



### Presenter Biographies

**Stephanie Autumn**, (*Hopi/Irish*), *Director, Tribal Youth Resource Center, Tribal Law and Policy Institute*

Stephanie Autumn serves as the Director of Tribal Law and Policy Institute's (TLPI) Tribal Youth Resource Center. She brings extensive experience in developing, implementing, and evaluating programs in Indian country. Ms. Autumn has 38 years of local, national, and international American Indian advocacy and policy work experience, and has presented at various Human Rights forums at the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland and in New York. She has worked throughout the country on issues of American Indian (AI) adult and juvenile justice, substance abuse prevention, restorative justice, and tribal youth mentoring programs. Ms. Autumn served as the Executive Directive of the Minnesota Restorative Justice Campaign for five years and is a skilled Restorative Practitioner facilitator, trainer, and Circle Keeper. Ms. Autumn's expertise includes developing culturally competent strategic planning tools and trainings for American Indian/Alaska Native tribes. She has directed national projects on American Indian juvenile domestic assault, restorative justice, pre-and post-release services for AI offenders, tribal mentoring, and truancy. She served as project director for three DOJ-funded programs for tribal youth which provided Training and Technical Assistance to over 135 tribal grantees. Ms. Autumn has provided expertise/testimony for the Minnesota & South Dakota Departments of Corrections regards to Traumatic Brain Injury and Trauma Informed Care needs/issues with incarcerated American Indian juvenile and adults. For the past fifteen years, Ms. Autumn has provided expertise to the Minnesota Department of Education on disproportionality issues that impact American Indian youth and communities. Ms. Autumn is the founder of the American Indian Prison Project Working Group.

**Santana Bartholomew** (*Pueblo of Pojoaque*), *Youth Path to Wellness Court Coordinator, Pueblo of Pojoaque Tribal Court*

Santana Bartholomew is a member of the Pueblo of Pojoaque and is the Youth Path to Wellness Coordinator. She is coordinating a strengths-based healing to wellness court and youth program. By effectively partnering with community stakeholders in and around the Pueblo of Pojoaque, she is implementing confidence-building programming for youth and families in New Mexico. Prior to working for the Pueblo of Pojoaque Tribal Court, Santana was the Teen Development Leader at the Pueblo of Pojoaque Boys & Girls Club where she found a passion working with teens developing and implementing community service projects. She is dedicated to serving her community and working with neighboring tribes to promote initiatives that inspire the youth to become future leaders. Her belief is that positive mentorship and



experiential education are two of the most important ingredients in a young adult's life. Ms. Bartholomew loves athletics and spending time outdoors participating in extreme sports such as snowboarding and river rafting. Santana graduated from Santa Fe Preparatory School in 2013 and attended Dartmouth College and the University of New Mexico before becoming a mother in 2015.

**Sean Bear** (*Meskwaki Tribal Nation*), *Co-Director, National American Indian and Alaska Native Addiction Technology Transfer Center*

Sean, BA, CADAC, is a member of the Meskwaki tribe in Tama, Iowa, being an Army veteran of over 9 years of service and served with the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division. He has worked as an Administrator/Counselor in EAP, a counselor in adolescent behavioral programs, substance abuse, and in-home family therapy. It has been very rewarding to work with individuals and groups in the areas of Substance abuse, Behavioral, and person/family/social issues. He has had experience in building holistic, Native American based curriculum, and implementation with substance abuse clientele. He graduated from Buena Vista University with a double major in psychology and human services, as well as two years of Graduate school with Drake University's mental health program. It is his goal to continue and receive his Master's degree. His passion is the life-long education of Spirituality, particularly in Native American Spirituality.

**Precious Benally** (*Diné*), *Co-Director, Tribal Youth Program Resource Center, Tribal Law and Policy Institute*

Precious Benally is Co-Director for TLP's Tribal Youth Program Resource Center. She previously served as Program Manager with the Tribal Justice Exchange and Treatment Court Programs at the Center for Court Innovation. She provides training and technical assistance for drug treatment courts and tribal justice systems across the country. This includes assisting with community needs assessments and comprehensive strategic planning projects, authoring publications, and providing support for tribal justice program development. She has presented on topics ranging from opioid abuse in Indian Country, the implementation of teleservices for drug courts in rural jurisdictions and incorporating restorative justice practices in treatment court programs. Her areas of interest include international indigenous law and policy, healing to wellness courts, peacemaking and restorative justice practices, teleservices, and developing technology-based training and information-sharing platforms. Ms. Benally obtained her law degree from Columbia Law School, where she focused on international indigenous law and policy, peacemaking, and other forms of alternative dispute resolution. Ms. Benally is a citizen of the Diné Nation from Northern New Mexico.

