

Esther Lucero, MPP, is of Dine' and Latina decent. She is currently the Chief Executive Officer for the Seattle Indian Health Board.

Ms. Lucero has dedicated her work to promoting policy change for Urban American Indians/Alaska Natives (AI/AN) using a multi-media approach. She is a trained digital storytelling facilitator and the founder of the NAHC Media Center, in Oakland, CA, where the use of culturally specific digital storytelling has been instrumental in changing the public view of urban AI/ANs. She is committed to increasing the visibility of AI/ANs living in urban environments, to transforming the way research is conducted in urban Indian Health, and to making media and technology accessible to Native communities.

Her most recent film production *Killing the 7th Generation: Reproductive Abuses Against Indigenous Women* is a documentary that calls attention to the forced sterilization of Indigenous women. The film initially screened at the 2010 Queer Women of Color Film Festival in San Francisco, California. She has also screened and presented at the 33rd Annual California American Indian Education Conference, the 2010 Bioneers Conference, and Wicoza-NI-zhoni: Healing Art show.

She currently has two publications: *From Tradition to Evidence: Decolonization of the Evidence-based Practice System*, The Journal of Psychoactive Drugs, Growing Roots: Native American Evidence-based Practices Dec. 2011, which dismantles the western evidence-based practice system, and calls for the validation of traditional and cultural practices as viable methods of promoting mental health and wellness in Native communities. The poem *The New Generation*, The Womanist Journal 2006 is a personal piece on mixed-identity.

Ms. Lucero attended Mills College and received both a Bachelor of Arts degree in Native American Studies from Mills College in 2007 and a Master of Public Policy degree in 2010. Her passions include Indigenous policy advocacy, transformative approaches to research and evaluation for Indigenous peoples, Native Science, Federal Indian Law and policy, and reproductive justice for Indigenous women.