



## **Presenter Biographies**

### **Jacqueline Agtuca**

Jacqueline Agtuca is the Director of Public Policy of Clan Star, Inc.; a public policy and education institute dedicated to improving justice to reclaim the sovereignty of Indigenous women (2002-Present). Clan Star is a tribal non-profit organization incorporated under the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Jacqueline has dedicated her legal career to enhancing protections for women by reforming tribal, state and federal law and policy. Ms Agtuca served as a staff attorney for the Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago (1984-1988), Director of the San Francisco District Attorney's Office Family Violence Project (1988-1990), and Director of the Criminal Justice Advocacy Unit for the Family Violence Prevention Fund (1990-1995). In 1995, the U.S. Department of Justice (USDOJ) hired Ms. Agtuca to help open the newly created Violence Against Women Office. In this capacity she played a critical role in establishing current federal policy and programming for tribal governments. In 1999, Jacqueline became the Deputy Director, and then Acting Director, of the USDOJ Office of Tribal policy. This Office serves as the central point of coordination for USDOJ governmental relations with Indian tribes. In 2001, Ms. Agtuca was appointed Chief of Staff of the National Indian Gaming Commission. She serves as a legal and public policy specialist for the NCAI Task Force on Violence Against Native Women.

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### **Laura Ansera**

Laura Ansera is the Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Coordinator, Demonstration Programs Division Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), U. S. Department of Justice. She is responsible for the overall direction, guidance, policy and program development for the implementation of the TYP, TYP Mental Health Initiative and the Tribal Juvenile Accountability Discretionary Grant Program. She serves as the primary senior advisor on American Indian/Alaska Native issues and is responsible for the coordination of all OJJDP efforts to implement juvenile delinquency prevention and juvenile justice system improvement programs in Indian Country. Ms. Ansera is a member of the Isleta/San Felipe Pueblos. She has been with the Washington, DC office for OJJDP for over six years and formerly worked for 10 years for the State of New Mexico Juvenile Justice Service Division.

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### **Maria Bailey**

Maria Bailey is a Special Project Manager in the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Planning Office. Ms. Bailey is the liaison to the Office of Justice Programs, (OJP) Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO), and is responsible for coordination among the three Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Offices on all Information Technology (IT) issues. In this role, she is responsible for implementing IT policies, priorities, and procedures, and providing information system technical assistance to all BJA staff, including training users on new and modified hardware and software applications. During her tenure with BJA, Ms. Bailey has created several databases, which have advanced the productivity and effectiveness of BJA. Her most recent accomplishment includes the design and development of a database used by the Public Safety Officers' Benefits Office (PSOB), which holds critical information on public safety officer death, disabilities, and education claims. One of Ms. Bailey's current initiatives is procuring, configuring, and overseeing the implementation, design, and deployment of the automated claims management system that will integrate the PSOB database she created with a software program, which provides PSOB staff and other users with electronic access to all claims information. Ms. Bailey began her career in BJA as a Student Intern and Grant Administration Specialist in 1999. A year later, Ms. Bailey was promoted to a permanent Grant Program Specialist, serving five states as the primary point of contact for discretionary program information dissemination to the states. In this role, Ms. Bailey was responsible for monitoring projects, highlighting innovative and effective projects, and internally relaying information specific to the state to inform policy development. Prior to BJA, Ms. Bailey was a Conference Assistant with the Institute for Law and Justice, responsible for planning and coordinating meetings, conferences, and symposiums for several OJP and U.S. Department of Justice components. Ms. Bailey holds a Bachelor's degree from George Mason University, with a major in the Administration of Justice and a minor in Sociology.

### **Kari Bauer**

Kari Bauer is a Program Assistant with the Criminal Justice Center for Innovation at Fox Valley Technical College. She is responsible for a number of activities including the web design and marketing of criminal justice grant and contracted training initiatives. Her primary responsibilities include the Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program (IASAP), an initiative funded through the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. In this capacity, she works along side the Tribal Justice Programs Manager to coordinate trainings and support American Indian and Alaska Native communities in the planning and implementing of system-wide strategies that will reduce and control crime associated with the distribution and abuse of alcohol and controlled substances. Kari received an Associate Degree in Computer Information Systems from Fox Valley Technical College in December 2002. Prior to joining the Criminal Justice Center for Innovation in 2005, she worked in the information technology field for six years as a Marketing Coordinator.

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### **Eric Broderick, D.D.S., M.P.H**

Eric Broderick, D.D.S., M.P.H. serves in the delegated capacity as Administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). In this capacity, Dr. Broderick reports to Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt and leads the \$3.4 billion agency responsible for improving the accountability, capacity and effectiveness of the Nation's substance abuse and mental health service systems. Dr. Broderick is committed to advancing SAMHSA's vision of "a life in the community for everyone" as well as its mission of "building resilience and facilitating recovery." SAMHSA's vision and mission are based on the premise that people of all ages who have, or are at risk for mental or substance use disorders should have the opportunity for a fulfilling life that includes a job, a home, and meaningful personal relationships with friends and family. SAMHSA works to achieve its vision and mission through a matrix of program priorities and cross-cutting management principles. Dr. Broderick has over 33 years of experience in the Department of Health and Human Services and extensive experience in health policy development, program assessment and budget formulation. Prior to Acting as SAMHSA Administrator beginning August 2006, Dr. Broderick was Acting Deputy Administrator at SAMHSA beginning January 2006. Between 2002 and 2005, he served as Senior Advisor for Tribal Health Policy in the Immediate Office of the Secretary, Office of Governmental Affairs. Dr. Broderick also has extensive experience managing Public Health programs focusing on mental health, substance abuse and oral health for the Indian Health Service. After obtaining both his undergraduate and dental degrees from Indiana University, Dr. Broderick completed a General Practice Residency at the United States Public Health Service Hospital in Seattle, WA. He was awarded a Master in Public Health degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1988 and completed a Dental Public Health Residency and attained Diplomate status in the American Board of Dental Public Health in 1990. Dr. Broderick is an Assistant Surgeon General in the United States Public Health Service.

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### **Robert H. (Bob) Brown, Jr.**

Mr. Brown's work experience includes over 30-years in the fields of education, corrections, law enforcement, and federal grants management. He came to the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) in 1987 and since then has worked to develop and implement national, state, tribal, and local initiatives through BJA's Discretionary and Formula Grant Programs. Positions held include: discretionary grant(s) program manager; formula grant(s) program manager; branch chief/community crime prevention; acting division director (Discretionary Grants Program Division); and Senior Policy Advisor for Tribal Justice. He began his criminal justice career in 1976 as a correctional counselor for Polk County Court Services of Iowa's Fifth Judicial District. In 1977, he competed for the civil service position of peace officer and was selected for employment by the Polk County Sheriff's Office, Des Moines, Iowa. There, he served as jailer, hearing officer, patrolman, and as lead community service officer providing prevention and victim services to families, schools, and businesses in urban and rural communities. In addition to the numerous courses and seminars Mr. Brown has taken, his formal education consists of an AA from Grand View College (Des Moines, Iowa), a BA from Drake University (Des Moines, Iowa), and peace officer certification from the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy.

