Meet the Section 6 Executive Committee

The new officers are
President, Iva GreyWolf (Assiniboine/Anishinabe);
President Elect, Diane J. Willis (Kiowa); Secretary, Jacqueline (Jaque) Gray (Choctaw/Cherokee); Treasurer, Pamela B. Deters (Cherokee/Choctaw); Student at Large, Tonie Marie Quaintance (Oneida Turtle Clan); Member at Large, Teresa J. LaFromboise (Miami); Member at Large, Candace Fleming (Cherokee/Kickapoo/Oneida); Newsletter Editor/Publicist, Lisa Rey Thomas (Tlingit); Early Career Representative, Julii Green (Blackfoot/Cherokee);

AIAN and Indigenous Women are a New Section!

Over the years, efforts of many good people have been made to bring the Alaska Native/American Indian committee together. How fortunate for Alaska Native/American Indian and Indigenous women the conditions were right at this time for us to join together to revitalize our committee.

We had Division 35 Past-President Ellen Cole who made moving the committee to section status a priority for her term in office. We have had the development of different programs to support Alaska Native/American Indians pursuing degrees in psychology. Given our small numbers and disparate locations across the country, this effort would not have come to fruition in such a short time frame without the increased ability to communicate through technology.

As we reflected on our small size and historical struggles we recognized the conditions of other Indigenous women who also lacked a place at the table. Their struggles are not new to us. We welcomed them to join our ranks. Truly man made boundaries are fading as our societies become more mobile and more networked. We are few and we are sticking together in a sisterhood of support. Every contribution counts. Joining together we can have a positive impact on our world.

We succeeded in achieving section status. We asked for the forum and now we have it. If you have presentation ideas or articles that are in tune with our goals, contact us. Let’s get this snowball moving and have our voices heard!

Respectfully,
Iva GreyWolf,
Section 6 President

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Iva GreyWolf, PhD, Section 6 President (Assiniboine/Anishinabe)

Dr. Iva GreyWolf has over 30 years of experience in providing behavioral health services and education to Native populations. Dr. GreyWolf holds a Ph.D. in Professional-Scientific Psychology, has a Master of Arts degree in Special Education and is a licensed clinical psychologist and nationally certified addictions counselor. Career experience and accomplishments include working for a multitude of years in "Indian Country"; private consulting in the US and Canada on Indian/Native behavioral health issues; being selected as an APA Minority Fellow. Dr. GreyWolf sits on the State of Alaska Board of Psychologists and the Alaska Commission for Behavioral Health Certification. Throughout her career, Dr. GreyWolf has emphasized the necessity of culturally competent services for those who are many times marginalized in the large scale of service delivery.

Diane J. Willis, PhD, President-Elect (Kiowa)

Dr. Diane J. Willis is Professor Emeritus, Department of Pediatrics, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. She has been president of Divisions of the American Psychological Association 12 and 37 and of 53 and 54 when they were sections. She was also President of the American Orthopsychiatric Association. She was awarded the Distinguished Professional Contribution to Clinical Psychology by Division 12, the Nicholas Hobbs award by Division 37, Indian Woman of the Year by the Oklahoma Federation of Indian Woman, and is a Fellow of the American Psychological Association. Dr. Willis was founding editor of the Journal of Pediatric Psychology. For 25 years, Dr. Willis directed the psychological services at the Child Study Center, Department of Pediatrics, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center and began the first Behavioral Clinic, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorders Clinic, and Drug/alcohol Infant Clinic in the state. Dr. Willis took early retirement after being approached by the American Indian Programs Branch in Washington D.C. and the American Indian Institute at Oklahoma University to help Indian tribes establish their Early Head Start programs. Willis is the co-editor of four books, one on the prevention of child maltreatment, and the author of over 55 published articles. Dr. Willis is currently Fellows Chair of Division 37.

Jacqueline (Jacque) Gray, PhD, Secretary (Choctaw/Cherokee)

Dr. Jacqueline Gray is an assistant professor at the Center for Rural Health at the University of North Dakota (UND) School of Medicine and Health Sciences in Grand Forks, ND. Dr. Gray is a Choctaw and Cherokee descendant from Oklahoma and received her doctorate in Applied Behavioral Studies with a specialty in Counseling Psychology from Oklahoma State University. She is the President-Elect of the Society of Indian Psychologists. Dr. Gray works with several projects including the IDeA Network for Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE), the NARCH Mood Disorder Assessment Validation with Northern Plains Indians, and the UND American Indian Health Research Conference. She also directs the Native Health Research Team.
Pamela B. Deters, PhD (Cherokee/Choctaw) is the president of the Society of Indian Psychologists (SIP) and a clinical psychologist, licensed in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alaska (inactive). She is currently in private practice, conducting psychological and psychoeducational evaluations with child, adolescent, adult, and geriatric populations. She was formerly an Associate Professor at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, in Fairbanks, Alaska, where she served on the faculty in the Department of Psychology from 2002-2007. Her expertise is in the area of trauma among diverse ethnic groups, with an emphasis on American Indian and Alaska Native mental health. Her NIMH-sponsored research investigated trauma among Native children, families, and communities, with a particular emphasis on cultural revitalization and resilience subsequent to trauma. She has served as the Statewide Director of Alaska Natives into Psychology (ANPsych), a training program supporting American Indian and Alaska Native graduate and undergraduate students pursuing careers in psychology, and was recognized as a National Center for Minority Health Disparities (NCMHD) Health Disparities Scholar. Dr. Deters has also worked extensively in the training of minority and underserved psychology students, at the undergraduate, master’s, and doctoral level, as well as supervision of pre-doctoral interns and post-doctoral psychologists seeking licensure.