**Jeri Brunoe** (*Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs*), *Owner, Jerry Brunoe Training & Consulting (JBT&C)*

Ms. Brunoe is an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation in Oregon however now resides in Southern California. She has worked in Indian Country for 30 plus years and is the owner of Jeri Brunoe Training & Consulting (JBT&C). Previous to JBT&C, Brunoe's experience has included being a Leadership Trainer, College faculty member, Prevention Coordinator Trainer, Program Development and GONA/GOAN Facilitator. Jeri is a certified Core Team & Crisis Intervention/Prevention Specialist" and is a graduate of the Bill McGrane Self-Esteem Institute in Advance Psycholinguistics/Neurolinguistics and Oregon State



University alumna. Ms. Brunoe was a Mentor/Leader for the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America CADCA and has been given the honor to become an International Peace Ambassador as well as a Woman Leader for the Clinton Administration. She is now serving on the board for the National Indian Youth Leadership Programs NIYLP, based in Albuquerque, NM and on the Advisory board for Wind River Foundation, Jackson, WY and has previously served on several other boards such as Semilla's International Baccalaureate Academia School, East Los Angeles, CA. Jeri has expertise in strategic planning, cultural diversity, organizational development, team building, facilitation, community development, non-profit board training, youth advocacy, youth peer to peer training, youth council development, curriculum development, Tribal governance and youth leadership trainings. Ms. Brunoe is a nationally known and highly respected public speaker and youth leadership expert, as well as a gifted writer, and an actor.

**Jill Campoli**, *Clinical Director – Pueblo of Pojoaque*

Jill Campoli M.A., LPCC is the Clinical Director for the Pueblo of Pojoaque and oversees the treatment programming for the Adult and Youth Healing to Wellness programs. Ms. Campoli has had the honor of working with tribal communities in northern New Mexico since 2014 and is passionate about building community relationships. She has presented on several panels throughout New Mexico and was an adjunct professor for Northern New Mexico College. In addition to her work, Ms. Campoli enjoys making art, writing and taking her dog on hikes.

**Anna Rangel Clough** (*Muscogee Creek and Yuchi*), *Assistant Director, Tribal Youth Resource Center*

Anna Clough is a member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and Yuchi Tribes. She graduated from The University of Oklahoma with a BA in Sociology and minor in Native American Studies/Criminology and the University of Oklahoma College of Law with a Juris Doctorate and a certificate in Native American law from the Center for the Study of American Indian Law and Policy. She is a practicing member of the Oklahoma Bar Association, and has been admitted to practice in numerous Oklahoma Tribal courts. She has spent her legal career working with Tribal youth and families in both State and Tribal Courts throughout Oklahoma. Mrs. Clough has served as a training and technical assistance (TTA) provider on behalf of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention TTA services for the past several years and has supported the development and implementation of numerous National training efforts to support CTAS purpose area 8 and purpose area 9 tribal grantees. She is a mother to four children and lives with her husband in central Oklahoma.

**Marianna Corona**, *Senior Program Associate, Center for Children and Family Futures*

Marianna Corona, MSW, LCSW, currently serves as a Performance Management Liaison working on the Regional Partnership Grant (RPG) Support Contract and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA) Family Drug Treatment Court project. She is also part of the Change Lead team for the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation Prevention and Family Recovery project. In this role, Ms. Corona provides ongoing technical assistance to grantees to support cross-systems collaboration, address challenges program implementation, and improve outcomes for children and families. Prior to her position at CFF, she was a Research Associate with a California-based evaluation firm working in program evaluation, strategic planning, and facilitation. In addition, Ms. Corona previously worked as a direct services mental health



provider with San Diego County California based non-profit organizations, specializing in trauma and domestic violence. Ms. Corona received her Master of Social Welfare from University of California, Berkeley, and Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Stanford University. She is currently a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in the State of California.

**Lorna Dan** (*Swinomish Indian Tribal Community*), *Resident Assistant and Case Manager, Swinomish Recovery Houses*

Lorna Dan is a member of the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, and is the Resident Assistant and Case Manager for the Swinomish Recovery Houses. She is a member of the Swinomish Healing to Wellness Court Team and a graduate of the Swinomish Healing to Wellness Court. She lives on the Swinomish Reservation with her partner and their daughter.

**Ray Daw**, (*Diné*), *M.A., Health Administrator*

Ray Daw, Navajo, is a health administrator in Alaska who has worked with the Takini Network and Maria Yellow Horse Brave Heart using the historical trauma model in trainings and health care to create a better quality of life for Native people. Specialty areas include substance abuse, mental health treatment, criminal justice, health education, program management, grant writing, rural health, needs assessment, and research.

**Rhonda Decontie** (*Algonquin & Penobscot*), *Cultural Advisor/Clerk, Penobscot Nation Judicial System*

Rhonda Decontie (Algonquin & Penobscot) has served the Penobscot Nation's Judicial System since 2011 and was promoted to the Clerk of the Court in 2014. That same year she was selected from more than 300 tribal courts by the National American Indian Court Judges Association to receive its National Outstanding Court Support Award. Under her leadership, the Tribal Court has been nationally recognized as a leader in the handling of child protective proceedings and for its culturally aligned Healing to Wellness Court. Her parents are Faye Decontie (Penobscot) and the late Frank Decontie (Algonquin). She was raised both on Indian Island and in the Kitigan Zibi Reserve in Quebec. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Mental Health from the University of Maine at Augusta. Her parents raised her to believe that she owed a responsibility to the community to return after she graduated from college to serve her people. She considers her work for her people in the Nation's Judicial System the greatest achievement of her life. She is committed to ensuring that the Court provides a just, compassionate, culturally aligned problem solving approach for those it serves. Rhonda was recently featured on VICE for her efforts of including Penobscot traditions and Anishinaabe teachings into the Wellness Court. She recognized that there was a strong need for community engagement and cultural awareness. Through her leadership the Healing to Wellness Court has now set an expectation that participants will have opportunities to engage in community and cultural events.

