guidance in area of expertise, and if needed present and facilitate sections of the camp activities, supporting Elder advisors and being actively involved in making the camp a dynamic learning experience for everyone participating. Present at camp on climate change and health (trauma/wellness).

**Tanana Chiefs Conference – Parent Navigators Program** June 2013-Dec 2014

*Parent Navigator*

Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Provide supportive and resource and referral services to foster parents in the state and child welfare system in Alaska.

**Fairbanks Native Association–Ralph Perdue Treatment Center** July 2013-Aug 2014

*Residential Aide*

Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Provided guidance, crisis intervention, motivational counseling and ensured program policy and procedure is followed. Completed documentation and incident reports in timely manner, transport clients to activities, maintain client confidentiality, collected breathalyzers and urinalysis specimens as needed, and assisted with new client orientation and discharge.

**Fairbanks Native Association - Parents As Teachers Program** Aug 2011

*Training Consultant*

Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Provided cultural competency training to staff.

**National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Policy Research Center** 2006-2007

*Research Assistant*

Kathryn M. Buder Center for American Indian Studies

Washington University in St. Louis

St. Louis, MO 63130

Supervisor: Sarah Hicks, MSW, Dana Klar, J.D., M.S.W.

Research information on “Methamphetamine in Indian Country.”

**Office of Congressman Don Young (R-AK)** May 2005 – August 2005

*Congressional Intern,*

Washington, DC

Morris K. Udall Foundation – Native American Congressional Internship Program

Summarized legislation, specifically the Indian Health Reauthorization Bill.

Attended hearings and briefings related to Indian country on health, gaming, sovereignty

Attended weekly enrichment speaker and activities sessions with speakers from the

House and Senate, Indian Health Service, Dept. of Defense, Dept. of Interior, U.S.

Supreme Court, etc...Networking at all the activities and functions.

**Urban Strategies – Community Development Corporation** January 2005-May 2005

*Intern,*

St. Louis, Missouri

Community needs assessment with survey and interview methods. Casework with clients.

Completed research and compiled data on whether or not to invest money into a childcare program in a specific neighborhood in Minnesota in one of their service areas.

**Parents As Teachers National Center (PATNC)** September 2004-December 2004

*Intern,*

St. Louis, Missouri

Wrote and submitted a grant for PATNC's BIA-FACE Department. Wrote and distributed to state programs an educational policy piece on social-emotional development.

**Fairbanks Native Association (FNA)**

March 2003-January 2004

*General Clerk and On-Call Worker*

Fairbanks, Alaska

JOM Potlatch Dance Group Coordinator, organizing dancers to perform at community events and holding practice sessions. Executive Assistant to Executive Director providing administrative duties. Employment Technician processing applications, opening and closing jobs, data entry. Accounts Payable Clerk reconciling statements, running checks, data entry filing. Human Resource Department doing new hire orientations, signing up employees for health insurance, completing workers compensation paperwork, data entry.

**Office of Children's Services**

September 2003-May 2004

*Intern, Fairbanks, Alaska*

Case management of three families, which included home visits, referrals, court appearances, case staffing, case notes, completed required legal and state paperwork. Completed an adoption home study.

**Fairbanks Native Association**

August 1997-January 2004

*Parent Educator, Fairbanks, Alaska*

Home visits with caseload of 20-30 families.

Shared early childhood and brain development information from research based curriculum. Participated in recruiting activities, facilitated group meetings, maintained and documented family files, completed developmental screenings and assessments.

**Fairbanks Native Association**

January 2001-May 2001

**Fairbanks Correctional Center – Parenting from Prison Series**

*Presenter,*

Fairbanks, Alaska

Co-facilitated group meetings by sharing child development and brain development information with male and female inmates. Facilitated hands-on activities, discussions and utilized videos.

**Fairbanks Native Association**

1995-1997

*Women and Children's Residential Treatment Program, Fairbanks, Alaska*

Childcare, supporting children and families in the program.

