Scholar News

The Buder Center had 4 scholars participate in Buder Blessing and the Brown School Commencement ceremony in May 2012.

**Jackie Edwards** received her MSW with an individualized concentration in mental health and eldercare issues within Native communities. Upon graduation, Jackie completed her practicum in Brisbane, Australia, working with indigenous elders learning what successful aging means to them based on their cultural traditions and values. Jackie is a descendant of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma. She received her BS at Portland State University in Portland, Oregon.

**Jenna Hailey** received her MSW with an individualized concentration in violence committed against Native women. Upon graduation, Jenna completed her practicum at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Family Violence Program in Oklahoma. Jenna is from the Hupa, Yurok, and Karuk tribes. She received her BA in Feminist Studies and a minor in Native American Studies from Stanford University in Palo Alto, California.

**Raulin Martin** received his MSW with a concentration in mental health. Upon graduation, Raulin completed his practicum at the Veteran Administration Health Care System in Hot Spring, South Dakota, providing clinical mental health services to veterans. Raulin is an enrolled member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe. He received a BS in Human Services at Oglala Lakota College.

**Sarah Nelson** received her MSW/MPH with an individualized concentration in health education with American Indian populations. Upon graduation, Sarah completed her practicum with Washington University’s Health Communication Research Laboratory, focusing on American Indian research related to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s new graphic warning labels on cigarette packages. Sarah is a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians. She received her BS in Psychology from Michigan Tech University.
The Buder Center currently has 12 first-year Scholars and 9 second-year scholars.

*Gabrielle Allan (Navajo Nation)
* Jonelle Battise (Alabama Coushatta Tribe of Texas)
  Lindsay Belone (Navajo Nation)
  Dessie Bownas (Mississippi Band of Choctaw)
* Lucy Briggs (Yakama Nation)
  Candice Craig (Muskogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma)
* Caitlin Donald (Ponca Nation of Oklahoma)
* Salina Greene (Nanticoke Tribe of Delaware)
  Shannon Haggitt (Yup’ik)
  Maisie Herman (Oglala Lakota)
  Jamie Ishcomer (Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma)
* Mariah Jeremiah (Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma)
* Joseph Masters (Sault Ste. Marie Band of Chippewa Indians)
  Sarah Nelson (Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians)
  TeOnna Ross (Navajo Descent)
* Starla Salazar (Navajo Nation)
* Christopher Schamber (Yokut Tribe Descent)
* Anna Segovia (Cherokee Descent)
* Megan Smalley (Osage Nation of Oklahoma)
* Poem Swentzell (Santa Clara Pueblo)
  Alex Tyner (Seneca Tribe of Oklahoma/Shawnee)

* indicates first-year scholar

Jessica Black and Shanondora Billiot received the prestigious PhD Mental Health and Substance Abuse Fellowship Program (MHSAFP) from the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Minority Fellowship Program (MFP).

Amy Hertel and Sarah Nelson are recipients of the Lynn Reyer Award in Tribal Community Development. This award helps defray costs for research lending to the completion of a Master's thesis or PhD dissertation.

Alumni News

Dr. Noorie Brantmeier ('07) received her PhD from Colorado State University. Her Ph.D. is in Education & Human Resource Studies with a Research Methods focus with her dissertation entitled "Undergraduate College Student’s Attitudes Toward Native Americans and Their Native Studies Course Experiences: A Critical Mixed Methods Study."
Dr. Lisa Byers ('98) received tenure at the University of Oklahoma, Schusterman Campus.

Melissa Clyde ('07) Washington University’s Brown School honored Melissa Clyde during its annual Distinguished Alumni Awards celebration in May, 2012. She is the first Buder Alumni to receive this prestigious award. Melissa is the Senior Program Director at the National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA).

Dale Chavis ('02) returned to St. Louis and is currently working as a Social Worker for BJC Healthcare.

Amy Hertel ('99), of the Lumbee and Coharie tribes of North Carolina, became director of the American Indian Center at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on May 1. The Center was established in 2006 under the leadership of Clara Sue Kidwell. Amy will be its second director.

View Article in Indian Country Today

Mary Beth Jager ('10) accepted the position as Research Analyst for the Native Nations Institute for Leadership, Management, and Policy which is part of the Udall Center for Public Policy at the University of Arizona.

Research

The Cigarette Warning Label Project
This project will obtain and analyze reactions to the FDA’s new warning labels on cigarette packs among diverse populations throughout the United States. The Buder Center Staff is assisting with the recruitment and surveying of American Indians/Alaska Natives and participating on the research team.

Washington University in St. Louis Provost’s Diversity and Inclusion Grant: This program is designed to support Washington University faculty or administrative leaders with ideas for programmatic initiatives that promote diversity and inclusion at the University. The funding from this grant was used towards the Leadership Summit in September.
Conferences

March 2012 – Candice Craig, Jenna Hailey, Jamie Ishcomer, and Sarah Nelson attended the Native Women & Men's Wellness Conference in San Diego, CA. The Buder Scholars attended sessions focusing on Native Health issues.

April 2012 – Alex Tyner attended the Warrior Spirit Indigenous Psychology Conference in Albuquerque, NM.

June 2012 – Maisie Herman attended and Shanondora Billiot presented at the Indian Health Service 2012 National Behavioral Health Conference in Bloomington, MN.

Jessica Black attended the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Conference in Lincoln, NE.

September 2012 - The Kathryn M. Buder Center for American Indian Studies and the Center for Social Development hosted the 2012 Interdisciplinary Leadership Summit. The Summit focused on increasing awareness of current issues affecting minority communities.

Publications

Program Manager Pete Coser published the article “Fostering Native Youth Growth Through Stickball and Lacrosse” in the Spring 2012 issue of the American Indian Graduate magazine.

Buder Alum Jackie Edwards published the article “My Native Identity Revealed” in the Fall 2012 issue of the American Indian Graduate magazine.

Other News

David A. Patterson, Silver Wolf (Adelv unegv Waya) joined the Brown School in 2012. Dr. Patterson has over 15 years of providing clinical, addiction-related services and is currently an Associated Researcher with the University at Buffalo’s Research Institute on Addictions and the Buffalo Center for Social Research.

Read Bio

Native American Commitment to Wellness and Respect blog
Pete Coser, Buder Center Program Manager, joined Washington University's PLAN (Professional Leadership Academy & Network). Twenty-five Washington University in St. Louis staff members have been named to the 2012-13 PLAN, a year-long professional development program. PLAN, which is under the stewardship of the Office of the Provost, is intended to cultivate future WUSTL leaders who can contribute to university-wide initiatives and projects.

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**Upcoming Events**

Buder Center's 6th Annual Trivia Night will be held on Friday, February 8, 2013, at 7:00 pm on the Washington University Campus.

The 23rd Annual Pow Wow will take place on Saturday, March 16, 2013 in the Field House at Washington University. Visit our [website](#) for more information.