**Mark Espinosa**, *M.P.H.A., Health System Administrator, Indian Health Service, (California)*

Mr. Mark Espinosa was hired as the Health Systems Administrator. He is the Youth Regional Treatment Center (YRTC) Director of the Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center. Mark was born and raised in California and is an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (Cherokee, NC). Prior to coming to the CAO, Mark was Chief Operating Officer at a Sacramento

community health clinic. Mark also served as the Executive Director of the San Francisco Native American Health Center (7+ years) and also worked at a Tribal health clinic. As Health Systems Administrator, Mark is responsible for the operational and logistical planning for the Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center. This includes development of policies and procedures, licensing, staff hiring and development, accreditation, and the day-to-day operations of the facility. Mark will also be responsible for the second California YRTC, Sacred Oaks, located in Davis, CA and is scheduled to open late 2019/early 2020. Mark completed his undergraduate training at the University of California, Davis and holds a Master's degree in Health Care Administration from Golden Gate University.

**Adelle Fontanet, Associate Director, Tribal Justice Exchange, Center for Court Innovation**

Adelle Fontanet is the Associate Director of the Center's Tribal Justice Exchange. She provides on-site and long-distance training and technical assistance to tribes seeking to develop or enhance their justice systems around the country. She has lead justice system needs assessments and strategic planning projects with numerous tribes, including child welfare focused needs assessments and healing to wellness court assessments. In addition to conducting assessments Ms. Fontanet works with tribal justice systems to design and implement problem-solving programming such as alternatives to incarceration, and diversionary programs. Prior to working with the Tribal Justice Exchange, she participated in a fellowship with the Center where she worked with Bronx Community Solutions to provide alternatives to incarceration to low-level misdemeanor adult and youth offenders in Bronx Criminal Court. Ms. Fontanet is a licensed attorney, having graduated from Columbia Law School where she participated in the school's peacemaking clinic. Ms. Fontanet frequently gives presentations at tribal justice conferences and was centrally involved in the planning and implementation of the Red Hook Peacemaking Program.

**Pejuta Cangleska Win (Sacred Medicine Circle Woman), Tasha R. Fridia (Wichita, Kiowa, and Caddo), Consultant & Program Specialist, Tribal Youth Resource Center, Tribal Law Policy Institute**

Tasha R. Fridia, *Pejuta Cangleska Win (Sacred Medicine Circle Woman)* works as consultant for TLPI as a Training and Technical Assistance Specialist. She is the owner of *Fridia Consulting* where she assists tribes with strategic and justice system planning, code drafting and policy implementation. Tasha serves as a Senior Associate at the National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College. Prior to her work with the Tribal Law and Policy Institute, she worked for the OJJDP Tribal Youth Program Training and Technical Assistance Center at the University of Oklahoma in the Tribal Law and Policy Division. Tasha is a recent graduate of Oklahoma City University School of Law, where she earned her Juris Doctorate as well as a certificate in American Indian Law. Tasha interned with the Oglala Sioux Tribal Court and the OJJDP TYP TTA Center at the University of Oklahoma. She also gained experience as a student in the *Jodi G. Marquette American Indian Wills Clinic*. While in law school, Tasha held numerous leadership positions including Student Bar Association Vice President, Pupil of *Ruth Bader Ginsburg Inn of Court*, and an appointment to the Dean's Council on Diversity, Equality and Inclusion where she helped establish a regalia policy for Native American Law Students. She served on the National Native American Law Students Association board and was awarded *Future Trailblazer in Indian Country* by her local chapter. Tasha previously worked in the Tribal



Human Resources field and is currently the Chair of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes, Tribal Employee Rights Commission. She earned a B.A. from the University of Oklahoma and a M.A. in Human Resources Development from Webster University. Tasha is passionate about the work she does and approaches it with the guidance of cultural and traditional teachings.

**Suzanne Garcia**, *Child Welfare Specialist, Tribal Law and Policy Institute*

Suzanne Garcia works with the Tribal Law and Policy Institute as the Child Welfare Specialist. She provides training and technical assistance for tribal child welfare agencies, with special expertise on Tribal Title IV-E access. Most recently, she served as the Assistant General Counsel for the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California for over seven years. In that role, she worked extensively with child welfare issues, including negotiating tribal-county agreements, developing policies and procedures, and extensive work with the Tribal Title IV-E development grant, Tribal Court Improvement grant, and Children's Justice Act grant. Suzanne represented the Tribe in Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) child welfare proceedings in state courts and child dependency cases in Washoe tribal court. She also developed and delivered both written and oral testimony in response to requests for consultation from ACF, IHS, BIA, and the DOJ. As a representative of the Washoe Tribe, Suzanne provided excellent peer-to-peer information sharing with tribes throughout the country about 'lessons learned,' and offering insight to the Washoe tribal experience in developing Tribal IV-E plans. Suzanne has worked numerous times over the past four years with the National Resource Center for Tribes in coordinating several tribal gatherings focused on tribal access to Title IV-E direct funding. Suzanne holds a Jurisprudence Doctor degree from the University of Arizona College of Law and an Applied Baccalaureate degree in Philosophy from the University of California, Davis.

**Hon. Carrie Garrow** (*Akwesasne Mohawk*), *Chief Judge, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Court*

Carrie Garrow, J.D., M.P.A., received her undergraduate degree from Dartmouth College, her law degree from Stanford Law School, and a master's in public policy from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. She has worked as a Visiting Assistant Professor and as the Executive Director of the Center for Indigenous Law, Governance & Citizenship at Syracuse University College of Law. She is also a consultant with Tribal Law and Policy Institute and has had the opportunity to travel to numerous Indian nations to provide training to tribal courts. Hon. Garrow is currently on the board of the National American Indian Court Judges Association and the Native America Humane Society Advisory Board. She has co-authored Tribal Criminal Law and Procedure (2nd edition) with Sarah Deer, in addition to writing several articles on tribal law and governance.