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### **Gerald Cavis**

A 25-year veteran of law enforcement, Gerald A. Cavis (Apache/Cherokee) is a security consultant and national security specialist with expertise in community security planning and event management. In 2004, Gerry retired from the U.S. Secret Service, culminating his government career as Special Agent in Charge of the Orlando, Florida field division. As a security consultant, Gerry brings a wide range of knowledge and skills to both the public and private sector. Currently, Gerry serves as the National Security Specialist for Fox Valley Technical College (FVTC) in Neenah, Wisconsin, where he is responsible for curriculum development and

### Gerald Cavis (Cont'd)

training for the college's nationally-recognized law enforcement and Criminal Justice Center programs. In addition, Gerry manages all program development and grant-based activities for the FVTC's Safe and Secure Communities initiative. Gerry has long been a recognized leader in Tribal law enforcement and is actively engaged in the many FVTC tribal initiatives. Gerry was a founding member of the National Native American Law Enforcement Association and is a former President of that association. Gerry's expertise in community security planning and event management has also benefited private industry clientele. He serves as a security consultant to NASCAR, has provided personal protection for Fortune 500 executives, and assists corporations in the development of pro-active preventative security initiatives and anti-terrorism planning. Gerry has consulted on many of the largest national and international security challenges including the 2004 Presidential Campaign, the G-8 Summit at Sea Island, Georgia, and the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens, Greece. He has also worked as a Technical Advisor for several motion picture and television projects, including "The Sentinel" from 20th Century Fox, "Man of the Year" starring Robin Williams, "Vantage Point" currently in production and "Motorcade", currently being written at DreamWorks. Gerry has served on several Boards of Directors to include the National Indian Youth Police Academy, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Orlando, and the Western Community Policing Center (Tribal Affairs Representative) in Portland, Oregon.

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### Christine Chen

Christine L. Chen received a bachelor degree in English Literature from the National Taiwan University and attended University of Houston Graduate School majoring in Sociology. She joined the Federal Government in 1978. She has served as a grants management specialist and a budget officer prior to her current position as the grants management officer and Director of Division of Grants Management, SAMHSA since 1996.

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### Lorraine Edmo

Ms. Edmo recently joined the OVW staff in the new Tribal Deputy position. She comes to the Department with more than 25 years experience working on behalf of American Indian and Alaska Native people in both the Federal and non-profit sector. Ms. Edmo has advocated for American Indian and Alaska Native programs on a national and regional level. She has managed three national Indian education organizations including the federally-chartered National Fund for Excellence in American Indian Education at the U.S. Department of the Interior; the National Indian Education Association in Alexandria, VA and the American Indian Graduate Center, Albuquerque, NM. She also worked as a Research & Policy Specialist at the Office of Indian Education, U.S. Department of Education where she worked on implementation of E.O. 13096. She has served on a number of national boards, including AIGC, NIEA, the Committee for Education Funding and the Washington Internship for Native Students. She began her career working for her tribe as a tribal newspaper editor after graduation from college.

Ms. Edmo is a member of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, Inc. of Fort Hall, ID. She received her BA degree from the University of Montana and her Masters of Public Administration degree from the University of New Mexico.

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### Frederick Filberg

Frederick Filberg joined the Community Capacity Development Office (CCDO), Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice in May, 2004. He serves as a Program Manager for the states of Kansas, Texas, Oklahoma, Alaska, Michigan, and Nebraska. Previously, Mr. Filberg worked for six years as a Grant Program Manager for the states of Utah and New Mexico. He received a Master's degree in Management from University of Maryland University College.

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### Margaret Flores

Margaret is currently the program coordinator for the Tribal Youth Program which is funded through the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. In addition to her work with TYP, she also provides assistance to the Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program, funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. Ms. Flores previously served as the Technical Assistance Manager for the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Tribal Youth Program Training and Technical Assistance Initiative administered through the Native American Alliance Foundation. She is an enrolled member of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe from southern Arizona and is a graduate of the University of Arizona. Margaret has dedicated 5 years to her tribe beginning in the government operations department as Special Assistant to the Director of Government Operations.

### **Margaret Flores (Cont'd)**

Margaret additionally worked in Washington D.C. to help establish the Pascua Yaqui Washington D.C. Office. She later served her community as associate judge from 2000-2003. During her tenure as judge, Margaret was a member of the Pascua Yaqui Behavioral Health Board, and the Pascua Yaqui Foster Care Review Board. In addition to her regular caseload, Margaret presided as a healing to wellness court judge for two drug courts at Pascua Yaqui. She served as a Pascua Yaqui Adult Drug Court judge and assisted in the development and implementation of the Yoemia Emo Inetevae-Family Healing Court, the first tribal family healing to wellness court in the country. Margaret enjoys photography, traveling and the great outdoors. In her work with Fox Valley Technical College she is committed to providing the best technical assistance service available to tribes and native people.

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### **Ginny Gorman-Gipp**

Ginny Gorman-Gipp is the Senior Advisor for Tribal Affairs in the Office of Policy, Planning and Budget at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), an agency of the United States Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). SAMHSA established the Senior Advisor for Tribal Affairs position earlier this year in an effort to improve overall coordination of SAMHSA tribal activities within the agency and provide effective outreach to tribal communities. Ms. Gorman-Gipp came to SAMHSA from DHHS' Administration for Children and Families (ACF) where she spent over 20 years working on policy, legislative and technical assistance issues, including over 16 years working on tribal early childhood and Native Language issues. In 2005 she received the Assistant Secretary's Employee Excellence Award in recognition of her contributions of exceptional value and impact to the agency in moving ACF toward the successful accomplishment of the Agency's strategic goals, key priorities and mission. Also in 2005, ACF selected Ms. Gorman-Gipp to participate in the Council for the Excellence and Government's Excellence in Government Fellows Program. Ms. Gorman-Gipp has a B.A. from Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida and a M.A. in Cultural Anthropology from The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

