

National Murdered Missing Indigenous Peoples Day of Awareness Virtual Symposium

Thursday May 5th

11am-2pm (AZ/PST)

ZOOM

Register here: <https://bit.ly/MMIPSymposium>



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We respectfully acknowledge the University of Arizona is on the land and territories of Indigenous peoples. Today, Arizona is home to 22 federally recognized tribes, with Tucson being home to the O'odham and the Yaqui. Committed to diversity and inclusion, the University strives to build sustainable relationships with sovereign Native Nations and Indigenous communities through education offerings, partnerships and community service.

Thursday May 5th AGENDA (AZ times listed below)

11:00-11:05 **Welcome** **Felina Cordova-Marks, DrPH, MPH, MS**
(Hopi) Assistant Professor,
Health Promotion Sciences
Director, IndigiWellbeing
Zuckerman College of Public
Health
University of Arizona,
Tucson, AZ

11:05-11:15 **Opening virtual blessing** **Miguel Flores, LCSW**
*(Pascua Yaqui and
Tohono O'odham)* Holistic Wellness, LLC,
Tucson, AZ

11:15-11:35 **Native Justice Coalition's Binational
MMIP efforts, 2spirit: Canada and
USA** **Cecilia Rose LaPointe, MA**
*(Crane clan, from
the Keweenaw Bay
Indian Community
and Bad River Band
of Lake Superior
Ojibway)* Founder and Executive
Director, Native Justice
Coalition

Manistee, MI
Anishinaabe Aki

11:40-12:00 **Indigenous Femicide and the Killing
State: Australia** **Dr Hannah McGlade**
*(Kurin Minang
Noongar woman of
the Bibulman
Nation)* United Nations Member,
Permanent Forum on
Indigenous Issues

Associate Professor, Law
School
Curtin University,

Western Australia

12:00-12:20 **Operation Lady Justice** **Lori McPherson** Senior Policy Advisor,
United States Marshals
Service




Department of Justice's
Missing and Murdered
Indigenous Persons Steering
Committee


Senior Analyst with the
Indian Country Special
Jurisdiction Unit, Violent
Crimes Intelligence Unit, FBI

Washington DC

12:20-12:40	Experiences of a Victims Specialist in the Bureau of Indian Affairs	Devany Buffalo <i>(Crow)</i>	Victim Specialist, BIA OJS Victim Assistance Program Crow Agency, MT
12:40-1:00	Navigating CDC MMIP and Violence Prevention Resources	Delight Satter, MPH <i>(Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde)</i> and Laura Koller, PhD	Senior Health Scientist, CDC-Centers for Disease Control Office of Tribal Affairs and Strategic Alliances Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support Behavioral Scientist, Centers for Disease Control Division of Violence Prevention (DVP) in the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) Atlanta, GA
1:05-1:25	AZ Study Committee on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls	Kim Russell <i>(Navajo)</i>	Director, Arizona Advisory Council on Indian Health Care, Phoenix AZ
1:30-1:50	Healing our communities	Lourdes Escalante, BA <i>(Yaqui)</i> and Melodie Lopez, MSW <i>(Hopi/Navajo/Pueblo/Mexican)</i>	H.O.N.O.R Collective (Healing Our Nations, Offering Resiliency) Tucson, AZ
1:50-2pm	Closing statements		

SPEAKER BIOS (alphabetical by last name)

 A portrait of Devaney Buffalo, a woman with long dark hair, smiling. She is wearing a blue top. The background shows the entrance to Big Horn County with the words "BIG HORN COUNTY" visible above the door.	Devaney Buffalo	<p>Devaney Buffalo is the Victim Specialist for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Justice Services on the Crow Reservation in Southeastern Montana. Buffalo has provided direct victim services since 2014 for both community and systems-based victim services programs. Buffalo was the American Indian Case Manager for Working Against Violence Incorporated in Rapid City, served as the Victim Witness Specialist for the Highway Patrol in Western South Dakota, and developed the Big Horn County Sheriff's Office Victim Assistance Program in Montana where she established a model law enforcement program while serving as the Director. Buffalo was a Teach For American Teacher on the Pine Ridge Reservation, taught new educators culturally responsive teaching in Arizona, and participated in the Native Alliance Initiative to improve education in indigenous communities. Buffalo was recognized for a model peer-based intervention program that was highlighted at a national youth conference. Buffalo has facilitated domestic violence and sexual assault support groups; served on multi-disciplinary teams and human trafficking forces; and provided training on sexual assault, domestic violence, bystander intervention, victim assistance in tribal communities, law enforcement-based victim services, human trafficking and mandatory child abuse reporting. Buffalo has been recognized for her experience and victim assistance efforts in cases of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) and missing child cases involving the FBI Child Abduction Rapid Deployment (CARD) team. Buffalo has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Concordia College and is a member of the Crow Tribe.</p>
 A portrait of Lourdes Escalante, a woman with dark hair, smiling. She is wearing a green jacket over a colorful patterned top. The background is a natural outdoor setting with hills and trees. A small watermark "Ket_tul_photography" is visible in the bottom right corner of the image.	Lourdes Escalante, BA	<p>Lourdes Escalante (Yaqui, She/Her), B.A. is a working matriarch of the HONOR Collective. She has been involved with the HONOR Collective since 2019. Lourdes is the current Co-Director of Programming and Projects at Alianza Indigena Sin Fronteras/Indigenous Alliance Without Borders where she engages the Tucson-Indigenous community.</p>
 A portrait of Laura M. Kollar, a woman with glasses and a red jacket, smiling. The background is a plain, dark grey color.	Laura M. Kollar, PhD	<p>Laura M. Kollar, PhD currently works as a behavioral scientist on the Sexual and Intimate Partner Violence Team in the Research and Evaluation Branch of the Division of Violence Prevention (DVP) in the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Laura's research interests include sexual violence prevention, community-level violence prevention partnerships, violence prevention in American Indian and Alaska Native communities, health communication and behavioral interventions. Laura currently serves as a science officer for the Rape Prevention and Education rigorous evaluation project in Michigan and for the Cardiff Violence Prevention Model replication</p>

