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SUMMARY

I have a continuous record of accomplishment as a research and policy professional, specializing in tribal government and urban Indian relations.

I sit on multiple boards and advisory committees as the cultural and tribal government expert and outreach specialist. I have also successfully led teams of Native and non-Native public health professionals to develop health and policy interventions with tribal communities across the United States.

I have provided cultural expertise on working with rural and urban Native American communities for many agencies. These services include: facilitating focus groups and community meetings to gather input and disseminate information, providing training for those new to working in tribal communities and tribal government relations, and advising on the implementation of \$450 million in grant and public levy funds.

Additionally, I am an experienced print and television media spokesperson with national credits including NPR and Associated Press.

EDUCATION

Master of Arts in Policy Studies, University of Washington, Bothell, WA	2009
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Bachelor of Arts, American Studies with a Minor in Human Rights, University of Washington, Seattle, WA	2007
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MANAGEMENT

Seattle Indian Health Board <i>Executive Vice President</i>	2020 – Present
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Seattle Indian Health Board <i>Chief Research Officer</i>	2017 – 2020
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Urban Indian Health Institute <i>Director</i>	2016 – Present
Washington State University Partnerships for Native Health <i>Co-Director Affiliate Professor, College of Nursing</i>	2015 – 2016
University of Washington Institute for Translational Health Sciences Partnerships for Native Health <i>Associate Director/Tribal Liaison</i>	2010 – 2015

LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Medical Association (AMA) Center for Health Equity Research Advisory Group	2023 – Present
Present Office of AIDS Research Advisory Council	2022
National Academies on Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) Committee on Racial and Ethnic Health Inequalities	2022 – Present
Washington State Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and People Taskforce	2021 – Present
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) National Commission to Transform Public Health Data Systems	2021
University of Washington Population Health Initiative External Advisory Board	2021 – Present
King County Racism as Public Health Crisis Community Oversight Committee	2021 – Present
National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) American Indian and Alaska Native Collaborative Research Engagement Workgroup	2020 – 2021
Data for Indigenous Justice Board	2020 – Present
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Health Equity Advisory Board	2019
King County Board of Health, Public Approach to Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence Prevention and Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women	2019

NIH All of Us Precision Medicine Tribal Advisory Board	2018 – Present
Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, Dental Health Aid Therapist Education Advisory Committee	2017 – Present
March of Dimes, Health Equity Workgroup	2017 – 2022
King County, Children and Youth Advisory Board	2016 – 2022
Center for Indigenous Law and Justice	2015 – Present
Native American Women in Dialogue on Infant Mortality	2010 – Present

PRO PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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Mays, V. M., **Echo-Hawk, A.**, Cochran, S. D., & Akee, R. (2022). Data Equity in American Indian/Alaska Native Populations: Respecting Sovereign Nations’ Right to Meaningful and Usable COVID-19 Data. *American Journal of Public Health*, 112(10), 1416–1420.
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Melkonian, S. C., Jim, M. A., Pete, D., Poel, A., Dominguez, A. E., **Echo-Hawk, A.**, Zhang, S., Wilson, R. J., Haverkamp, D., Petras, L., & Pohlenz, A. (2022). Cancer disparities among non-

Hispanic urban American Indian and Alaska Native populations in the United States, 1999-2017. *Cancer*, 128(8), 1626–1636. <https://doi.org/10.1002/cncr.34122>

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Hatcher, S. M., Agnew-Brune, C., Anderson, M., ... **Echo-Hawk, A.**, et al. (2020). COVID-19 Among American Indian and Alaska Native Persons—23 States, January 31–July 3, 2020. *MMWR. Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, 69. <https://doi.org/10.15585/mmwr.mm6934e1>

Locklear, S., Harris, C., Yang, A., Liu, K., Ramsey, E., Adamson, T., Dominguez, A., & **Echo-Hawk, A.** (2020). Understanding Risk and Protective Factors Influencing Urban American Indian /Alaska Native Youth Graduation Expectations. *American Indian and Alaska Native Mental Health Research (Online)*, 27(1), 42–63. <https://doi.org/10.5820/aian.2701.2020.42>

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James, R. D., West, K. M., Claw, K. G., **Echo-Hawk, A.**, Dodge, L., Dominguez, A., Tauli, M., Forquera, R., Thummel, K., & Burke, W. (2018). Responsible Research With Urban American Indians and Alaska Natives. *American Journal of Public Health*, 108(12), 1613–1616. <https://doi.org/10.2105/AJPH.2018.304708>

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Stein, M. A., Shaffer, M., **Echo-Hawk, A.**, Smith, J., Stapleton, A., & Melvin, A. (2015). Research START: A Multimethod Study of Barriers and Accelerators of Recruiting Research Participants. *Clinical and Translational Science*, 8(6), 647–654. <https://doi.org/10.1111/cts.12351>

