

Labeled the “Unapologetic Auntie of Indigenous Data” by the New York Times, Abigail Echo-Hawk is a national leader in public health research and the decolonization of data. She is revolutionizing the integration of Indigenous knowledge within public health systems and reshaping how governments, institutions, and medical professionals approach health for American Indians and Alaska Natives. Echo-Hawk's groundbreaking research and tireless advocacy around violence against Indigenous women have spurred policy changes across all levels of government. As a leading voice in the missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls (MMIWG) crisis, she co-authored a report that brought national attention to the data issues and the staggering number of MMIWG cases in 71 urban cities across the U.S. A proud citizen of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, Echo-Hawk is the executive vice president of Seattle Indian Health Board and director of its research division, Urban Indian Health Institute.