## **Teaching, Graduate Committee's, and Mentoring**

*Bachelor level courses taught at University of Alaska Fairbanks, Social Work Department:*

SWK 103 Intro to Social Work (2006–Present)  
SWK 305 (O) Social Welfare History (Summer 2019)  
SWK 320 (W) Rural Social Work (2006-Present)  
SWK 341 Human Behavior in the Social Environment I (2006-Present)  
SWK 342 Human Behavior in the Social Environment II (2006-Present)  
SWK 375 (W) Social Work Research Methods (2006-2016, 2019-Present)  
SWK 360 Child Abuse and Neglect (Summer 2017)  
SWK 370 Social Work and Aging (Fall 2017)  
SWK 390 Trauma and Wellness: Historical & Contemporary Perspectives (2015-Present)  
SWK 463 SWK Practice II (Spring 2019)  
ANS 401 Cultural Knowledge of Native Elders (Spring 2018)

*Stacked Bachelor and Master level course taught at the University of Alaska Anchorage, School of Social Work - SWK 490/SWK 690 Trauma and Wellness: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives (Spring 2017);*

*Graduate level Masters course at UAA, SWK 690 Trauma and Wellness: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives (Spring 2018 & 2019)*

*Graduate level course taught at University of the Arctic, Bodoe University College in Norway*

Social Policies in the High North-Master in Social Work Course (2011)

*Graduate level course taught at Washington University in St. Louis, Brown School of Social Work, Kathryn M. Buder Center for American Indian Studies, American Indian/Alaska Native Society, Values, & Cultures (Spring 2019)*

*Graduate Committees:*

L.H. Social Work PhD, University of Kansas, PhD Dissertation Committee 2019-Present

C.A. Indigenous PhD Program, PhD Dissertation Committee (2018-Present)

M.E. UAF Masters in SWK and Public Health Administration Committee, External Reviewer, (2017-2018)

R.T. UAF Clinical Psychology, PhD Dissertation Committee (2016-2017)

J.S. UAF Northern Studies, Masters Graduate Committee (2014-2015)

M.L. UAF Northern Studies Masters Graduate Committee (2013-2014)

D.C. UAF Northern Studies Masters Graduate Committee (2013-2014)

*Research Mentorship:*

*ISMART (Indigenous Substance Abuse, Medicine, Addictions Research Training) Mentor*  
- for J.U. Indigenous PhD student at UAF (Feb 2019-Present)  
K.W.M. Social Work Major – *UAF Honors Program* (2014-2015)

S.V. Community Advisory Board for Senior Project in Community Psychology at Alaska Pacific University (2018-2019)

Undergraduate Research Mentor for K. Whelchel-Mckay (UAF Honors Program Capstone Project). Served as designated PI on her research project at UAF titled, *Reflecting on Colors of Change: Utilizing Art to Explore Transitions into First-Time Motherhood* (2014-2016).

*UAF Social Work Field Placement Supervision:*

J.M. placed for practicum at Effie Kokrine Charter School. Fbks, AK (2008-2009)

R.H. Placed for practicum at Love Inc. Eagle River, AK (2019)

L.M. placed for practicum at Fairbanks Memorial Hospital, Fbks, AK (2019-2020)

*Academic Advising*

I formally advise 40 plus undergraduate social work students and students needing information on the social work degree annually.

### **Invited Presentations**

Guest Speaker for a class titled, Indigenous Women: Leadership and Self-Determination in North America (taught by Amy Den-Ouden. Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Department. University of Massachusetts, Boston. Planting The Seeds: The Influence of Culture on Resiliency, Hope, and Wellness. Distance Zoom/Web presentation. 9/23/19

7<sup>th</sup> Annual Advanced Trauma Training Institute, The Science of Traumatic Stress. Plenary Presentation – Planting the Seeds: The Influence of Culture on Resiliency, Hope, and Wellness. Anchorage, AK, June 13, 2019.

Tanana Chiefs Conference, All Staff Meeting, Key Speaker – What's In Your Basket? Trauma and Trauma Informed Care. Fairbanks, AK. May 17, 2019.

Panel Presentation. Gaining Light: Alaska Native Research Panel. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual ANCHRR (Alaska Native Collaborative Hub for Research and Resilience) Gathering, Celebrating Our Community-Driven Cultural Strengths, Nome, AK. March 27 & 28, 2019

Residential Centers for Children and Youth (RCCY) Summit, Anchorage, AK – Presentation Title – I Remember Who I Am: The Influence of Culture on Resilience, Hope, and Wellness – 12/3/18

First Alaskans Institute, Elders and Youth Conference – Panel Dialogue- History and Hope for Our Collective Wellbeing. Anchorage, AK – October 16, 2018

Northern Interior Alaska Association for the Education of Young Children Conference, Fairbanks, AK – Workshop – I Wonder – What’s In Your Basket? (Trauma Informed Care) – September 28, 2018.