**Carrie Greene**, M.S.Ed., LPCC, *Behavioral Health Consultant, Indian Health Service, (California)*

Ms. Greene is the Behavioral Health Consultant at the California Area Indian Health Service (CAIHS). In her role she provides consultation services to 44 Tribal and 10 Urban Health Clinics throughout California. She is the Project Coordinator for the Aftercare Pilot Project Grant at Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center and is the Project Officer for several tribal health clinics. Ms. Greene completed her Bachelors in Exercise Science (2004) and Masters in Community Mental Health Counseling (2007) at Youngstown State University in Youngstown, Ohio. Prior to working at CAIHS, she worked with youth and families in the juvenile justice system. She later worked



for AmeriCorps NCCC as a Counselor and Lead Trainer. Ms. Greene is a Mental Health First Aid instructor and an advocate for health equity.

**Carolyn Hardin**, *Chief of Training and Research, National Drug Court Institute*

Carolyn Hardin is the Chief of Training and Research with the National Association of Drug Court Professionals. Ms. Hardin oversees the daily operations for NADCP's three divisions: National Drug Court Institute, National Center for DWI Courts, and Justice for Vets. The National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) is a non-governmental organization (NGO) based in Washington, D.C. Ms. Hardin oversees the development and implementation of training for the Organization. She currently travels nationally and internationally, assisting drug court teams with planning and operating successful drug court. She received her Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Akron in Ohio. She received her Bachelors of Arts Degree in Public Administration from Talladega College in Talladega, Alabama. Her work experience includes resource development and acquisition, program planning and evaluation, and MIS database manager. Ms. Hardin has supervised probationers, parolee's, and federal inmates. She has supervised special caseloads to include sex offenders, dual-diagnosis offenders, and violent offenders.

**Lauren Henry**, *Tribal Code Reviser, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community*

Lauren Henry is the Tribal Code Reviser for the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community. She previously served as Chief Legal Counsel for the House of Delegates in the Republic of Palau and as an Assistant Public Defender in Florida. She graduated from the University of Minnesota School of Law and currently resides in Everett, WA.

**Medina Henry**, *Associate Director, Community Justice Initiatives*

Medina Henry is associate director of Community Justice Initiatives at the Center for Court Innovation. In this role, she provides consulting services to jurisdictions around the nation, including assistance provided under the Problem-Solving Justice Initiative of the Bureau of Justice Assistance at the U.S. Department of Justice. The Problem-Solving Justice Initiative seeks to promote the use of problem-solving practices in an effort to reduce crime and incarceration while strengthening public trust in justice. Medina also spearheads technical assistance for nine sites funded by the Minority Youth Violence Prevention initiative, a collaboration between the Office of Minority Health at the US Department of Health and Human Services and the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Office at the US Department of Justice. She began her career at the Center shortly after earning her Master of Public Administration at Baruch College. Medina started as the program coordinator for the Center's AmeriCorps program and was promoted to planner for the Red Hook Community Justice Center. While in Red Hook she helped the Justice Center to plan and launch the Red Hook Responders, a social service program focused on addressing the community's needs post-Hurricane Sandy; Red Hook CARES, which provides crisis support and case management to survivors of violence; and a host of other projects.

**Micaelee Horn**, *Healing to Wellness Court Coordinator, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Court*

Micaelee Horn was born and raised in Akwesasne. She holds an SSW diploma from St. Lawrence College and a BA in Psychology from SUNY Potsdam. Micaelee was hired at Tribal Courts in



2010 and was instrumental in the creation and implementation of the Healing to Wellness Courts. The Wellness Courts are comprised of the Adult Criminal Court and the Family Treatment Court. The Adult Criminal Court links justice and healing to help defendants identify appropriate services to support sobriety and overall Wellness. Meanwhile the Family Treatment Court helps parents who have a diagnosed addiction to reunite with their children and live a healthier lifestyle for a healthier family.

**Joshua Hudson (Ojibwe), Judge, Bay Mills Tribal Court: Healing to Wellness Court, Court of Appeals**

Hon. Joshua Hudson (Ojibwe) is a citizen of Bay Mills Indian Community, and currently lives on the shores of Lake Superior in Northern Michigan. Bringing over 10 years of experience, Joshua's work has centered on health, recovery, and healing intergenerational trauma. He currently serves as a Judge for Bay Mills Indian Community for both the Healing to Wellness Court and the Court of Appeals. Additionally, Joshua is a current Fellow of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation's Community Leadership Network, which is an innovative fellowship for local leaders to connect, grow and lead transformational change on behalf of children, families and communities.

