

**WALTERS, Karina (Choctaw Nation); Tessa Evans-Campbell (Snohomish Tribe)**  
**JOHNSTON-GOODSTAR, Katie (Dakota Nation); LYNN-HOLDER PALMENTEER,**  
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**JOHNSTON-GOODSTAR, Katie** (Dakota)

Katie earned an MSW from the University of Washington in 2004 and also completed the Graduate Certificate in International Development and Policy Management at the Evans School of Public Affairs. For the past 3 years, she has been working as a Research Assistant with the Native Wellness Research Center at the University of Washington. Katie's research interests focus on issues of inequality in international and indigenous policies and socio-political movements, electoral strategies and civic engagement in underrepresented communities. She is the recipient of a UW NSF-funded Integrative Graduate Education in Urban Ecology fellowship which will include a year-long research practicum at the University of Auckland. Her research for the fellowship will specifically focus on examining the socio-political aspects of environmental justice movements in indigenous communities in New Zealand and the United States. Katie is presenting a paper with Lynn Palmanteer Holder.

**PALMANTEER HOLDER, Lynn** (Colville)

Lynn obtained her MEd in Counseling Psychology from Washington State University in 1990. She has worked in education for 20+ years as teacher, school counselor, part-time faculty of Wenatchee Valley Community College, and Administrator for the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation's Counseling & Human Services Department. She has also served as a Tribal Partnership Specialist for the Bureau of Census in a five-state region. Currently, for the past 3.5 years she has been working for the University of Washington's Educational Partnerships & Learning Technologies Department as the Director for Tribal Community Partnerships. Lynn is interested in community-based, applied research with tribal traditionalist, social welfare, and educational systems to facilitate social policy changes and culturally relevant program development on and near Indian reservations. Lynn is currently a recipient of the Bank of America Minority Fellowship. She is presenting a paper with Katie Johnston-GoodStar.

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***Conceptualizing Historical Trauma, Microaggressions, and Colonial Trauma Response: A Decolonization Framework for Healing Indigenous Families and Communities***

American Indians and Alaska Natives have endured a succession of historically traumatic assaults on their communities and families over time. Historical trauma combined with contemporary microaggressions and other discriminatory events can lead to a soul wound or colonial trauma response. This presentation will describe how intergenerational historical trauma, microaggressions, and colonial trauma response were conceptualized and measured in a community-driven and led HIV prevention study of urban American Indians living in the Northeastern part of the United States. Preliminary results indicate that these traumatic

stressors are associated with mental health and health-risk outcomes among American Indian individuals, families, and communities. Additionally, how Native families and individuals respond to life span transitions within the context of historically traumatic events will be outlined utilizing a decolonization framework for practice.