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### **Leslie Hagen**

Leslie A. Hagen is employed as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Western District of Michigan. She is currently detailed to the Executive Office of United States Attorneys where she is assigned to serve as staff liaison to several committees: Indian Country, Child Exploitation and Obscenity and Civil Rights. Her assignment in the Western District of Michigan is Violent Crimes in Indian Country where she handles federal prosecutions and training on issues of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse affecting the eleven federally recognized tribes in the Western District of Michigan. Ms. Hagen has worked on criminal justice issues related to child abuse, domestic violence and sexual assault for over 15 years earning a national reputation as a legal expert and trainer. She has served as faculty at numerous seminars and has given hundreds of presentations to legal, law enforcement, service provider and other audiences. Prior to joining the Department of Justice, she served as the staff attorney with the Civil Legal Justice Project for the Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence and as a specialist in Michigan State University's School of Criminal Justice. From 1997-2001, Ms. Hagen served as the Violence Against Women Training Attorney for the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan. During her 4.5 years in that position, Ms. Hagen developed a program that was recognized as "one of the best state-level training programs on violence against women in the country" by the Institute for Law and Justice in Washington, DC through an evaluation conducted for the Department of Justice. Ms. Hagen was the elected Prosecuting Attorney for Huron County, Michigan for two terms, an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Midland County, Michigan and a Prehearing Division Attorney for the Michigan Court of Appeals. Ms. Hagen is a graduate of Alma College and Valparaiso School of Law. Throughout her career, Ms. Hagen has received many honors, including a Director's Award from the Department of Justice in 2004, a 2001 appointment by Michigan Governor John Engler to the Domestic Violence Homicide Prevention Task Force, appointments in 2001-2002, 2002-2003, 2003-2004, 2004-2005, and 2005-2006 to the position of Chair for the State Bar of Michigan's Domestic Violence Committee, gubernatorial appointments to two terms on Michigan's Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board, and the 1991 Outstanding Young Lawyer Award from the State Bar of Michigan.

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### **Cynthia Hansen, Ph.D.**

Since January, 2006, Cynthia K. Hansen, PhD, has been a Special Expert with the Prevention Initiatives and Priority Programs Development Branch in the Division of Prevention, Traumatic Stress and Special Programs, Center for Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). In this position, Dr. Hansen manages grants, cooperative agreements and contracts in the Suicide Prevention program, is the lead on Tribal and Adolescents at Risk programs, and contributes to additional policy and programmatic activities of the Division. Dr. Hansen came to SAMHSA in January 2005 as an American Academy for the Advancement of Sciences Fellow sponsored by the American Psychological Association, and worked with the Associate Director of Organization and Financing at the Center for Mental Health Services. In addition to her fellowship duties last year, Dr. Hansen served in the SAMHSA Emergency Response Center as Deputy Incident Commander. Dr. Hansen developed and ran her own business as a clinical psychologist in Portland, Oregon since 1987, and specialized in providing evaluation and treatment for children, adolescents, families, adults and couples. During the past 25 years, she worked at a group home, rural and community mental health centers, psychiatric hospitals, K-12 schools as a full-time school psychologist and consulted with juvenile court, family court, Head Start, adolescent residential treatment facilities, and Children's Protective Services. Dr. Hansen taught nationally and internationally on Solution Focused Therapy, was on the teaching staff of the International Mass Fatalities Training Center, and has been an adjunct faculty member in the School of International Service at American University in Washington, D.C. She has been a National Disaster Responder for the American Red Cross and worked at Respite Center 1/Ground Zero in New York City immediately following 9/11, in Guam after the super-typhoon Pongsona December 2002, and in Florida post-Hurricane Charley and during Hurricane Francis. Dr. Hansen received her doctorate from the University of Arkansas and her bachelor's degree from Brown University. She is past president of the Oregon Psychological Association and was the OPA Federal Advocacy Coordinator from 1995-2004. Before her fellowship commenced, Dr. Hansen was an invited participant in the Wye River Health Group/Foundation for American Health Care Leadership meetings for generating grassroots strategies to transform the U.S. health care system.

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### **Norena Henry**

Norena Henry of the American Indian and Alaska Native Affairs Desk, Community Capacity Development Office (CCDO) is responsible for policy and program coordination in OJP involving or affecting American Indian and Alaska Native tribes. The American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) policy advisory joined CCDO and seeks to further develop tribal participation in Weed and Seed programs and assist with tribal capacity enhancement. Norena coordinates with Department components and other Federal agencies. She is a graduate of Dartmouth College where she earned her B.A. in history. Ms. Henry is a member of the Navajo Nation. She is of the the Water Edge People (maternal clan) and born for the Many Hogans People (paternal clan).

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### **Darrell Hillaire**

Darrell Hillaire has been an elected member of the Lummi Nation Council for the past ten (10) years. Four (4) of those years he served as Chairman of the Lummi Nation. Under his leadership the Tribe entered a tremendous expansion of its educational, (\$25 million new school facility) enforcement, (Lummi Nation Community Mobilization Against Drugs) protective (Youth Safe House and Domestic Violence Shelter) and treatment (Youth Treatment Center) services. At the same time the Lummi Nation opened a new Casino, operated two (2) convenience store/gas stations and created a construction company. All of which produced almost five hundred (500) local jobs.

Darrell is the proud parent of two (2) adult children Tony and Tahnee. His daughter has made him the proud grandparent of two (2) grandsons. His family and his extended family are most important to him. Darrell is part of a large Lummi Nation Family, raised on the Lummi Reservation near Bellingham Washington. He sought and received traditional teachings and has participated in traditional spiritual activities throughout his life.

His successes are tempered with his early experiences with his family's poverty and tradition of Tribal service. Both of his parents were active in Tribal politics and were recognized as National Indians Leaders in their time. Darrell spent many years in the construction industry with his father and with others. He was employed at the local refineries before entering Tribal politics. Darrell is still an active member of the Council and is still guiding the continuing development of a Recovery Community for members of the Lummi Nation through the CMAD Initiative. In 2006 he accepted an appointment to the Washington State Advisory Committee on Substance Abuse. His most recent CMAD project is the Lummi Nation Youth Academy. The Academy designed to provide a stable residential environment to support youth development, without breaking up families. He is proud to be a Coach for the Blackhawks, the Lummi Nation High School football team. While he is quick to tell people that he is inspired to action by these youth, we are sure that he is also providing inspiration and motivation for them.

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### Linda Holt

Linda Holt is an enrolled member of the Suquamish Tribe. Ms. Holt has served as a Tribal Council Member for the Suquamish Tribe for 5 years and presently is Tribal Council Secretary. Ms. Holt also serves as Treasurer of the Board of Trustees for the Suquamish Foundation. Ms. Holt is the former Director of Human Services for the Suquamish Tribe and currently is the Tribe's full-time Legislative Liaison to the State and Federal governments. Ms. Holt also serves tribes regionally and nationally through various health services activities:

Chairwoman of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, on which she has served for over 6 years; Delegate on the National Indian Health Board; Co-Chair of the Center for Disease Control Tribal Consultation Advisory Committee; Member of the National Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee; Member of the Kitsap County Regional Council on Aging.

Formerly, Ms. Holt worked for 19 years with Washington State DSHS in the Welfare Benefits Division and for 9 years as a paralegal with Evergreen Legal Services.

Ms. Holt lives in Bremerton, Washington with her husband Phil, who owns and operates a local construction company. Together, Linda and Phil have three children and seven grandchildren.