National Indian Child Welfare Conference – Closing Keynote – Planting The Seeds: The Influence of Culture on Resiliency, Hope, and Wellness. Anchorage, AK – April 2018

University of Guelph Humber Indigenous Mental Health Symposium International Panel and Break out Groups – Toronto, Canada – March 2018.

### **Conference and Training Presentations**

First Alaskans Institute, Elders and Youth Conference, Anchorage, AK – Community Engagement Workshop, History and Hope for a Collective Wellbeing – Oct 2018.

Alaska Resilience Initiative – Statewide presenter on the History and Hope Curriculum – (UAF, SWK 341 HBSE I – Sept 4 & 6, 2018); (Fairbanks NorthStar Borough School District -Federal Program, Oct 26, 2018); (TCC-Headstart and Homevisitors, Aug 7, 2018); (FNA Headstart, Aug 10, 2018); (UAA, SWK 690, Jan 1/22 & 1/29, 2019); (Fairbanks Wellness Coalition Conference-Weaving Our Strengths, Feb 1 & 2, 2019); (UAF SWK 341 HBSE I – 9/3 & 5/19); (Fairbanks North Star Borough School District – In-Service Day. Sept. 27, 2019)

Alaska Native Studies Conference, Juneau, Alaska, - Paper Presentation – Planting The Seeds: The Influence of Culture on Resilience, Hope, and Wellness - April 2018.

Alaska Native Health Research Conference, Anchorage, AK – Poster Presentation – Deg Xit’an Wellness Dissertation (2017); Plenary Panel Presentation Speaker- A Deg Xit’an, Athabascan Approach to Wellness (March 2009)

AHEC UAF Behavioral Health Camp for Youth (Fairbanks, AK) – Co-facilitator – Behavioral Health Camps are designed for students ages 15-21 to explore career pathways in the field of behavioral health. Students will earn 1 college credit and learn about key topics in behavioral health including wellness techniques, abuse, neglect, addiction, grief, stress and mental health while discovering career paths within the field. Students will explore careers including social workers, counselors, psychologists, psychiatrists, behavioral health aides, and other positions within the field of behavioral health and human services - July 18-22, 2016.

National Association of Rural Mental Health Conference (Portland, ME) – Panel

Presentation – Alaska's Commitment: Growing Our Own Culturally Attuned Behavioral Health Workforce - June 16-18, 2016.

Pathways Into Health Conference (Seattle, WA) – Panel Presentation, Uniting and Sustaining Pathways Into Health Professions: Overview and Highlights of Alaska's Progress for "Growing Our Own" Sustainable Culturally Attuned Behavioral Health Workforce, October 12, 2015.

National Rural Behavioral Health Practice Conference- Video Conference – Poster Presentation on Deg Xit'an Wellness Dissertation (Oct 2017); Co-Presenter – Historic Trauma, Historic Strengths: An Indigenous Perspective of Navigating Wellness Today (Oct 2015).

Doyon Foundation Graduation Ceremony, Alumna Guest Speaker, May 8, 2015.

Statewide Alaska Presenter on the Adverse Childhood Experiences Study (ACES) –Co-Presenter on All – UAF SWK 341 HBSE I (9-16-15); UAF SWK 463 Practicum Course (April 6, 2015); SART Conference (March 16, 2015); FNA Parents As Teachers (Jan 12, 2015); Presbyterian Hospitality House (Dec 17, 2014); Alaska Center for Children and Adults (Nov 5, 2014); Alaska Association of School Boards: Annual Academy (September 14, 2014); UAF SWK 341 Course (Nov 6, 2014), (July 22, 2014), (September 16, 2015);

Alaska Evaluation Network Meeting, Statewide Videoconference Panel Presentation – Cultural Competence in Evaluation (June 18, 2014)

Rural Providers Conference, Fairbanks, AK – Historic Trauma, Historic Strengths: Navigating Wellness. Co-Presenter (June 19, 2014)