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REPORTS

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KEY PRESENTATIONS

- Seattle Office of Economic Development Equity is the Metric: Narratives that Build Local Economies Conference Keynote, June 2025
- Indian Health Services 2025 National Clinical and Community Services Summit Keynote, May 2025
- Western Political Science Association 78th Annual Meeting Keynote, April 2025
- Alaska Hospital & Healthcare Association Quality Learning Summit: “Using Data in a Culturally Sensitive Way” speaker, April 2025
- National Coalition of Ethnic Minority Nurse Association Policy Summit speaker, March 2025
- Policy Center for Maternal Mental Health 2025 Maternal Mental Health Forum: “Closing Gaps in Access for Black and Native Populations” Panelist, March 2025
- National Indian Health Board 2025 Tribal Health Data Symposium: “Data Genocide- Missing, Murdered, Indigenous People (MMIP) Data- Where We Are and Where We Need to Go” Speaker, March 2025
- Association on American Indian Affairs 10th Annual Repatriation Conference: “For the Children” Keynote, February 2025
- Native American Employment Conference 2024 Western Regional WIOA Training: “Indigenous Research: Voices That Weave Beauty” Plenary, November 2024
- Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics & Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) 2024 National Diversity in STEM (NDiSTEM) Conference featured speaker, November 2024
- Spokane Unemployment Law Project and NATIVE Project Strengthening Circle: Advocacy for Native Victims of Domestic Violence Keynote, October 2024
- Native Wellness Institute Data Event: “Data Sovereignty” Keynote, October 2024
- Washington State Department of Health The Future of AI & Health Sciences Summit: “Foundations, Tools & Frameworks around AI to Improve the Health of the Public” Panelist, August 2024
- The National Academies Optimizing Federal, State, and Local Response to Public Health Emergencies - A Workshop: “Exploring Routes and Barriers to Effective Public Health Response Efforts During the COVID-19 Pandemic – Parts 1 and 2” Panelist, May 2024
- National Indian Health Board Tribal Health Conference: Plenary, May 2024

- Northwest Participant and Clinical Interaction Network Annual Meeting: Strengthening Cultural Humility for Diversifying Research Participation: “Time to Get Uncomfortable: Equity in Action” Keynote, May 2024
- Northwest Participant and Clinical Interaction Network Annual Meeting: Strengthening Cultural Humility for Diversifying Research Participation: “Time to get uncomfortable: Equity in action” Keynote, May 2024
- Alaska Data Summit 2024- Preventing Human Trafficking + MMIR: Speaker & Workshop Leader, February 2024
- National Indian Health Board Advancing Health Equity with Tribal Perspectives on Data Conference: “Culturally Relevant Data Collection Methods” Keynote, September 2023
- American Bar Association 2023 Annual Meeting: “From Cradleboard to Shallow Grave: Boarding Schools, ICWA, and Missing & Murdered Indigenous Persons” Panelist, August 2023
- National Institutes of Health Innovative Approaches to Improve Maternal Health Hybrid Workshop: Community Engagement Panel, April 2023
- Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) 2023 Health Equity Summit: “Decolonizing Data Towards Indigenous Justice” Keynote, April 2023
- American Society for Bioethics and Humanities Annual Conference- Plenary, October 2022
- CityMatch Leadership and MCH Epidemiology Conference- Closing Plenary, September 2022
- Public Health Law Practitioner Convening: Afternoon Plenary: “Rebuilding after COVID, addressing systemic issues with practical examples involving law and policy,” August 2022
- Native Women's Leadership Forum and Enduring Spirit Honoring: “Enduring Spirit” Keynote, July 2022
- National Network of Public Health Institutes Annual Conference: Keynote. May 2022
- CityMatch Leadership and MCH Epidemiology Conference Keynote, May 2022
- School of Data Science- Datapalooza 2022: “Advancing Health Equity Panel,” April 2022
- 2022 Alaska Maternal Child Health & Immunization Conference: “Disparities and Health Equity” Plenary, February 2022

AWARDS

- Pass it on Giving Circle for Womxn Leaders Award, 2023
- University of Washington Martin Luther King, Jr. Distinguished Service Award, 2022
- Native Action Network, Sister Spirit Award, 2021
- 25th Annual National Indian Women’s Supporting Each Other, Woman of the Year, 2020
- The Seattle Globalist, Globalist of the Year, 2019

- Washington State Public Health Association Secretary of Health Award, 2019
 - Coalition to End Gender-Based Violence, Take Action Award, 2019
 - National Organization of Women, Rising Shero Award, 2018
 - University of Washington, Bothell, Hall of Alumni Excellence Award, 2017
 - National Center for American Enterprise Development, Native American 40 Under 40 Award, 2015
 - National Indian Health Board, Local Impact Award, 2015
 - University of Washington, Distinguished Staff of the Year, 2014
 - University of Washington, Bothell Distinguished Alumna of the Year, 2011
 - University of Washington, Seattle, 1-year Research Merit Award, 2008
 - YWCA Washington, Volunteer of the Year Award, 2007
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CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY

- February 27 2025 - Testimony for the House Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, Related Agencies American Indian and Alaska Native Witness Days
- November 20 2024 - Testimony for the House Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, Related Agencies Oversight Hearing on the Crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women
- May 8 2024 - Testimony for the House Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, Related Agencies American Indian and Alaska Native Witness Days
- March 3 2023 - Testimony for the House Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, Related Agencies American Indian and Alaska Native Witness Days