**Hon. Mary Jo B. Hunter (Ho Chunk), Associate Judge, Ho Chunk Nation**

The Honorable Mary Jo Hunter is an enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a Journalism degree in 1978 and she obtained her law degree from the UCLA School of Law in 1982. She returned to the Ho-Chunk Nation as an elected official becoming one of the first elected trial judges for the Nation's Trial Court in 2015. Judge Hunter was elected as the first Chief Justice of the Ho-Chunk Nation Supreme Court in July 1995. She was re-elected in 2002, in 2007, and in 2013. She retired from that position in March 2015 to assume the trial court bench on a full-time basis. Currently, she is also serving as the Chief Justice for the Supreme Court the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska. In the past, Justice Hunter has also served as an Associate Justice for the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska Court of Appeals and the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Tribal Appellate Court. She also served as the Chief Justice of the Prairie Island Indian Community's Appeals Court. Judge Hunter has also conducted workshops and training on the Indian Child Welfare Act and Cultural Issues of American Indians. In her previous capacity at Hamline University School of Law, she served as a Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) for Indian children who are subject to the Indian Child Welfare Act and represented other GALs in cases involving ICWA. In addition, she taught the Native American Law seminar course for Hamline University Law School.

**Sina Ikioku Win (Takes Robe Woman), Ethleen Iron Cloud-Two Dogs (Oglala Lakota), Consultant, Tribal Youth Resource Center, Tribal Law Policy Institute**

Sina Ikioku Win (Takes the Robe Woman), Ethleen Iron Cloud-Two Dogs is an enrolled citizen of the Oglala Sioux Tribe and has Crow ancestry and counts among her many blessings, her life companion, family and many relatives. She lives in her home community of Porcupine, SD on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. Ethleen provides training and technical assistance locally and nationally to Tribal programs and communities in the area of youth, family and community development; mental health; education; suicide prevention; juvenile justice and cultural development. She is a past Bush Foundation Fellow, serves on the Knife



Chief Buffalo Nation Society Board of Directors, Anpo Wicahpi (Morning Star) Pine Ridge Girls' Preparatory School Board of Directors, and the Rosalyn Carter Mental Health Task Force. Ethleen is a past member of the Bureau of Indian Education Advisory Committee for Children with Exceptional Education Needs and the First Nations Behavioral Health Association. She holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Fort Lewis College; a Master of Science degree in Counseling and Human Resources Development from South Dakota State University and is currently a doctoral student at Colorado State University with expected graduation in 2020. Ethleen considers herself a lifelong learner of human development with focus on cultural and indigenous traditional teachings.

**Hon. Lawrence King**, *Chief Judge, Colorado River Indian Tribes*

Chief Judge King joined the Colorado River Indian Tribes Tribal Court in 2014. He is a Magistrate for the Town of Paradise Valley. Judge King is on the Board of the Arizona Magistrates Association and serves as its President, and teaches continuing education subjects. Before his appointment as Chief Judge in 2014, Judge King worked as a Judge Pro Tempore and Acting Chief Judge for Colorado River Indian Tribes; Judge Pro Tempore for the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, the Hualapai Tribe and the White Mountain Apache Tribe. In his career as a civil servant, Judge King has served the public by working for Governor Rose Mofford of Arizona and Lt. Governor Thomas P. O'Neil, III of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He was also a Candidate for United States House of Representatives in 2002. He clerked for Judge Stephen L. Reinhardt on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

**Jeffrey N. Kushner**, *Montana Statewide Drug Court Coordinator, Montana Supreme Court/Office of the Court Administrator*

Jeffrey Kushner, M.H.R.A., is the Montana Statewide Drug Court Coordinator with the Montana Supreme Court/Office of the Court Administrator. Kushner assumed his duties in January of 2008 after the Montana Legislative Assembly provided initial funding for the state's drug courts and his position. Kushner, in November of 2015, received an award by the Supreme Court of the State of Montana for "Distinguished Service To The Montana Judiciary And The People of The State of Montana." Prior to assuming his duties in Helena, Kushner was the Drug Court Administrator for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit in St. Louis, Missouri. Mr. Kushner began with the Circuit in December of 1996 as the primary planner for the drug court that opened in April of 1997. Kushner served as the lead trainer at the National Rural Institute on Alcohol and Drug Abuse where he taught the basic drug court track. Previous to his position in St. Louis, Kushner was the State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Director in Nebraska, Colorado and Oregon over a period of 26 years. Kushner was the Director in Oregon for sixteen years where he was designated as Manager of the Year in Oregon's Executive Service. Kushner has served on numerous national task forces, committees and the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment National Advisory Council. Kushner was President of the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors and received their Outstanding Service Award for his contribution to that organization. Other awards include the Oregon Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse President's Award, The Harold E. Hughes Exceptional Services Award, Ecumenical Ministries Award for Public Service, Women's Commission Award from the Oregon Women's Commission on Alcohol and Drug Issues, and the Administrator's Award for Public Service from the Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration of the Federal government. Upon leaving St. Louis,



the 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit recognized Kushner for, "his vision, knowledge, persistence, diligence, and leadership in creating and developing the St. Louis City Drug Courts. Kushner was also recognized by the Supreme Court of Missouri for his contribution to the drug court movement in Missouri. Kushner is a strong advocate for implementation of evidence-based practices within treatment programs and drug courts and chaired an initiative with National Drug Court Institute to publish a document on evidence-based practices for drug courts in conjunction with 12 internationally known researchers in related fields. This publication, Quality Improvement for Drug Courts: Evidence-Based Practices, has been completed and thousands of copies have been distributed across the country. Kushner, working with American University, is one of two lead authors in the development of a set of guidelines entitled, "A Technical Assistance Guide for Drug Court Judges on Drug Court Treatment Services." to improve the understanding of evidence-based treatment practices and their use by drug courts. Kushner has also joined with Children and Families Futures to develop a Family Strength and Needs Assessment Survey instrument to improve services to family members of drug court participants across the country. In conjunction with Addiction Consulting Group, Kushner developed the Recovery Maintenance Check-in (RMC-i), an instrument developed for drug courts and treatment programs to follow-up on clients/participants after they have left treatment/drug court to help them maintain their recovery. Kushner is the moderator of the national Rural Drug Court List Serve in conjunction with American University's Office of Justice Programs. Kushner is the only individual in the country who has been both a Single State Agency Director for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and a statewide drug court administrator. Kushner lives in the foothills of the Bitterroot Mountains with his wife, Siberian Husky and Great Pyrenees and is an active volunteer fire fighter and past President of the Victor, Montana Rural Volunteer Fire District Association.