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### DuWayne Honahni

DuWayne W. Honahni, Sr. is the National Drug Coordinator for the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Office of Law Enforcement Services. He has served as National Drug Coordinator for four years. Mr. Honahni previously spent ten years as a special agent for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, handling Drug Enforcement. He also spent nine years as a police officer for the BIA on the Hopi Reservation in Arizona. Mr. Honahni is a member of the Hopi Tribe from the village of Moenkopi, Arizona.

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### Kathy Howkumi

Kathy Howkumi is a tribal member of the Pueblo of Nambe (Tewa) from New Mexico. Prior to coming to OVW in 2005, she lived on the reservation and was actively involved in her community and tribal government. Ms. Howkumi was elected to two consecutive terms (five years) on the tribal council and was the first Nambe woman to serve in this capacity. She also served as an officer and board member for several tribal and non-profit organizations and has worked administering Federal, state, private and local grants for over 25 years. Prior to coming to OVW, she was the Team Coordinator for the Peace Keepers Domestic Violence Program, located in San Juan Pueblo, New Mexico. This program provided victim services to the Eight Northern Indian Pueblos.

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### Olin Jones

Olin Jones was appointed by California Attorney General Bill Lockyer as the first Director of the Office of Native American Affairs in February 2000, and is a member of the Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma. The Office of Native American Affairs addresses justice-related issues for California's Indian citizens that reside on reservations, rancherias and in urban communities for the overall improvement of the quality of life for Indian people. Olin has spent the last decade working closely with Native American Tribes on crime prevention issues and improved access to health and welfare resources. He has been a Program Manager for the Attorney General's Crime and Violence Prevention Center since 1996. From 1989 to 1996, Olin worked for the California Governor's Office of Criminal Justice Planning (OCJP) and served as a liaison to California's Native American community. At OCJP, he developed the state's first grant funding program crafted specifically to benefit Native Americans on tribal lands. Olin is the 1999 recipient of the Vision of Hope award for outstanding contributions in violence prevention. Mr. Jones began his law enforcement career in 1974, worked in local law enforcement until 1989 and is a graduate of Yuba College and Minot State University in North Dakota. He has been married to Debra for 27 years, has three adult children and two wonderful grandchildren.

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### **BJ Jones**

BJ Jones is the Chief Judge for the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Court and the Prairie Island Indian Community Tribal Court. He also serves as an Associate Judge for the Standing Rock and Fort Berthold Tribal Courts and special magistrate/judge for several other Tribal Courts in South Dakota and Minnesota. BJ also directs the Tribal Judicial Institute at University of North Dakota School of Law where he teaches Indian-law related courses. From 1984 to 1993, BJ was the Managing Attorney for Dakota Plains Legal Services working with the Rosebud and Standing Rock Sioux Reservations, and was Litigation Director for Dakota Plains Legal Services on the Rosebud Reservation from 1993 to 1995. BJ is a member of the Minnesota and North Dakota State-Tribal Judges Committees and the Co-Chair of the South Dakota Indian Child Welfare Act Committee. BJ has been involved with the Indian Child Welfare Act and issues related to child abuse for many years and is the author of several articles as well as the Indian Child Welfare Act Handbook: A Guide to the Custody and Adoption of Indian Children, published by the American Bar Association, Family Law Section in 1995. BJ Jones is often called upon to provide training or speak to Tribal groups as well as state and federal justice personnel on issues ranging from tribal jurisdiction, to domestic violence and child abuse. BJ received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1984.

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### **Don Kashevaroff**

Don Kashevaroff is the Chairman and President of Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, which provides health, sanitation and health facilities and other services for 125,000 Alaska Natives. He is President (Chief) of Seldovia Village Tribe, a federally recognized tribe located in Southcentral Alaska. He is also the Chair of the Seldovia Native Association, Inc., an ANCSA corporation with land, resource and tourism ventures.

Kashevaroff is the Consortium's primary spokesperson on issues such as funding, legislation, and regulatory issues of great importance to ANTHC, the Alaska tribal health system, and the Indian Health Service. In that capacity, Kashevaroff testifies before the US Congress, works closely with Alaska Native and American Indian national organizations, and serves on several Indian Health Service committees. He presides at board meetings, and works to ensure board members are fully informed on issues. He serves as an ex officio member of all ANTHC board committees and subcommittees, and appoints members to those committees as needed. He collaborates with the ANTHC CEO and board on policy, operational, and matters of global significance to ANTHC. Kashevaroff's previous work experience includes strategic planning, grant writing, business planning and management consulting service; Project director for the Seldovia Village Tribe, and financial planning services for Waddell and Reed Financial Services; and commercial fisherman. Kashevaroff's present affiliations include Alaska Native Health Board, Denali Commission Health Steering Committee, IHS Information Systems Advisory Committee, and the Alaska Native Medical Center Joint Operating Board. He also Chairs and Co-Chairs the IHS Tribal Self Governance Advisory Committee and IHS National Budget Formulation Committee respectively.

Mr. Kashevaroff holds a Bachelors in Science, Business Administration and Finance, with a minor in Computer Science, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon; and a Master's in Business Administration and Economic Development, Eastern University, St. Davids, Pennsylvania. Kashevaroff's hobbies include photography and boating. He is married to the former Sandra Pearson, Inupiaq, of Nome. Don and Sandra have two children.

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### **Laura Keehner**

Laura C. Keehner is the Senior Advisor to the Assistant Attorney General for Strategy and Communications. She works closely with the Deputy Assistant Attorney General for External Affairs to develop and implement a proactive external relations strategy for the agency. Before joining the Office of Justice Programs, Ms. Keehner was Deputy Associate Director in the Office of Presidential Personnel, where she helped manage the presidential appointment process for approximately 100 federal boards and commissions. Before joining the White House staff, Ms. Keehner served as Government Liaison for the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research. She earned her degree in public policy from The College of William and Mary where she served as student body president.

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### Edward Krueger

Edward Krueger is the Director for the Criminal Justice Center for Innovation at Fox Valley Technical College. Previously, he served as a police officer and the director of a regional police academy. He has a graduate degree in education and over 30 years of criminal justice, occupational training and educational experience. Nationally known for his work in the criminal and juvenile justice fields, Mr. Krueger developed and manages numerous education and training programs for criminal justice personnel focusing on criminal-juvenile justice management, tribal community mobilization and community analysis for planning, as well as crime reduction-crime prevention management. Mr. Krueger is the recipient of several acknowledgements including crime prevention officer, community support officer, and training officer of the year. He also received the Wisconsin Technical College system educator of the year, in addition to numerous service awards. Mr. Krueger has been the director of security for several hotel chains, and has had the responsibility for security of special events, including NFL football teams, celebrities, and political dignitaries. His techniques for collaborating with local security and law enforcement, as well as his instructional expertise, provide a framework for multi-leveled approaches to security.

