**Scholar News**

Nine Buder Scholars participated in Buder Blessing in May 2013.

**Lindsay Belone** received her MSW with a social and economic development concentration. Lindsay completed her practicum as a research student assistant with Dr. David Patterson, focusing on exploring the factors of college drop-out rates among American Indian students while reviewing retention and intervention models. Lindsay is a member of the Navajo Nation tribe.

**Candice Craig** received her MSW with an individualized concentration in mental health practice and policy development in Indigenous communities. Candice completed her practicum with the St. Louis Veterans Health Administration focusing on suicide prevention. Candice is a member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma.

**Shannon Haggitt** received her MSW with a concentration in social and economic development. She completed her practicum with Parents As Teachers, working with their Native American Programming and Fund Development departments. Shannon is Yup’ik from the Native Village of Eek, Alaska.

**Shayne Hall** will receive her MSW with an individualized concentration in health, mental health and social and economic development in American Indian communities. She completed her practicum with the Native American Community Development Corporation. Shayne is a member of the Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin and is of Blackfeet descent.

**Maisie Herman** received her MSW with a mental health concentration. She completed her practicum with Alternative Options Counseling and Wellness Center, focusing on providing therapy for those who are experiencing crisis and aim toward positive changes in their lives. Maisie is a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe.
Jamie Ishcomer will receive her MSW/MPH with an individualized concentration in Health Disparities within Native American and other Indigenous communities. She will complete her practicum with the Buder Center, focusing on Native American health and well-being. Jamie is a member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

Joe Masters will receive his MSW with an individualized concentration in mental health and administration. He will complete his practicum at Northern Michigan University, developing a mentoring program for American Indian youth. Joe is a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Band of Chippewa Indians tribe.

TeOnna Ross received her MSW with an individualized concentration in trauma-informed therapy. She will complete her practicum with the Family Resource Center, focusing on families and youth. TeOnna is a member of the Navajo Nation.

Alex Tyner will receive his MSW with a children, youth and families concentration. He will complete his practicum with Haskell Indian Nations University, focusing on counseling youth in an academic environment. Alex is a member of the Seneca/Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma.

The Buder Center currently has five PhD scholars, two MSW/MPH scholars, and nineteen MSW scholars.

Gabrielle Allan (Navajo Nation)
Jonelle Battise (Alabama Coushatta Tribe of Texas)
Madison Baxter (Mississippi Band of Choctaw)
Jessica Black (Gwich’in Athabascan)**
Shanondora Billiot (United Houma Nation)**
Dessie Bownas (Mississippi Band of Choctaw)
Lucy Briggs (Yakama Nation)
Caitlin Donald (Osage Nation/Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma)
Matthew Frank (Navajo Nation)*
Amy Hertel (Lumbee)**
Jamie Ishcomer (Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma)*
Mariah Jeremiah (Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma)
Kaleigh Lawrence (Sault Ste. Marie Band of Chippewa Indians)
Erica Lottes (Cherokee)
Joseph Masters (Sault Ste. Marie Band of Chippewa Indians)
Alisha Murphy (Navajo Nation)
Raven Murray (Navajo Nation)**
Amanda Rhodes (Cherokee)
Anna Segovia (Cherokee Descent)
Rachel Shannon (Choctaw)
Megan Smalley (Osage Nation of Oklahoma)
Poem Swentzell (Santa Clara Pueblo)
Bradley Tucker (Cherokee)**
Dana Webster-Smith (Athabascan)
Wynette Whitegoat (Navajo Nation)
Candice Yazzie (Navajo Nation)

* Indicates MSW/MPH
** Indicates PhD

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Alumni News

**Lindsay Belone (’13)** received the Wilma Mankiller Fellowship for Tribal Policy and Governance from the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI).

**Margaux Carrimon (’09)** received her MBA from Viterbo University. She is currently co-owner of Old Towne Grounds in La Crosse, WI.

**Melissa Clyde (’07)** accepted the Senior Director of the Indian Child Welfare Programs position for Casey Family Programs in Denver, CO.

**Jackie Edwards (’12)** accepted the Social Worker position at the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

**Shannon Effler (’11)** accepted the Assistant Director position for the Washington Internships for Native Students (WINS) at American University in Washington, DC.

**Jenna Hailey (’12)** works at Domestic Violence Intervention Services (DVIS) in Tulsa, OK, and currently serves as the Case Coordinator for the Tulsa County Rapid Intervention Team.