**David Lucas**, *Clinical Advisor/Senior Program Manager, Technical Assistance, Center for Court Innovation*

David Lucas is a clinical advisor/senior program manager, Technical Assistance, at the Center for Court Innovation. In this role, David specializes in the areas of restorative justice and court-supervised treatment and provides expert assistance to state and local jurisdictions. Prior to joining the Center, David was a clinical lead at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health – Drug Treatment Court Program (Toronto, Canada), a course director at York University's School of Social Work, and a harm reduction outreach worker. David has spent the past two decades providing counseling, education, advocacy, program development, and case management for a variety of complex client populations, in community, legal, and clinical settings.

**Jordan Martinson** (*Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa*), *Tribal Law and Policy Specialist, Tribal Law and Policy Institute*

Jordan Martinson joined the Tribal Law and Policy Institute in 2019 where he serves as Tribal Law and Policy Specialist. Jordan brings a broad range of state and tribal interdisciplinary legal expertise to the TLPI team. His tribal legal experience includes serving as Assistant General Counsel for the St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin in addition to working as social services and child support attorney for the Menominee Nation, where he intervened on behalf of the tribe in state and federal Indian Child Welfare Act cases. Most recently, Jordan served as Assistant Corporation Counsel for Manitowoc County, Wisconsin where he represented the



state in child protective services, guardianship, mental health and child support related litigation. During his undergraduate studies, Jordan worked for the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, Equal Rights Division, where he aided administrative officials in fair housing and employment discrimination determinations. Jordan received his J.D. from the University of Wisconsin Law School, where he focused his studies on federal Indian law, and completed research on Ojibwe treaty rights as well as the interplay between the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and federal employment law. Jordan received his bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, with a certificate in American Indian Studies.

**Sheila McCarthy**, *Senior Program Manager, Technical Assistance, Center for Court Innovation*  
Sheila E. McCarthy, LMSW is a Licensed Master Social Worker and received her Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from Boston College and her Master's Degree in Social Work at Columbia University. Sheila currently works at the Center for Court Innovation (CCI) as a Senior Program Manager on the Technical Assistance Team. Her background includes working in different capacities through the New York State Unified Court System for over 11 years beginning in 2007, originally hired as a Coordinator for the Domestic Violence Compliance Parts in Queens Family Court. Subsequently, Sheila worked for the Child Welfare Court Improvement Project (CWCIP), first serving as the Liaison assigned to Queens Family Court. In that role she participated in citywide collaboration between the court and child welfare agencies to identify gaps in services and barriers effecting permanency cases, while strengthening communication and integration between the systems through continuous quality improvement. In 2015, Sheila transitioned into her role with CWCIP as the NYC Liaison for the Statewide System Improvement Program, a federally-funded project aimed at reforming the child welfare, family court, and chemical dependency systems, before joining CCI in early 2019.

**Kim McGinnis, PhD** *Chief Judge, Pueblo of Pojoaque Tribal Court*

Pueblo of Pojoaque Chief Judge Kim McGinnis earned a Ph.D. in neuropharmacology from the University of Michigan in 1999 and completed a post-doctoral fellowship at Massachusetts General Hospital, Department of Neurology, Molecular Neurogenetics Unit. Judge McGinnis graduated from Boston University School of Law in 2004. She clerked at the Michigan Court of Appeals before joining Detroit Legal Aid and Defenders as a felony-level public defender. In 2008, she became an assistant defender with the Michigan State Appellate Defender Office, where she was the principal appellate attorney investigating convictions tainted by Detroit Crime Lab malfeasance. In 2011, Judge McGinnis moved to Taos, New Mexico and practiced family law, primarily representing victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in state and tribal courts. The Pueblo of Pojoaque Tribal Council appointed her associate judge in 2013 and chief judge in 2015. Judge McGinnis presides over Pojoaque's Path to Wellness Court, a healing to wellness court. Pojoaque is currently implementing a Youth Healing to Wellness Court. She is also program director for Pojoaque's Opioid Prevention and Intervention Project, Substance Use Disorder Pre-Prosecution Diversion Project, Domestic Violence Education and Outreach Project, and Sober Living/Re-Entry Pilot Project.

**Hon. Eric M. Mehnert**, *Chief Judge, Penobscot Nation Judicial System*

Eric M. Mehnert has served as the Chief Judge of the Penobscot Nation Tribal Court since 2008. He presides over the Nation's Criminal and Civil Courts as well as the Nation's Healing to



Wellness Court. He tells anyone who will listen that it is the best job he ever had--and ever hopes to have. He is a member of the bars of the State of Maine, the State of Massachusetts, and has been admitted to practice before the Federal District Courts of Maine and Massachusetts, the First Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court. Prior to his appointment to the Penobscot Nation Tribal Court Eric served as the Chief of Enforcement of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Commission against Discrimination overseeing a staff of 45 investigators and 15 attorneys in prosecuting discrimination actions throughout the Commonwealth. He has served on the Maine Advisory Group to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, the Board of Directors of the Maine Civil Liberties Union, and the Executive Board of the Portland Branch of the NAACP.

