

Curriculum Vitae
Damian M. Chase-Begay, Ph.D, M.S.
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Educational History

Ph.D.	University of Montana	Public Health	2022
M.S.	University of California, San Francisco	Healthcare Administration & Interprofessional Leadership	2016
B.A.	University of Montana	Sociology	2015

Academic Appointments

2024-	Research Associate Professor School of Public and Community Health Sciences, University of Montana
2023-	Adjunct Instructor Native American Studies, University of Montana
2021-2024	Practitioner Faculty School of Public and Community Health Sciences, University of Montana
2017-2021	Research Affiliate Social Science Research Laboratory, University of Montana
2017-2018	Research Specialist Department of Mathematics, University of Montana
2017-2018	Adjunct Instructor Department of Sociology, University of Montana

Professional Positions

2021-2024	City-County Health Officer (Lead Local Health Official) Missoula Public Health, Missoula, MT
2018-2021	Executive Director All Nations Health Center, Missoula, MT
2013-2018	Principal Consultant The Kishíhene Clan, Missoula, MT
2010-2013	Executive Director National Council of Urban Indian Health, Washington, DC
2008-2009	Director of Planning & Policy Native American Health Center, Oakland, CA
2007-2008	Director of Special Projects Native American Health Center, Oakland, CA
2006-2007	Special Projects Officer Native American Health Center, Oakland, CA
2005-2006	Planning Associate Native American Health Center, Oakland, CA
2002-2005	Program Coordinator Inter-Tribal Council of California, Sacramento, CA
2001-2002	Communications Intern Inter-Tribal Council of California, Sacramento, CA

Teaching Experience

Spring 2024	PUBH 591: Social Epidemiology. Graduate-level course designed to introduce students to the field of social epidemiology, with an emphasis on identifying and applying research methods to the social determinants of health and exploring policy concepts related to social conditions and health.
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- Spring 2023 NASX 391: Special Topics. *“Our ways keep us healthy”*: The intersection of American Indian traditional ceremonial practices and public health. Undergraduate level course exploring policy and practice related to whole-person health and traditional ceremonial practices among reservation-based and urban Native American populations.
- 2017-2018 Teach semester-long undergraduate content courses and social statistics. Teaching assignments: Sociology of Health and Illness (SOC1 491), Social Stratification (SOC1 325), Sociological Research Methods (SOC1 318), and Social Statistics (SOC1 202).

Research Fellowships, Mentoring, and Training

- 2024-2026 INSPIRE: Indigenous Substance Use and Addictions Prevention Interdisciplinary Research Education program mentee (selected). An NIH-funded 24-month substance abuse and addictions research mentoring program administered by the UW Indigenous Wellness Research Institute.
- 2017-2018 Research Fellow & Program Manager, Alexander Blewett III School of Law, University of Montana. Lead a multi-disciplinary team (law, sociology, economics, and history) in efforts to qualitatively study Montana codes and regulations to identify and prioritize areas for potential reform to reduce disparities among marginalized communities.

Current Funded Grants and Contracts

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation – Health Equity Scholars for Action

5U54GM115371-05 (NIH) 02/24-02/26 \$259,780

Chase-Begay (PI)

A 24-month research development grant. Using a multi-method approach, conduct a cross-sectional survey and focus groups with an Indigenous young adult audience exploring the potential for a culturally and ceremonially based substance abuse prevention intervention in urban, multi-tribal communities in Montana.

Role: Principal Investigator

Prior Grants and Contracts

AIAN Clinical & Translational Research Program – Development Award

5U54GM115371-05 (NIH) 08/20-12/21 \$50,000

Brown (PI)

The main goal of this project was to complete a sequential, mixed-methods assessment of the role of American Indian traditional ceremonial practices (TCPs) in an urban, multi-tribal Native American community and explore the potential for a TCP-based prevention intervention focused on reducing problem substance use within the target population.

Role: Co-Investigator

Missoula Native Connections

1H79SM082058-01 (SAMHSA) 04/19-04/24 \$1,156,714

Barnett (PI)

The goal of this five-year project is the design and delivery of a culturally tailored substance abuse and suicide prevention system of care for American Indian youth (15 to 24) living in and around Missoula County.

Role: Principal Investigator (04/19-05/21)

Publications

Chase-Begay D, Peterson J, Liddell J, Belcourt A. Traditional ceremonial practices as a strategy to reduce problem substance use in American Indian communities: A systematic review. *Journal of Integrated and Complementary Medicine*. 2023; 29(6-7); 408-19. <http://doi.org/10.1089/jicm.2022.0655>.

Barnett D. *American Indian traditional ceremonial practices: Addressing problem substance use in a multi-tribal urban community*. Dissertation. University of Montana ProQuest Dissertations (Publication No. 2684617732); 2022. <https://www.proquest.com/dissertations-theses/american-indian-traditional-ceremonial-practices/docview/2684617732/se-2>

Tsosie RL, Grant AD, Harrington J, Wu K, Thomas A, Chase S, **Barnett D**, Beaumont Hill S, Belcourt A, Brown BD, Plenty Sweetgrass-She Kills R. The Six Rs of Indigenous Research. *Tribal college*. 2022;33(4). <https://tribalcollegejournal.org/the-six-rs-of-indigenous-research/>.

In Progress

Chase-Begay D, Adam CE, Williams E, Semmens E. Child Health Status by Perception of Provider Cultural Sensitivity among Respondents of the National Survey of Children's Health: 2016-2020. *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved*. Accepted.