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### Mike Lowther

Mike Lowther is currently the Director, Division of State Programs at SAMHSA/CSAP and is responsible for the Strategic Prevention Framework. He previously serves as the Director, Prevention Support at the Pacific Institute of Research and Evaluation where he managed contracts and provided technical assistance to States and Communities. He spent 13 years directing the Southwest Prevention Center (SWPC) at the University of Oklahoma where he led regional training and technical assistance centers including CSAP's Southwest Center for the Application of Prevention Technologies and the Department of Education's Southwest Regional Center for Safe and Drug Free Schools.

Mike has more than 25 Years experience in supervising, developing and implementing prevention programs at the state and community level. He has extensive experiences in creating effective working relationship between local, state and federal agencies and organizations, as well as expertise in community coalitions, social change theory, prevention planning, and facilitation. In June of 2001, Mike received the National Prevention Network Lifetime Achievement Award for outstanding contributions to the field of prevention throughout his career.

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### Juana Majel Dixon

Juana Majel-Dixon has been a member of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) for 30 years. Over the years Juana has served in various NCAI leadership capacities. For the last six years Juana has served as the NCAI Secretary. In June of 2003, Juana spearheaded the formation of the NCAI Task Force on Violence Against Women. She is the Chair of the Task Force and dedicated endless hours to the re-authorization of the Violence Against Women Act 2005. Juana Majel-Dixon has traveled around the world representing the unique perspective of indigenous peoples, raising cultural awareness about such issues as native sovereignty, tribal justice systems, racism, spirituality, healing and education. Ms. Dixon received her Doctoral (ABD) in Education and U.S. Policy from San Diego State/Claremont Graduate University. She has a Masters Degree in Behavioral Science and a MS in Psychology. She has taught Federal Indian Law and U.S. Policy for 23 years at Palomar College and is a visiting professor at San Diego State University, Claremont Graduate University. In April of 2006, Juana became a faculty member of Clan Star, Inc. Juana is a member of the Pauma-Yuima Band of Luiseño Indians and has served as a traditional appointment to the tribal legislative council for 28 years. One of her greatest accomplishments is helping in raising seven boys.

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### Jodi Martin

Jodi Martin provides technical support for the Criminal Justice Center for Innovation (CJCI) at Fox Valley Technical College. She is primarily responsible for the graphic design of the marketing materials. She works across all CJCI programs to develop and create innovative literature as well as a variety of promotional items. In 2002, Jodi earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication/Journalism and Psychology from the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire. She is currently working towards an Associate Degree in Printing and Publishing with an emphasis on web design from the Fox Valley Technical College. Prior to joining the Criminal Justice Center for Innovation in 2005, she worked in the advertising/marketing department of a retail chain.

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### **Richard Milanovich**

Richard M. Milanovich's service on the Tribal Council began in 1978 as a Member. He then served as Secretary from 1981 until 1984 when he was elected to the position he continues to hold as Tribal Council Chairman. Many important Tribal and community projects have been undertaken during his tenure. A few of which include the Tahquitz Flood Control, Palm Springs Convention Center, purchase of the Spa Hotel in 1992, the addition of the Spa Resort Casino in 1995, development and construction of the Agua Caliente Casino in 2001. These projects and enterprises have brought a much-needed boost to the Palm Springs and Coachella Valley economy. Well over 2,000 jobs have been created by the development of the Spa Resort Casino, Spa Hotel, Agua Caliente Casino, Tribal Administration and other Tribal entities. More important to the Tribe itself, the revenue generated by all of the Tribal developments has allowed the Tribe to develop self-sufficiency through education, cultural preservation, housing and health care programs. In addition to his duties as Tribal Chairman, Mr. Milanovich has dedicated time and energy to other worthy causes. In 1990, he was appointed to the State Historical Resources Commission and was reappointed in 1994. Mr. Milanovich is currently serving his third three year term as a member of the Bureau of Land Management's California Desert Advisory Council, the Native American Heritage Commission and the Palm Springs Historical Site Preservation Board. He is a lifetime honorary member of the Desert Riders, the Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy and a founding member of the Santa Rosa Scenic Committee. He served on the Rupert Costo Chair Advisory Committee at the University of California, Riverside.

Mr. Milanovich also represents the Tribe as their voting member on the Coachella Valley Association of Governments Executive Committee. He has also served as a delegate to the National Congress of American Indians for 7 years. Mr. Milanovich served in the United States Army from 1960 to 1963. He has six children, three with his present wife, Melissa. In 1994, Mr. Milanovich returned to school to fulfill a life-long ambition to secure his college degree. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business and Management from the University of Redlands in 1997.

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### **Rebecca Murdock**

Rebecca Murdock is the Tribal Justice Programs Manager at the Criminal Justice Division's Center for Innovation at Fox Valley Technical College. In this position, Ms. Murdock has direct responsibility for management of tribal grant initiatives, which currently total over \$3 million. Ms. Murdock is the project manager for FVTC's work efforts with Tribal courts and the Tribal alcohol and substance abuse training and technical assistance initiatives with the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Program, U.S. Department of Justice. In addition to the tribal initiatives, Ms. Murdock coordinates and develops programs relating to leadership, software applications, community planning, and faculty development. She has co-developed a variety of programs for the College, including the eight-week executive development institute, the five-week criminal justice and public safety administrative professional's series, and the community analysis and planning strategies program. Ms. Murdock coordinates with many organizations to design and deliver multi-jurisdictional, crime prevention, and community leadership training courses and conferences throughout the United States. Prior to assuming her current position with the Center for Innovation, Ms. Murdock held program coordinator, technical assistant, and support staff positions for the Criminal Justice Center of Excellence. She has been with Fox Valley Technical College since 1994. Ms. Murdock joined the faculty of The National Judicial College in 2001.

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### **Michelle Parker**

Michelle Parker is the Weed & Seed Site Coordinator for the Winnebago Tribe/Omaha Nation/Thurston County Weed & Seed Strategy. Michelle is an enrolled member of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, where she has lived for the past 15 years. She has 3 years experience in working with the youth of both the Winnebago and Omaha reservations. Ms. Parker is scheduled to graduate with her Bachelor of Science with an emphasis in Computer Information Systems from Wayne State College, Wayne, Nebraska in the fall of 2008. She currently serves on the Methamphetamine Community Task Force in Winnebago. Ms. Parker has become a new member on a Suicide Prevention sub committee for the Omaha Nation Community Response Team (ONCRT).