Native Student for Positive Change Student Group at UAF voted for me to speak on a panel of native women leaders for Elizabeth Peratrovich Day (February 2014)

UAF Upward Bound Math Class to High School Student From Around Alaska – Social Work Field and Recruitment (June 9, 2014)

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fairbanks, Guest Speaker – My Elders Tell Me. (June 8, 2014)

Alaska Training Cooperative, Fairbanks, AK – Co-Presenter on all – Planting the Seeds: The Influence of Culture on Resilience, Hope, and Wellness (Nov 2017); Historic Trauma, Historic Strengths: Navigating Wellness (February 2014); Evidence Based Practice with Alaska Natives (May 2014); Advanced Behavioral Health Ethics with Alaska's Indigenous Peoples (Feb 2015)



National Association of Social Workers – Alaska Chapter, Annual Conference – Anchorage, Alaska – Group Presentation titled, The Resources of Rural Alaska – Viewing Potential Challenges as Strengths in Social Work Practice (Sept 2012); I Remember Who I Am: The Influence of Culture on Resilience, Hope and Wellness (Nov 2017).

Decolonizing Indigenous Health Research Conference, - Niagara Falls, Ontario Canada – Deg Xit'an, Athabascan Conversations around Wellness: The Radical Possibilities of Relationships (September 2010)

National Association of Social Workers – Alaska Chapter, Annual Conference – Anchorage Alaska – A Deg Xit'an, Athabascan Approach to Wellness (October 2009)

Native Health Research Conference, Present at Conference Session – Portland, Oregon – A Deg Xit'an, Athabascan Approach to Wellness (August 2009)

Indigenous Knowledge Exchange, University of Alaska Fairbanks – Presentation – A Deg Xit'an Athabascan Approach to Wellness (March 2009)

Bilingual Multicultural Education Equity Conference – Work Shop Group Presentation (2008) – New Opportunities for Alaska Native Graduate Students

### **Research Interests**

My research interests highlight Indigenous cultural and traditional practices that contribute to individual, family, group and community resilience, health, healing and wellness, specifically with the Indigenous people of Alaska. I am also interested in research that focuses on Indigenous language revitalization and the connection between language and health and well-being.

### **Peer Reviewed Publications**

Brocious, H., Demientieff, L, Renfro, C. & George Bettisworth, R. (2019). A Grow Your Own Approach in Social Work: Shaping Alaska's Workforce. *Journal of Baccalaureate Social Work*. *In press*.

### **Book Publications**

Demientieff, L. & Frank, P. (2019). I Remember Who I Am: Deg Xit'an, Athabascan Perspectives on Wellness. Accepted in a book titled, *Indigenous Mental Health: A Global Perspective* to be published in 2019 by Springer Publishing. Forthcoming.

### **Non-peer Reviewed Publications**

Demientieff, L. (April 24, 2018). Cultural Strengths and Resilience. *Commentary*, Newsletter of the Association of Alaska School Boards.

Demientieff, L. (2017). *Deg Xit'an Athabascan Conversations on Wellness: A Qualitative Study Exploring the Radical Possibilities of Relationships*. ProQuest Dissertation Publishing.

### **Book Reviews**

Invitation to participate in a survey reviewing the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of Principles of Trauma Therapy by John N. Briere and Catherine Scott. Sage Publishing (April 2019).

### **Evaluations**

Alaska Resilience Initiative through Alaska Children's Trust. History and Hope Training Evaluation Research. IRB approved. Evaluation 2019-2020

### **Curriculum Development**

Created elective SWK 390 Trauma and Wellness: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives course (3CR) for UAF Social Work Program (2016) – Picked up by UAA Master in Social Work program and taught it there for 3 semesters.

Revised and updated SWK 370 Services and Support for an Aging Society course (3CR elective) for UAF Social Work program (2017)

Created eLearning course in Blackboard for SWK 103 Introduction to Social Work (3CR core class in major 2014); SWK 320 Rural Social Work (3CR core class in major 2014); and SWK 390 Trauma and Wellness: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives (3CR elective class in major 2015). All for UAF eCampus.