Journal Review Work

2023 Reviewer, *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved*

2023 Reviewer, *Health Affairs*

2021 Reviewer, *Global Public Health*

Oral and Poster Presentations

Chase-Begay D. Traditional ceremonial practices as a strategy to reduce problem substance use in American Indian communities: A systematic review. Invited presentation, American Public Health Association 2023 Annual Meeting. Atlanta. November 2023.

Barnett D. *Ceremony as Prevention: A culturally tailored approach to prevent problem substance use in an urban American Indian community*.

Invited presentation, American Public Health Association 2022 Annual Meeting. Boston. November 2022.

Invited keynote, Montana Perinatal Mental Health Conference. Online. November 2021.

Invited presentation, Missoula Friday Medical Conference. Online. October 2021.

Barnett D. *American Indian traditional ceremonial practices as an integrative approach to physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual healing*. Selected presentation, Integrative Healthcare Conference at Utica University. Online. September 2022.

Barnett D. *American Indian Worldview: Gender Norms in Health and Wellness*. Invited keynote, Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) Pride Month Series. Online. June 2022.

Barnett D. *The Importance of Traditional Ceremonial Practices (TCP) in American Indian Health Systems in Montana*. Invited presentation, Montana Breastfeeding Learning Collaborative Conference. Online. May 2022.

Barnett D. *American Indian Historical Trauma: Understanding Health Impacts*. Invited presentation, Montana Obstetrics & Maternal Support, Maternal Health Leadership Council. Online. April 2022

Barnett D, Cahoon J, Brown B. *American Indian Traditional Ceremonial Practices as a Potential Community-Informed Intervention Against Problem Substance Use*. Invited presentation, University of Montana GradCon. Missoula, MT. April 2022.

Barnett D, Cahoon J, Peterson J. *American Indian Traditional Ceremonial Practices as a Potential Community-Informed Intervention Against Problem Substance Use*. Invited presentation, Montana Public Health Association Annual Conference. Helena, MT. April 2022.

Barnett D. *At the HeART of Healthcare: Indigenous Health and Integration of Traditional and Western Medicine*. Invited keynote, 2021 Arts Missoula Speaker Series. Online. May 2021.

Barnett D. *Smudging: A Native American Perspective on the Use of Medicinal Smoke to Support Holistic Wellness*. Invited keynote, Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) AIAN Heritage Month Series. Online. November 2021.

Barnett D. *The Role of Traditional Medicine & Ceremony in Modern Healthcare Delivery to Urban & Reservation-based American Indian Communities*. Invited presentation, University of Montana Global Public Health Lecture Series. Missoula, MT. January 2020.

Barnett D. *An Introduction to Urban Indian Health*. Invited presentation, National Conference of State Legislatures. Missoula, MT. May 2019.

Barnett D. Interorganizational Collaboration as a Method to Improve Access in an Urban Native American Health Center. Poster presentation at UCSF Graduate Conference. San Francisco, CA. June 2016.

Barnett D. *A Brief History of the Bay Area Native American Health Delivery System*. Invited keynote, Stanford University Minority Medical Alliance (SUMMA) 2016 Conference. Palo Alto, CA. February 2016.

Barnett D. *An Overview of the Urban Indian Health System*. Invited keynote, NIH Trans-National AI/AN Health Communications Workshop. Bethesda, MD. November 2011.

Barnett D. *Urban Indian Health: Transforming Challenges into Opportunities*. Invited keynote, Urban Indian Healthcare Reform Symposium. Washington, DC. January 2011.

Barnett D. *Mandan Cosmology*. Invited presentation, Understanding Native Spirituality Conference, Dominican University. Santa Rosa, CA. March 2009.

Professional Memberships, Leadership, and Service

- 2023-present Providence Eastern Washington/Montana Region, Board Member
Chair, Community Health & Health Equity Committee (2024-)
- 2023-present Utica University Institute for the Study of Integrative Healthcare (ISIH) Advisory Board
Co-Chair, Research & Dissemination Working Committee (2023-)
- 2022-present All Nations Health Center Research Review Committee
Chair (2024-)
Vice Chair (2022-2023)
- 2022-present Confluence Public Health Association, Board Member
- 2022-present United Way of Missoula, Board Member
- 2019-present Providence Health & Services Montana Service Area Community Mission Board
Quality & Safety Committee, Member (2020-)
- 2017-present American Public Health Association, Member in Good Standing
ICTHP Section Councilor (Elected position, 2022-)
ICTHP Section Student Liaison (Elected position, 2020-2021)
- 2017-present Montana Public Health Association, Member in Good Standing
- 2011-2017 National Native American AIDS Prevention Center, Board Member
Board Chair (2012-2013)
- 2005-2010 California Consortium for Urban Indian Health, Founding Board President
- 2005-2009 Sacramento Native American Health Center, Board Member & Treasurer

Honors

- 2022 Delta Omega Public Health Honor Society, Member Induction
- 2022 Best of UM GradCon, Winner: Oral Presentation, Humanities and Social Sciences
- 2022 University of Montana School of Public & Community Health Sciences' Ellen Leahy Public Health Leadership Award (Faculty-elected)
- 2021 Special Student Contribution Award, American Public Health Association, ICTHP Section
- 2016 UCSF MS-HAIL Program Commencement Speaker, (Class-elected)
- 2016 Best Evidence-Based Capstone Project, UCSF (Faculty-elected)
- 2015 UM President's Award, Outstanding Senior in Sociology (Faculty-elected)
- 2015 Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociological Honor Society, Member Induction
- 2015 Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society, Member Induction
- 2015 University of Montana Dean's List (Spring 2015)
- 2014 University of Montana Dean's List (Fall 2014)
- 2014 University of Montana Dean's List (Spring 2014)