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### **Diane Payne**

Diane is the Children's Justice Specialist for the national Indian-owned non-profit organization, the Tribal Law & Policy Institute, and is the director of the Alaska office in Anchorage. Diane has extensive experience as a trainer, community organizer and advocate for Native children and families. She is the new chairperson of the Tribal Nations Work Group from the National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children and has been instrumental in getting some national organizations to focus on methamphetamine issues in Indian Country. Before joining the Institute, Diane was project director for the Children's Justice Act (CJA) and STOP Violence Against Indian Women (VAWA) grants for the seven Chugach Region Tribes in Alaska for several years. These projects involved development of coordinated community response and multi-disciplinary teams to reduce trauma to child sexual abuse victims and to reduce violence against Native women. Diane is the current chairperson of the Alaska State Court Improvement Project's ICWA Subcommittee and a member of the State's Children's Justice Task Force, and the Alaska Maternal Infant Mortality Review Team. Diane has provided training to Tribes, State agencies and a variety of professions toward development of culturally competent services to Native victims. In addition, Diane has served as a Tribal court presenting officer on child abuse in Washington state, and has represented Tribes in Washington and Alaska in both State and Tribal court Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) cases. She has primary responsibility for the training and technical assistance provided to Tribes nationwide for their Children's Justice Act (CJA) grants under the Institute's grant from OVC.

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### **Ada Pecos Melton**

Ada Pecos Melton an enrolled citizen of the Pueblo of Jemez is President/Owner of American Indian Development Associates (AIDA), a 100% Indian woman-owned technical assistance, training, research, and evaluation firm since 1989. Ms. Melton provides services to Indian nations and other Indigenous Peoples in infrastructure, program and policy design and development to address justice, social, economic, health and education needs with special emphasis on the use of indigenous knowledge and culture. AIDA assists tribes with design of integrated information systems that enables tribes to share and exchange information that supports better response to tribal needs and increases cross-jurisdictional collaboration and coordination. Her public service includes work as a Probation Officer, Court Administrator, and Director of justice-related programs. Ms. Melton also works on international peacemaking efforts worldwide. In 1995, she took a one-year sabbatical to establish the American Indian & Alaska Native Desk in the US Department of Justice (USDOJ), Office of Justice Programs. Ms. Melton is a recipient of the 2005 New Mexico (NM) YWCA Women on the Move Award, the 2000 NM Distinguished Public Service Award, the 1999 Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of New Mexico (UNM) Public Administration Department and the 1998 Outstanding Achievement Recognition for Advancing the Needs of Indian Children from the USDOJ Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. She has a Masters of Public Administration and Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice, both from UNM. She is co-founder of the Tribal Juvenile Justice Council, a member of the Global Privacy & Information Quality Working Group, NM Justice Information Sharing Council, and serves on several other Boards and Committees aimed at improving the quality of life for Indian people.

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### **Steven Perry**

Steven W. Perry is a Statistician for the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics. Mr. Perry is a member of the Law Enforcement, Adjudication, and Federal Statistics Unit and among his duties, he manages the National Survey of State Court Prosecutors (see State Court Prosecutors, 2005). Mr. Perry also has primary responsibility for serving as the BJS liaison for the Indian Country Justice Statistics Program. In this capacity, he manages grants provided by BJS to improve public safety as well as improve the accuracy, completeness, and quality of criminal history records in Indian country (i.e. see Tribal Criminal History Record Improvement Pilot Program (T-CHRIP)). Mr. Perry recently completed two BJS publications, American Indians and Crime, 1992-2002, and the Census of Tribal Justice Agencies, 2002. Prior to joining BJS in 2003, Mr. Perry served over five years as a Survey Statistician for the U.S. Department of Commerce, Census Bureau. Mr. Perry received his B.A. in Sociology with a minor in Criminal Justice from Norfolk State University and holds a M.A. in Sociology with a minor in Survey Methodology from the Ohio State University. Mr. Perry served in the U.S. Army as a member of the Signal Corp working in Communication Security, where he was awarded the National Defense and Army Achievement medals in 1992.

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### David Raasch

David D. Raasch is a Temporary Judge on the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohicans Tribal Court in Bowler, Wisconsin. He was sworn in to the bench in August 1995. He recently retired from his position as the court administrator for the City of Green Bay, a position he had held since 1984. David is currently a tribal programs coordinator with the Fox Valley Technical College Criminal Justice Center for Innovation in Neenah, Wisconsin.

In addition, Dave has six years of experience as a police officer. He has taught in the areas of continuing legal education and continuing judicial education for several years. He has been a speaker at the UCLA School of Law, the Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, and the University of California Clark Kerr Campus. Recently, Mr. Raasch has been working in the development of tribal courts in Alaska, teaching for the Athabaskan College, Tanana Chief's Conference, the Alaska Inter Tribal Council, the Bristol Bay Native Association, and joined the faculty of the National Judicial College in 2002. Dave speaks on restorative justice concepts, circles and peacemaking. He currently serves as President of the Wisconsin Tribal Judges' Association, Vice President of the Board of Directors for the Tribal Law and Policy Institute in West Hollywood, California, and various committees working with peacemaking and reintegration programs.

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### Winnie Reed

Winifred L. Reed is Acting Chief of the Crime Control and Prevention Research Division, Office of Research and Evaluation at the National Institute of Justice (NIJ). She is responsible for managing the research and evaluation portfolios of the division including those in policing, crime mapping and crime prevention. She has worked in a wide range of substantive areas during her 30 plus years of experience at NIJ including law enforcement, Indian country crime and justice, gangs, school-based programs, criminal careers, criminal behavior, and crime prevention. Ms. Reed received her B.A. and M.A. degrees from The American University.

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### Michelle Rivard Parks

Michelle Rivard Parks graduated, with distinction, from the University of North Dakota School of Law in 1999. Ms. Parks is a licensed attorney in the state of Illinois, in the United States District Court for the District of North Dakota and in the Spirit Lake Tribal Court. Ms. Parks is an appointed member of the North Dakota Supreme Court State and Tribal Court Committee. Ms. Parks served as the Chief Prosecutor for the Spirit Lake Nation for approximately four years and currently serves the tribe as General Counsel, which she has done since 2001. Ms. Parks has a background in training and educating tribal, state and federal law enforcement agencies, attorneys, court staff and other individuals and entities on a variety of topics relating to the practice of both tribal law and Federal Indian law. In the fall of 2003, Ms. Parks joined the staff at UND School of Law as an Adjunct Professor teaching Federal Indian Law and additionally Ms. Parks was hired to serve as a Tribal Justice Specialist for the Tribal Judicial Institute to provide technical assistance to tribal courts in conjunction with a grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance. In 2005 Ms. Parks became the Associate Director of the Tribal Judicial Institute at UND School of Law where she continues to provide training and technical assistance to tribal, state and federal officials, judges and personnel on topics relating to the planning, implementation and enhancement of tribal justice systems as well as topics relating to tribal law and federal Indian law. Additionally Ms. Parks has extensive experience working with victim advocates in the area of program development, domestic violence prosecution and creating a coordinated community response.