Was a consultant on creating the History and Hope Curriculum for the Alaska Resilience Initiative Statewide Organization (2017-2018). The curriculum focuses on trauma (adverse childhood experiences) and resilience, as well as ancestral knowledge, cultural healing and wellness, and social justice aspects of trauma and healing. Currently train in Alaska utilizing the curriculum.

### **Language Revitalization and Prevention Work**

-Doyon Foundation Alaska Native Language Revitalization Committee (11/16-Present)  
(Chair of committee beginning Feb 2018)

-Facilitate a Deg Xinag Language Learning Group (October 2018-Present)

-Participant in the Doyon Languages Online Program creating lessons for the Deg Xinag online curriculum.

-Alaska Native Language Revitalization Institute, UAF Troth Yeddha' Campus, May 21-24, 2018

-Awarded the 2019-2020 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Native American Scholars Initiative, Digital Knowledge Sharing Fellowship at the American Philosophical Society. Fellows will be associated with the APS's new Center for Native American and Indigenous Research (CNAIR), which aims to promote greater collaboration between scholars, archives, and indigenous communities. Project will be focused on digitizing the Deg Xinag language materials.

### **Funded Grants**

American Indian/Alaska Native Clinical and Translational Research Program. Partnership between the Center for Alaska Native Health Research (UAF), University of Montana, and National Institute of Health.

Project name: Re-Awakening the Spirit: Engaging in Cultural Values and Traditional Practices in the Modern Alaskan Context. 2019-2020 Funding Period

Role: PI

Grant Amount: \$50,000

AHEC Behavioral Health Camp Grant – Co-PI – Camp planning and organizing – Camp held July 2016.

TVEP - FY12 Technical Vocational and Education Program (TVEP) – Awarded workforce development funding to provide additional practicum opportunities for social work practicum students at UAF.

Alaska EpSCOR Funding Awarded – University of Alaska Fairbanks – (Summer & Fall 2009)

### **Fellowships**

Awarded the 2019-2020 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Native American Scholars Initiative, Digital Knowledge Sharing Fellowship at the American Philosophical Society. Fellows will be associated with the APS's new Center for Native American and Indigenous Research (CNAIR), which aims to promote greater collaboration between scholars, archives, and indigenous communities. Project will be focused on digitizing the Deg Xinag language materials.

ISMART Fellowship, Indigenous Wellness Research Institute, University of Washington (Mar 2016-2017), Indigenous Substance Abuse Medicines, and Addictions Research Training (ISMART) Program, is a mentorship program that allows scholars of indigenous

backgrounds to research in the areas of substance abuse, medicines and addictions within their indigenous communities.

## **Scholarships**

University of Utah – College of Social Work – William McPhee Scholarship (2008)

Kathryn M. Buder Center for American Indian Studies Scholarship

Washington University in St. Louis, Brown School of Social Work

August 2004-December 2005

The Kathryn M. Buder Charitable Foundation offers full tuition scholarships to American Indians who intend to practice social work in American Indian communities.

Doyon Foundation – Competitive Scholarship

The Doyon Foundation mission is to promote self-reliance and the economic and social well-being of Doyon's shareholders and descendants and to strengthen our Native culture and heritage through education. The core purpose is to improve the quality of life of Native people.

## **Professional Service**

*University:*

External Promotion Reviewer for University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work Faculty (Dec 2018).

UAF Strategic Planning Committee member, "Revitalize Key Academic Programs from Occupational Endorsement to PhD Team" (2018-2019)

UAF Provost Hiring Committee member (2017-2018)

Alaska Native Studies Council member (2016-Present)

UAF Green Dot Committee (Bystander intervention) (Sept 2014 – December 2014)

Rural and Indigenous Academic Pathway Committee member (RIAP) (2013-2014)

Justice Dept Hiring Committee member (twice during 2008/2009 & 2009/2010)

CLARITY Newsletter Committee member (2014-2015; 2017-Present)

Behavioral Health Alliance Committee Member (2008-Present)

Chancellors Advisory Committee on Native Education member (2006 to 2012)

Troth Yeddha Park Event Planning and Fund Raising Committee member (2011-2015)

Guy Guy Memorial/Rural Social Work Scholarship Committee member (2008 – 2010)

Colin Gilmore Scholarship Committee member (2009)

NASW Scholarship Committee member (2008 – Present)