		<p>project providing technical assistance to the Atlanta metropolitan area partnership. Laura co-represents the agency with Delight E. Satter, MPH, on Missing or Murdered Indigenous People issues. She provides violence prevention knowledge and expertise and strengthens collaborations and connections between others at CDC working on violence prevention research, surveillance, and programs with AIAN communities and partners.</p>
	<p>Cecelia Rose LaPointe, MA</p>	<p><i>Nigig-enz Baapi nindizhinikaaz. Ajijaak doodem. Kchiwiikwedong miinawaa Mashkiziibi nindonjibaa. Naaminitigong nindaa.</i></p> <p><i>My name is Little Laughing Otter. I am crane clan. I come from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and Bad River Band of Lake Superior Ojibway. I live in the Land Beneath the Trees (Manistee, MI).</i></p> <p>Cecelia is Ojibway/Métis and is Mashkiziibi (Bad River Band of Lake Superior Ojibway or LaPointe Band of Ojibway) and Kchiwiikwedong (Keweenaw Bay Indian Community). They are enrolled in Mashkiziibi and maintain a strong community affiliation to Kchiwiikwedong. Cecelia is the Founder and Executive Director of the Native Justice Coalition. They are also the Founder and Owner of Red Circle Consulting and Waub Ajijaak Press. They identify as Two-Spirit based in their Ojibway culture from an old school and decolonial framework. Their poetry and writing is featured in 28 anthologies, booklets, chapbooks, dissertations, exhibits, journals, magazines, and online Indigenous-Native publications.</p> <p>They have a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan and a Master of Arts in Environmental Leadership from Naropa University in Boulder, Colorado. Other cool facts include: (1) quintessential traditional Anishinaabe runner (2) sobriety – 12 years strong and (3) they are proud to be Generation X.</p>
	<p>Melodie A. Lopez, MSW</p>	<p>Melodie A. Lopez (Hopi/Navajo/Pueblo/Mexican - Pam'í/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.</p>



Dr Hannah McGlade

Dr. McGlade is an experienced legal academic and practitioner with special interest in Indigenous human rights. She currently in New York serving as a member of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

Her career has focused on justice for Aboriginal people, race discrimination law and practice, Aboriginal women and children, family violence and sexual assault. She has been a researcher, published writer and conference speaker and has held a range of professional positions that required her legal training and specific expertise in Aboriginal women and children issues. An experienced tribunal member, Dr. McGlade has been appointed to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, the State Administrative Tribunal and the Mental Health Tribunal. In 2016, she was appointed the Senior Indigenous Fellow at the Office of the High Commission on Human Rights in Geneva, and as Senior Indigenous Research Fellow at Curtin University.



Lori McPherson

Lori McPherson is a Senior Policy Advisor with the Sex Offender Investigations Branch of the United States Marshals Service. She served as a Special Advisor to the Executive Director of the White House Task Force on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (Operation Lady Justice) and currently serves on the Department of Justice's Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Steering Committee. Prior to her time with USMS she worked for over ten years at the SMART Office (DOJ), for two years heading up the Child Sexual Exploitation Program for the National District Attorneys' Association, five years as a local prosecutor in Fredericksburg, Virginia, and five years before that as a local public defender. She has been licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia since 1996.



Kim Russell

Kim Russell is of the Bitter Water People, born for the Tangle People. Her maternal grandfathers are of the Coyote Pass Clan and her paternal grandfathers are of the Bitter Water People. Ms. Russell is from Chinle, Arizona and a citizen of the Navajo Nation. Ms. Russell is the Director of the Arizona Advisory Council on Indian Health Care, an independent state agency whose mission is to advocate for increasing access to high quality health care programs for all American Indians in Arizona. Kim has worked with Tribes, Tribal Organizations, the Indian Health Service, and Urban Indian Health Programs to advance their health agendas and priorities her entire career. Ms. Russell received her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and a Master's of Health Administration. Kim enjoys spending time with family and her puppy nephews and puppy niece and traveling.



**Delight E. Satter,
MPH**

Delight E. Satter, MPH, is the Senior Health Scientist for the Office of Tribal Affairs and Strategic Alliances in CDC's Center for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support. Satter's primary job functions include providing counsel to the director on issues related to complex tribal research, science, and program integration assignments that reflect the priorities, policies, interests, and initiatives of the agency. She also advises the director on the implementation of cultural and diversity assessments while ensuring responsiveness to tribal and partner recommendations pertaining to the data and information needed to accomplish this mission. Her current portfolio includes missing or murdered Indigenous people (MMIP) and health equity.

Specific to MMIP, Satter served as co-chair of the Data working group, Presidential Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives: Operation Lady Justice, and CDC representative to the HHS ICNAA MMNA workgroup. She has authored and co-authored peer-reviewed publications, provided subject matter expertise on intragovernmental documents, HHS and White House briefings, media inquiries, multiple tribal and urban Indian organization requests of legal, health, mental health and ancillary nature. She served as faculty on over 10 web-based public trainings to over 200 community-based partners, and was faculty for CDC's award winning Changing Directions: Protecting Communities and Preventing Violence video with over 300,000 viewers.