

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS FOR NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

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She has 20 years of mental health experience with American Indian and African American families as well as community organizing experience. Her aim is to reduce health disparities, provide culturally appropriate interventions for AI/ANs and impact policy changes regarding funding opportunities for physical and mental health and substance abuse treatment for AI/AN youth and families. She is the 2015 recipient of the University of Michigan Harold R. Johnson Diversity Service Award.

Research

CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN FAMILIES AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS

Maternal gambling, parenting, and child behavioral functioning in Native American families.

MENTAL HEALTH

Integrating spiritual and western treatment modalities in a Native American substance use center: Provider perspectives.

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS

Advancing community-based research with urban American Indian populations: Multidisciplinary perspectives.

HEALTH

Crystalizing the role of traditional healing in an urban Native American health center.

Highlighted Work: **Oxycontin use on a rural Mid West Indian reservation: Demographic correlates and reasons for using**

In 2009 we surveyed 400 tribal members of a midwestern American Indian reservation to assess the prevalence of OxyContin use. Thirty percent of tribal participants reported nonmedical use of OxyContin ever, 18.9% in the past year, and 13.4% in the past month. Participants aged 18 to 25 years were most likely to have used OxyContin. Reasons given for use of the drug included pain relief (59.3%) and getting high (52.2%), indicating a need for opioid treatment programs.