Gerald Berman Scholarship Committee member (2008 – Present)

Social Work Department CSWE Accreditation Committee (2006-Present)

Social Work Department Speaker Series Committee member (2011-Present)

Social Work Department Curriculum Committee member (2006-Present)

Social Work Department Practicum Student Review Committee member (2006-Present)

Social Work Department Marketing and Recruitment Committee Chair (2010-Present)  
Alaska Native Social Workers Association Student Club-Faculty Advisor (2006-Present)  
Thematic Network on Social Work - University of the Arctic - member (2010-2012)

*Community:*

Doyon Foundations Board of Directors (11/16-Present)

Was accepted into the Alaska Geriatric Interdisciplinary Leadership Development program, AK GILD for short. This program is funded through the HRSA Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program (GWEP), which supports the development of a health care workforce that improves health outcomes for older adults by integrating geriatrics with primary care, maximizing patient and family engagement, and transforming the healthcare system. The AK GILD is a partnership between Southcentral Foundation's Nuka System of Care and the University of Alaska Anchorage, School of Allied Health. The overarching goal of this program is to create the next generation of leaders who will dramatically improve systems of care that support the health and quality of life for older Alaskans. (May 2016-September 2016)

Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium – Healthy Healers Program – Provided consultation on curriculum, resources, and participated in a video for specific sections on Indigenous wellness and healing (Sept 2014-October 2014)

Alaska Resilience Initiative – Statewide Communications Committee (2017 – 2019); Co-Chair of Statewide Communications Committee (October 2018-2019)

Alaska Resilience Initiative – Statewide Steering Committee (October 2018-Present)

Alaska Resilience Initiative – Statewide Trainer on History and Hope curriculum (Aug 2018-Present)

Alaska Community Resilience Coach Master Trainer Program- Statewide Trainer on Adverse Childhood Experience Research and Resilience and Wellness (June 2014-2017)

Alaska Center for Children and Adults (ACCA) Board of Directors – Board Member (Sept 2014-Present) – ACCA Resource Development Committee (Sept 2014-June 2015)

Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living (IAC) Board of Directors – Member At Large (2013-May 2015)

Green Dot Violence Prevention Initiative/Rural Committee member (2013-2015)

Doyon Alumni Member (2010-present)

Effie Kokrine Charter School – Parent Committee (2009-2012)

*Profession of Social Work:*

National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) member (2017-Present)

Baccalaureate Program Director's (BPD) Research Committee member (2010-2015)

National Association of Social Workers, Alaska Chapter, Board of Directors– President and President Elect (2007-2010)

CSWE-Women's Commission-Appointed Member – July 2008-July 2009

*Administration and Leadership:*

Social Work Acting Department Chair (2010-2011)

Doyon Management Leadership Training – Doyon Foundation (2007-2008)  
American Council on Education's Alaska Regional Leadership Forum for Women  
Administrators – “Advancing Women's Leadership” (June 2010)