**Maisie Herman (’13)** accepted the Social Worker position at the Denver Indian Family Resource Center in Denver, CO.

**Mary Beth Jager (’10)** and **Lakota Mowrer (’11)** presented "Measuring and Marking the Impact of an Indigenous Community Development Fund" at the National Council of American Indians (NCAI) Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum on June 26th in Reno, NV.

**Raulin Martin (’12)** accepted a counseling position at the Oglala Sioux Tribe Native Healing Program in Rapid City, SD.

**Willeen Whipple (’10)** accepted the Senior Project Manager position at Parents as Teachers in St. Louis, MO.
Research

Buder Alumni Study
Alumni of the Brown School’s Social Work program will evaluate the Buder Center’s programs and services to improve program effectiveness. The purpose of this study is to gain a better understanding of what brought students to the university and the program; to evaluate the services offered through the center to understand what kept the students enrolled and graduated; to evaluate the services offered through the center which could be enhanced; and to provide Native Nation leaders with recommendations for how to recruit and retain AI/AN students in Social Work and build capacity in Indian Country.

Financial Capability and Asset Building (FCAB) Initiative
Collaborating with the Center for Social Development (CSD), this initiative will provide a curriculum covering financial capability and asset building to social work and human service programs at colleges and universities. CSD has partnered with several Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs) to roll out the curriculum this fall.

Graphic Cigarette Warning Labels
Collaborating with the Health Communications Research Lab, this project seeks to understand reactions to the Food & Drug Administration’s (FDA) new graphic health warning labels on cigarette packages among diverse populations of youth and young adults, as well as adult smokers. Findings will help the FDA to plan and develop more effective anti-smoking media campaigns.

Scholars for the Buder Center will collaborate with the students, faculty, and staff of Washington University in St. Louis, community members, and tribal entities to gain an understanding of past and present ways of living. They will study the impact of these ways and develop programs to combat the impacts among six American Indian/Alaska Native tribes: Santa Clara Pueblo, Chippewa, Osage, Choctaw/Alabama-Coushatta, Mashpee Wampanoag, and Gwich’in.

PECaD: Relationship-Centered Collaboration for Breast Cancer Prevention For American Indian/Alaska Native Women in Missouri and Illinois
The Program for the Elimination of Cancer Disparities (PECaD) and the Kathryn M. Buder Center for American Indian Studies collaborated to offer preventative education and mammogram screenings at the 23rd annual Washington University in St. Louis Pow Wow. About 100 people visited the PECaD booth and 11 women received mammograms.
Conferences

March 2013 – Molly Tovar, Lindsay Belone, Shanondora Billiot, Caitlin Donald and Joe Masters presented “Embracing Culture, Strengthening Connections” at the Washington University Board of Trustees meeting.

Lucy Briggs participated in the “Racial Formation Since the Civil War” discussion at the Missouri History Museum.

Shannon Haggitt attended the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) Conference in Denver, CO.

April 2013 – Molly Tovar attended the 31st National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) Annual Conference in Tulsa, OK.

Caitlin Donald attended the Food Sovereignty Summit in Green Bay, WI.

Students and staff attended the Human Rights Conference at Webster University. Conference highlights included presentations by Winona LaDuke, Dr. Maureen Lynch, Greg Constantine, Justin Semoahoro, and Caleen Sisk.

June 2013 – Jamie Ishcomer and Mariah Jeremiah attended the National Indian Health Board’s (NIHB) National Tribal Public Health Summit in Hollywood, FL.

Lindsay Belone attended the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development’s (NCAIED) RES California in Temecula, CA.

August 2013 – Jamie Ishcomer attended the 2013 American Indian Research Center for Health (AIRCH) Conference in Phoenix, AZ.

Publications

Buder alumna Candice Craig published the article “Serving American Indian and Alaska Native Service Members and Veterans” in the Spring 2013 issue of the American Indian Graduate magazine.
Other News

Pete Coser, Buder Center Program Manager, joined the Board of the Udall Alumni Association (UAA). Pete was a Congressional intern for Udall in 2010.

Upcoming Events

Maatibi. Imokwayli. Ittanahlhi. – Hunt. Fish. Gather
The Buder Center and St. Louis Dining Services will host a traditional Native American Meal in the Danforth University Center in November. You will also be able to purchase this meal in the Danforth University Center’s Food Court.

23rd Annual Washington University in St. Louis Pow Wow will take place on Saturday, March 31, 2012 in the Field House at Washington University. Visit our website for more information.