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### Robert Roberts

Bob Roberts is the Executive Director of Government Relations for Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton, Wisconsin. He also serves as a senior member of the President's executive cabinet for the college. Prior to accepting this position, Bob was Dean of the Criminal Justice Division for the college. Training offered through FVTC reaches approximately 22,000 police officers throughout the United States with education tracks in law enforcement, security, juvenile justice, corrections and technology. This year, FVTC was named the number one criminal justice program of all community colleges by the American Association of Community Colleges. FVTC is the largest law enforcement training program in the Midwest and the largest technical college recipient of federal dollars for criminal justice programming. Before coming to FVTC, Bob was a law enforcement officer for 17 years holding positions as Police Chief, Special Agent, Police Officer, and Community Services Officer. Bob has an MPA from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, a BA in Criminal Justice from the University of Wisconsin Platteville working towards his PHD from Capalla University. Bob has lectured throughout the United States on "Technology and Policing," "Distance Education and Law Enforcement," "Terrorism Perspectives" and "Building Law Enforcement Education Partnerships" and "Child Exploitation."

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### David Rogers

Dave Rogers is a 26 year criminal justice professional with 16 years in law enforcement serving in positions that included Captain, Under-Sheriff and Chief of Police of both Tribal and Non-Tribal Police Agencies. He served as Chief of Police for the Makah Nation in northwestern Washington and as the first Chief of Enforcement for the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Enforcement unit which provided service to the four Treaty-Tribes (Nez Perce, Yakama, Warm Springs and Umatilla Tribes) on the Columbia River which included two states and eight county jurisdictions. Dave also served nine years as a Probation Officer and Court Commissioner for the District Courts of Clark County in Vancouver, Washington. For the past four years he was the Program Manager for the Western Community Policing Center providing Community Policing Training for the CIRCLE Project and the Tribal Resource Grant Program (TRGP) to over 250 tribes in 32 states on behalf of the COPS Office initiatives for Indian Country. Dave Rogers currently serves as the Tribal Law Enforcement Programs Specialist for Fox Valley Technical College Criminal Justice Center for Innovation in Neenah, Wisconsin. One major project that is being expanded through Fox Valley is the National Indian Youth Police Academy, which has gained international attention for its work with Indian youth.

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### Dennis Romero

Mr. Dennis O. Romero is the Acting Director for the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Service (DHHS). Mr. Romero's role is to provide national leadership and direction in substance abuse prevention, setting the goals and objectives of the Center and participating in the formulation of strategies and guidelines needed to plan, implement and manage national programs and projects. He will also give national presence by representing CSAP to members of the White House Committees, the Office of National Drug Control Policy and the news media to ensure an understanding of CSAP programs, objectives, and priorities.

As Chief Operating Officer, he is responsible for development of strategic program plans and management of CSAP's internal operations. This includes management of CSAP's \$634 million annual budget, human resources, and program implementation and performance.

Mr. Romero brings a wealth of knowledge in creating and re-structuring agency practices to better mesh with government requirements (including HIPAA and EEO laws). Mr. Romero has extensive experience in the fields of mental health, chemical addiction, prevention, and program development, among others. Prior to his current position, he served as Deputy Director of the Alcoholism Council of New York (ACNY), in New York City. In that capacity he assisted the Executive Director in the overall management of the organization, implementing the strategic plan and translating organizational goals into work plans. Mr. Romero created and established monthly reporting mechanisms; assisted program managers in developing evaluation tools and designed expansion strategies for applicable programs. He was also responsible for: assuring compliance with contracted agencies; conducting internal reviews of applicable programs; and preparing for applicable program audits. He was the community liaison developing collaborative partnerships with external organizations to increase capacity, with a focus on revenue enhancement for ACNY.

Mr. Romero received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Philosophy and Psychology from Cathedral College and a Masters Degree in Counseling Psychology from Manhattan College. He received post-graduate training at the State University of New York (SUNY), Albany Campus.

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### Kimberly Romine

Kimberly Romine is a member of the Seneca Nation of Indians from the Cattaraugus Indian Reservation in New York. She currently serves as the Executive Director to the Intradepartmental Council on Native American Affairs in the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA) at the Department of Health and Human Services directly responsible for the overall coordination of Council activities, and directing or providing for technical and administrative assistance and staff support to the Council and specifically to the Executive Committee. Before coming to the IGA, Kimberly was the Deputy Commissioner, Administration for Native Americans and prior to working at HHS she worked at the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior as the Acting Chief, Division of Acquisition overseeing all acquisition functions and establishing policy guidelines for use by all field operation units. Kimberly obtained her bachelor's degree in psychology from Syracuse University in 1978 before beginning her Federal career.

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### **Nancy Ruddy**

Nancy Ruddy is a Program Assistant with the Criminal Justice Center for Innovation at Fox Valley Technical College. She performs a wide variety of technical and administrative duties to develop and support training and events in the criminal justice field. Her responsibilities include serving as initial point of contact to internal and external service populations, coordinating and maintaining registration of training events, applications for admissions to certificate programs, and financial processes. Nancy received an Associate Degree in Accounting from Fox Valley Technical College and has been with the College for 8 years.

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### **Laurel Shuster, Ph.D.**

Laurel Shuster, Ph.D., social science program specialist, Federal Assistance Division, Office for Victims of Crime, U.S. Department of Justice. Dr. Shuster specializes in Indian Country initiatives at the Office for Victims of Crime. She is the lead project manager for the 10th Indian Nations Conference. She currently oversees OVC's Tribal Victim Assistance (TVA) discretionary grant program, TVA Training & Technical Assistance, and several other projects including the VOCA-Tribal Victim Assistance and Compensation Conference. She has worked for over 10 years to address the challenges faced by American Indian and Alaska Native tribes and has worked extensively to improve resources which effect the lives of victims of child abuse, domestic violence, elder abuse and family survivors of homicide victims. Dr. Shuster worked as a clinical psychologist for the San Carlos Apache Tribe and for the Indian Health Service on the Navajo Nation, from 1996-2000. She worked for many years providing forensic psychological evaluations of incarcerated juveniles and has over 10 years experience as a school psychologist, providing psychological services to children and adolescents with special needs. She earned her degrees from Cornell and Hofstra Universities. Dr. Shuster lives in Washington, DC, and is an avid golfer and gardener.

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### **Heather Thompson**

Heather Dawn Thompson is the Director of Governmental Affairs for the National Congress of American Indians, the nation's oldest and largest organization representing Native American Tribal governments. Ms. Thompson has extensive experience in representing governmental entities, including having served as a lead representative for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia while at Patton Boggs LLP. Heather Dawn has also worked for the United States Senate as a policy advisor on Indian Affairs and Judiciary issues, for the Puyallup Tribal Court as an interim prosecutor, for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Attorney General's Office as a law clerk, and for the U.S. Department of Justice on border and illegal drug smuggling issues. Most recently Ms. Thompson served as the Deputy Director of the national public policy and civil rights organization, Appleseed. Ms. Thompson is the President-Elect of the National Native American Bar Association and is a citizen of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. Ms. Thompson has a Bachelor's in Public & International Studies from Carnegie Mellon University, a Master's in Political Science and Public Policy from the University of Florida, and a J.D. from Harvard Law School. She is barred in Virginia, Washington DC, the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Court, and the Puyallup Tribal Court.