**Alicia Mousseau, PhD** (*Oglala Lakota*), *Training and Technical Assistance Specialist, National Native Children's Trauma Center*

Alicia is the daughter of the late John and Vera Mousseau and the granddaughter of the late James and Lena Mousseau from Porcupine, South Dakota. Her hunka parents are Howard Brown and Karen Spoonhunter-Brown of Arapahoe, Wyoming. Alicia received her PhD in Clinical Psychology from the University of Wyoming in 2012. Her current professional work with the National Native Children's Trauma Center includes developing a supplement to a school-based cognitive behavioral trauma intervention for American Indian youth and creating a collaborative trauma resilient tribal systems framework. She also currently serves as a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe Research Review Board. Her previous work included culturally adapting and implementing a family-based substance use prevention program with Lakota families. Other work of Alicia's has focused on examining self-regulation, affect, and substance use among American Indian youth, including examining mindfulness techniques to reduce risky behaviors. Overall, Alicia is dedicated to promoting prevention and health equity in American Indian communities through community-based research and capacity building.

**Karen Otis**, *Associate Director, Treatment Court Programs, Center for Court Innovation*

Karen Otis, associate director with the Center's department of treatment court programs, delivers expert assistance to state and local jurisdictions in the areas of adult drug courts, family drug courts, veterans treatment courts, mental health courts, and more. Karen also designs and delivers remote trainings via webinar and videoconference, and she develops content for the National Drug Court Online Learning System. Karen is a licensed mental health counselor with more than a decade of experience in family treatment court. She holds a master's degree in forensic psychology from John Jay College of Criminal Justice and a master's degree in mental health counseling from the City College of New York.

**Brooke O'Byrne**, *Program Associate, Center for Children and Family Futures*

Brooke O'Byrne has served a range of organizations including grassroots nonprofits and government agencies. She is passionate about justice reform and behavioral health. Prior to joining the Children and Family Futures (CFF) team, Ms. O'Byrne served as the court administrator with Nevada's Sixth Judicial District Court where she was responsible for grant administration, financial management, staff development, and program implementation. During her tenure with the Sixth Judicial District, Ms. O'Byrne established the jurisdiction's first Family Treatment Court, PreTrial Release Program, and Behavioral Health Task Force. She also

founded the Family Support Center, rural Nevada's premier outpatient behavioral health treatment facility. Ms. O'Byrne received her Masters of Business Administration from Western Governors University and her Bachelors of Social Work from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She is a Certified Drug and Alcohol counselor and serves as a state appointed board member on Nevada's Rural Behavioral Health Policy Board. In addition to her role with CFF, Ms. O'Byrne serves as a private consultant for justice reform initiatives to state and local government agencies.

**Kristina Pacheco** (*Pueblo of Laguna*), *Tribal Wellness Specialist, Tribal Law and Policy Institute*  
Kristina Pacheco, serves as a Tribal Law and Institute Tribal Wellness Specialist and is an enrolled member of the Pueblo of Laguna, and resides in the village of Paraje/Casa Blanca, NM. She is a licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselor in the state of NM and has over 20 years of experience in the field of substance abuse treatment and prevention. Prior to joining TLPI, she worked for the Pueblo of Laguna for 14 years; as a Supervising Probation Officer (2004-2010), Lead Counselor (2010-2014) and Behavioral Health Program Manager (2014-2019). In 2007, Kristina and the staff of the tribal court began the Pueblo of Laguna Healing to Wellness Court (HTWC). The HTWC was granted Mentor Court Status in 2017 by the National Association of Drug Court Professionals Drug Court Initiatives. Kristina also provided training and technical assistance to other Native communities as a consultant. Kristina is the mother of one son, an adopted daughter and a grandmother.

**Leah Parish**, (*Ojibwe*), *Chief Judge/Healing to Wellness Court Coordinator, Bay Mills Tribal Court*

Hon. Leah Parish is a Member of the Bay Mills Indian Community and proud mother of three. She has been the Healing to Wellness Court Coordinator for Bay Mills Tribal Court since its inception in 2014, and was recently appointed as Chief Judge.

**Alan Rabideau** (*Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians*), *Training and Technical Assistance Specialist, National Native Children's Trauma Center*

Alan is a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians in Sault Ste. Marie Michigan. He provides consultation and technical assistance on various issues of development and integration of Anishinabek (Ojibwe) cultural values in Human Services agencies and organizations. Alan has over 15 years of experience working with youth and families, and has conducted training for parents, foster/adoptive parents, kinship parents, educators, social service staff and tribal youth in positive behavioral support, strength-based supervision, effective leadership skills and developing "Family Driven" Systems. Alan considers his greatest accomplishment to have been given the chance to parent and provide treatment/specialized foster care to eight adolescent males with behavioral, emotional, and educational disabilities for the past eight years. He has also served in many other positions which include: substance abuse counselor/child care worker in a tribal co-ed group home program, student services coordinator and "at-risk" intervention specialist for tribal students in the public education system, Native American student cultural and academic advisor in a public high school, "Live-in" program manager for a medium secure juvenile sex offender group home, quality assurance specialist for a nonprofit private child placing/care agency, trainer/consultant in an agency that uses a community-based, cognitive-behavioral, psycho-educational model of care for "special

needs” youth and families, parent trainer for court ordered parents, trainer/consultant of positive behavioral support methods for educators, independent consultant focusing on cultural competency and sensitivity and “evidence-based” programs for youth and families, “Systems of Care” evaluation team member, and independent research assistant for a private evaluation company.