### **Professional Development**

- Advanced Trauma Training Institute, Anchorage, AK (2014, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019)
- ANCHRR (Alaska Native Collaborative Hub for Research and Resilience) Gathering. 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Gathering, Fairbanks, AK. April 3 & 4, 2018; 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Gathering, Celebrating Our Community-Driven Cultural Strengths, Nome, AK. March 27 & 28, 2019
- Fairbanks Wellness Coalition Conference – Weaving Our Strengths, Fbks, AK Feb 2019.
- Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting, Boston, MA, Nov 2018
- First Alaskan's Institute, Elders and Youth Conference, Anchorage, AK, Oct 2018
- Honouring Reconciliation in Evaluation. Johnston Research, Inc. Sponsored by First Alaskans Institute. June 11-12, 2018, Anchorage, AK.
- NICWA (National Indian Child Welfare Association) Annual Conference, April 2018. Embracing Resilience and Gratitude Through Indigenous Subsistence and Medicine.
- NUKA Conference - Developed by Alaska's Southcentral Foundation (SCF), the Nuka System of Care is recognized as one of the world's leading models of health care redesign. It is the name given to SCF's integrated health care system, which provides medical, dental, behavioral, traditional and health care support services to more than 65,000 Alaska Native people. The Nuka System of Care is comprised of organizational strategies and processes, practices and supporting infrastructure that work together – in relationship – to support wellness, resulting in increased health outcomes and decreased cost. – June 20-24, 2016
- National Rural Behavioral Health Practice Conference (virtual conference) (Oct 2017)
- National Association for Rural Mental Health Conference, Portland, ME, June 2016.
- Society for Prevention Research Conference, San Francisco, CA, June 1-3, 2016; & Washington DC, May 30<sup>th</sup>-June 2, 2017 (brought undergraduate social work students)
- Indigenous Studies Gathering, UAF-CRCD, May 11 & 12, 2015
- Alaska Native Studies Conference - Wellness and Healing: Indigenous Innovations and --Alaska Native Research, April 15-16, 2016; Troth Yeddha Roots: Connecting the Place with the People, 3/6-8/15; & Sustaining Indigenous Livelihoods, April 8-9, 2017. Past, Present, & Future: Working Together. April 13-15, 2018.
- Alaska Training Cooperative – Ethical Challenges in Treatment of Convicted Sex Offenders: Time To Talk About It!, 2/15/18; Behavioral Health and Climate Change: Resiliency in a Changing World, 3/8/18; Traditional Health Based Practices, 4/14/18; Ethical Issues in Delivery of Culturally Appropriate Best Practices, 5/15/18; We Are All Elders In Training Summit – 7<sup>th</sup> annual Growing to Inspired Aging: The Wisdom of Elders, 3/4/15; 8<sup>th</sup> annual Connecting Current Paths with Treasured Traditions, April 26-27, 2016; & Presentation by Ann Bullock on Impacts of Trauma, December 14, 2016.
- Board Source Leadership Forum Training, Washington DC (October 9 & 10, 2014)
- Indigenous Research Exchange and Writing Retreat, 2011, 2012

- Decolonizing Indigenous Health Research Conference, September 2010
- The Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors Conference, March 2010, 2013, 2017
- Advancing Women's Leadership, Alaska Regional Leadership Forum, University of Alaska Anchorage & Office of Women in Higher Education, June 2010
- Society for Social Work and Research Conference, 2010, 2012, 2015
- Workforce Development Conference, 2009
- Beyond the Basics: Core Competencies that lead to Successful and Sustainable Coalitions using the Strategic Prevention Framework Training, 2009
- CSWE National Conference, 2006, 2008, 2013, 2018
- NASW Statewide Conference, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2012, 2017
- Alaska Native Health Research Conference, 2008, 2014, 2017
- Native Health Research Conference, Aug 2009
- Rural Providers Conference, 2009, 2010, 2013, 2014
- The Sloan-C International Symposium on Emerging Technology Applications for Online Learning, 2009
- IRB Training, UAF, 2006
- Adult Learners Conference, 2006 & 2007 & 2008
- Blackboard and Elluminate Live Training, 2006, 2008
- Alaska Federation of Natives Conference, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2017, 2018
- ITeach through ELearning and Distance Ed, 2011, 2012, 2016

### **Professional Memberships**

- Buder Center Faculty Associate – Washington University in St. Louis – 8/1/18-7/31/21
- National Association of Social Workers 2006-2010, 2019-Present
- NICWA (National Indian Child Welfare Association) Sept 2017-September 2018, 2019-Present
- Society for Prevention Research – 2017-2018
- Board Source, Sept 2014-August 2015
- Council on Social Work Education – 2006-2010, 2013, 2014
- The Native Research Network, 2009-2010, 2013-2014

### **Honors and Awards**

- \*Awarded the Robert Piacenza Excellence in Teaching Award. UAF Honors Program. 2/26/19
- \*Best Poster Certificate for presentation during the Ninth Annual Rural Behavior Health Practice Conference – Oct 6, 2017
- \*Nominated for Robert Piacenza Excellence In Teaching Award – UAF Honors Program – April 2015
- \*Nominated for SOAR - Student Organizations Award and Recognitions - Club Advisor of the Year 2011/2012

- \*Nomination for Social Worker of the Year for NASW –AK (2012)
- \*Awarded UAF Social work Student of the Year (2003-2004)
- \*Awarded UAF Gray S. Tilly Memorial Award (2004)
- \*Phi Alpha Honor Society – University of Alaska Fairbanks – Social Work Department  
(Lifetime Member)