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### **Christopher Traver**

Christopher Traver has served for the past two years as Technical Advisor on behalf of the Justice Information Sharing office at the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), Office of Justice Programs (OJP). Mr. Traver brings a wide breadth of experience to the team, and is responsible for providing technical guidance and support for decision-makers at the policy level on the U.S. Department of Justice's efforts to bring national consensus standards and support mechanisms to justice practitioners in the field. Mr. Traver has contributed on many high profile activities, including the Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative and Global Justice XML Data Model, the National Information Exchange Model, the Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Website, the Justice Reference Architecture, and many others. Prior to his involvement in the Justice Information Sharing program, Mr. Traver was a software engineer in the private sector where he developed web-based applications and databases, as well as testing and deployment. Mr. Traver received his Bachelor of Science degrees in Computer Science and Electrical Engineering from Duke University in Durham, NC.

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### **Eugenia Tyner-Dawson**

Eugenia Tyner-Dawson is a member of the Sac and Fox Nation and she is a descendent of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma. She is a native of Wichita, Kansas. On September 3, 2006, Ms. Tyner-Dawson began her new position as the Senior Advisor to the Assistant Attorney General for Tribal Affairs, and Executive Director, Justice Programs Council on Native American Affairs. Before working in the field of Native American affairs, she worked in law enforcement and is a certified Peace Officer for the State of Oklahoma. She worked eleven years with her own tribe, directing numerous tribal programs encompassing community development, housing, social services, education, substance abuse prevention, and food & nutrition, and also served as a planner, grants writer, self-governance coordinator/negotiator, volunteer deputy court clerk and reserve police officer. Before joining federal service, she worked several years as a lobbyist in the Washington, D.C., area serving tribal governments and tribal organizations. In 1998 Ms. Tyner-Dawson began work with the Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service, in the Office of Tribal Self-Governance. In December 2000 she transferred to the Immediate Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services in the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs where she served as the Senior Advisor for Tribal Affairs, serving as the principal advisor to Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Deputy Chief of Staff, Deputy Secretary and the Secretary on tribal issues and the implementation of the HHS tribal consultation policy. Ms. Tyner-Dawson also supported the HHS Intradepartmental Council on Native American Affairs (ICNAA). In 2004, she served a detail as the Deputy Director of the IHS, providing operational support to the Director in managing the \$3.7 billion national health care delivery program for approximately 1.6 million of the nation's 2.6 million American Indians and Alaska Natives. In June 2006, she transferred to the Office of Minority Health where she served as the Associate Director for Planning and Policy Coordination. She has an Associate of Arts degree in Business Administration.

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### **Michael Vogel, Ed.D.**

Michael Vogel is Professor and Housing and Environmental Health Specialist with Montana State University Extension Service since 1982. Dr. Vogel's primary responsibility at MSU is developing housing education programs and resources for Montana consumers and tribes. While at MSU Vogel has contributed to 6 books (most recent just published College textbook, Introduction to Housing), produced 96 technical training manuals, 49 research/technical reports, 163 consumer oriented bulletins and/or fact sheets dealing with housing and environmental health. Dealing with meth, Vogel (with funding from the Montana Department of Justice) developed the Meth in Montana "Toolkit for Community Educators and Teachers" and recently partnered with teachers and Extension professionals to develop the "Meth Prevention Tools for Schools". From these meth outreach efforts, Vogel established the National M.E.T.H. Clearinghouse (Meth Education Training and Helpdesk Clearinghouse) which provide customized meth education toolkits to states and tribes. Currently Vogel is working with several Tribes to create the Meth in Tribal Communities Toolkit.

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### **Michael Weahkee, MBA, MHSA, LCDR, USPHS**

Michael Weahkee is the Family and Community Health Services (FCHS) Department Director at the California Rural Indian Health Board, and has served in that capacity since May of 2001. Michael is originally from Farmington, New Mexico, and is a member of the Zuni Pueblo Indian Tribe.

As the Director of the FCHS Department at CRIHB, he administers approximately \$9.2 million dollars annually for the purposes of providing culturally appropriate public health services for the American Indian and Alaska Native people of California. The FCHS Department is committed to preserving the traditional healthy ways of American Indians living in California, to reduce the incidence and prevalence of disease, and to empower communities to develop and deliver their own quality health services. Michael serves as the Acting Executive Director in the absence of the CRIHB Executive Director, with delegated authority to be involved in all phases of CRIHB operations necessary to provide follow-up to executive directives, to enhance relations between departments and to promote the effective and efficient use of CRIHB resources.

Michael obtained his Bachelor of Science degree from Southern Illinois University, in Carbondale, Illinois, and specialized in Health Care Management. He then furthered his education by obtaining both a Master of Business Administration and a Master of Health Services Administration from Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona.

Michael joined the Indian Health Service in 1998 and spent three years working for the Phoenix Indian Medical Center as their Grants Administrator and Program Manager in their Centers of Excellence. Prior to that, he worked at the Arizona Association of Community Health Centers as a Program Manager, and as a Public Health Technician in the United States Air Force. Michael is a Health Services Officer in the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service.

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### **Michael Williams**

Michael Williams is a Manager/Trainer at the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Office of the Comptroller (OC), Grants Financial Management Division (GFMD). Mr. Williams is a manager in the Financial Service Branch II which is responsible for reviewing applications for funding, conducting site visits, hosting Regional Financial Training Seminars and updating OJP's Financial Guide. In addition, Mr. Williams serves as a facilitator for the OJP Regional Financial Management Training Seminars which are hosted nation-wide for OJP's grant recipients.

Mr. Williams has worked the last eight years of his ten year Federal span in the Training and Policy Division (TPD), merged under GFMD, as a trainer which involves researching, interpreting, and presenting financial management information to both OJP grant recipients and staff members. In addition, Mr. Williams develops grant management policies and procedures. Prior to TPD, Mr. Williams worked in the Accounting Division and was responsible for the day-to-day administrative compliance for grant recipient's obligations, payments, and reporting requirements.

Mr. Williams received his Bachelor's Degree from Bowie State University where he specialized in accounting. He is currently pursuing his certification as a public accountant.

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### **Kimberly Woodard**

Kimberly Woodard earned an AB in English from Duke University, and a JD from The George Washington University Law School. She managed a walk-in courthouse legal clinic for the House of Ruth Domestic Violence Legal Clinic for Suburban Maryland, where she provided legal representation and advocacy services to victims of domestic violence. Ms. Woodard also served as the STOP Coordinator for the District of Columbia. Prior to joining the staff at the Office on Violence Against Women, she worked as a state program manager at the Bureau of Justice Assistance.