**Melissa Simonsen**, *Prosecutor, Swinomish Indian Tribal Court*

Melissa Simonsen has served as a Public Defender in American Samoa, a Prosecutor for the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation and as a Special Assistant United States Attorney with the Eastern District of Washington. Currently she is the lead Prosecutor with the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community. She has also served as the co-chair for the Washington State Bar Association’s Diversity Committee. She graduated Cum Laude from Gonzaga University School of Law and lives in the Anacortes, Washington area with her husband and their three daughters.

**Kate Trujillo** (*Laguna and Isleta*), *Program Coordinator, National American Indian Court Judges Association*

Kate Trujillo (Laguna/Isleta) joined the National American Indian Court Judges Association (NAICJA) in May 2018. In her role, she is working with tribal courts to increase the awareness of the underlying factors that may influence a persons’ involvement in the justice system, implement prevention-based and holistic justice programming, and strengthen measurement and evaluation processes. She has an extensive background in non-profit program development and evaluation, grant management, and strengths-based programming in underserved communities, nationally and internationally. Kate graduated with a Master’s of Public Health from the University of Michigan with a focus in Health Education and Global Health where she received training in motivational interviewing, qualitative research methods, and community based participatory research, and program evaluation.

**Lori Vallejos**, *Counselor III, Pueblo of Laguna Behavioral Health Services*

Lori Vallejos, LMSW, is a counselor with Laguna Behavioral Health Services in Laguna, New Mexico. She has been a member of the Healing to Wellness Court for the Pueblo of Laguna since May 2017. In 2003 she worked with Juvenile Drug Court in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She has received training in both Moral Reconciliation Therapy® and advanced Moral Reconciliation Therapy® and facilitates individual and group therapy using this treatment approach.

**Lauren van Schilfgaarde** (*Cochiti Pueblo*), Lauren van Schilfgaarde is the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Tribal Legal Development Clinic Director at UCLA School of Law. She was previously the Tribal Law Specialist at the Tribal Law and Policy Institute (TLPI) in West Hollywood, CA. At TLPI, van Schilfgaarde coordinated training and technical assistance to tribal courts, focusing on Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts, tribal court infrastructure, and federal Indian law. Previously, van Schilfgaarde was a law clerk at Native American Rights Fund and Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles. She was also a Public Interest Fellow at American Civil Liberties Union of Colorado. van Schilfgaarde received her B.A. from Colorado College and her J.D. from UCLA School of Law.



**Megan Ward**, *Program Associate, Justice Programs Office, American University*

Megan Ward, Program Associate at the Justice Programs Office at American University, currently works on the Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Training and Technical Assistance Initiative, an award from OJJDP. Ms. Ward is an experienced program and communications associate, having developed new programs, managed communications strategy, and overseen the delivery of grant objectives at criminal justice nonprofits for five years. She has also worked as an intake coordinator at a legal aid clinic, serving both rural and urban districts. There she interviewed clients for eligibility for pro-bono assistance under congressional Legal Services Corporation funding and created case narratives for counsel.

**Ron Whitener**, *(Squaxin Island) Chief Judge of the Tulalip Tribal Court and Affiliated Professor at the University of Washington Law School*

Ron Whitener is a founding member of The Whitener Group. His legal expertise is invaluable to the businesses and the clients we serve. In 1994, Ron graduated from the University of Washington Law School and was hired as the first in-house legal counsel for the Squaxin Island Tribe. In that capacity, Ron advised the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, departments and economic enterprises on issues related to treaty rights, tribal governance, Indian health, and economic development. In 2000, Ron was asked to join the faculty of the University of Washington Law School where he headed the Indian Law Clinic, which later became the Tribal Court Public Defense Clinic. During this time, Ron was accepted into the Order of the Coif, Order of Barristers and, in 2009, he was awarded the Shanara Gilbert Emerging Clinician of the Year from the American Association of Law Schools. In 2011, Ron was named a Champion of Change by President Barack Obama for his work on providing public defense in tribal courts. In addition to his clinical work, Ron also served as an Associate Justice on the Northwest Indian Court of Appeals and as the Chief Judge for the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Indian Reservation. Ron is currently a judge with the Tulalip Tribes. In addition to representing thousands of Native American clients in criminal and juvenile cases, Ron also was funded by the MacArthur Foundation to develop public defense resources for juveniles involved in tribal justice systems, including developing model juvenile codes and methods for providing legal representation using video conferencing. Another area of Ron's work is assisting tribes and Native American organizations to develop systems regulating research proposed by outsiders to be conducted in their communities. Ron has been funded by the National Institutes of Health to assist tribes in assessing their health priorities, training tribal staff in research methods and developing systems to review and oversee research projects. Now with the creation of the Whitener Group, Ron is available to assist tribes, Native American organizations and businesses with the development of their economic development initiatives, tribal court development including cutting-edge systems implementing traditional values, and research program development.