Tonie Marie Quaintance, Student Member-at-Large (Oneida)

Tonie Marie Quaintance, PhD Candidate is a sixth year doctoral student in the University of Alaska Joint PhD Program in Clinical-Community Psychology with a rural and indigenous emphasis. Tonie, whose Native name, Yethnhahnihlats, means “makes her life strong,” is an enrolled descendant in the Turtle Clan of the Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin. Quaintance is an Andrew R. Mellon Dissertation Fellow, and is currently writing her dissertation entitled: The Meaning of Life among rural American Indian/Alaska Native University Students attending urban university. She was formerly a Research Assistant with the Center for Alaska Native Health Research where she assisted in research methodologies and strategies for stress and coping assessments in rural Alaska Native communities. Tonie currently serves as the Executive Director of the Alaska Psychological Association.

Theresa LaFromboise, PhD (Miami)

Theresa is a Professor of Counseling Psychology, School of Education and Chair of Native American Studies, School of Humanities and Sciences at Stanford University. She specializes in stress-related problems of ethnic minority youth and clinical issues in multicultural counseling. She is a contributor to Native mental health initiatives having published over 100 articles and chapters in that area. She has authored 7 prevention intervention manuals including: Assertion Training with American Indians, Circles of Women: Skills Training for American Indian Professionalization, Zuni Life Skills Development, and American Indian Life Skills Development Curriculum (AILS). She is a fellow of the APA and the APS. Her hobbies include gardening and working out. Her favorite travel is to South Dakota to visit her daughter and granddaughter.
Lisa Rey Thomas, PhD, Newsletter Editor (Tlingit)

Lisa is Tlingit and her family is from Southeast Alaska. She is a Research Scientist at the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Institute at the University of Washington and has more than 20 years of experience working with American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) communities. She is Co-Investigator and Project Director of a Community Based Participatory Research project titled “Healing of the Canoe: the Community Pulling Together and the Strong People Pulling Together” funded by NIH/National Institute for Minority Health and Health Disparities (NCMHD). Dr. Thomas is Principal Investigator of an R01 titled “Native Pathways to Sobriety: Pacific Northwest Oral Life Histories” funded by NIDA and is also PI on two NMCHD funded conference grants, ”Tribal Healing and Wellness” and ”Tribal Mental Health”. She serves as the Alaska Liaison for the Pacific Northwest Node of the NIDA Clinical Trials Network. Lisa is a member of APA Divisions 18, 27, 35, 45, and 56 and is also a member of the Society of Indian Psychologists. She has two sons, 19 and 10, and loves to run and knit!

Julii Green, Early Career Representative (Blackfoot/Cherokee)

Julii Green, M.S. is a doctoral candidate in the clinical psychology program at the University of North Dakota (Grand Forks). She recently completed her APA accredited predoctoral internship at Sharp Health Care, San Diego, CA. She holds an Adjunct Faculty position in the Clinical PsyD Program at Alliant International University. Julii is also member of the Domestic Violence Council in San Diego, which provides consultation and support to communities regarding family violence. She serves a member of the research team within the National Partnership to End Interpersonal Violence as her expertise includes clinical practice as well as research with ethnically diverse communities, Native American/Indigenous communities, and medically underserved populations. Julii holds a Bachelor of Science from Howard University and a master of science in Psychology from Alliant International University/CSPP. She is the past Division 35 Liaison to APAGS; Division 35 Violence Against Women Taskforce member, and co-chair of the Feminist Psychology Institute.

Claudette (Claudia) Antuña, Refugee/Undocumented Representative (Peruvian)

Claudia was born in Miraflores, Lima, Peru to an American mother and a Peruvian father and is a bilingual and bicultural (Spanish-English) clinician. She has a Master’s degree in Social Work as well as a degree in Health Services Administration. Claudia was the Director of Social Work Services Department at Miami Children’s Hospital in Miami, Florida from 1972 to 1987 then moved to Washington where she has been in private practice since 1990. She has licenses as an Independent Clinical Social Worker and Affiliate Sex Offender Treatment Provider (1 of 3 in the State of Washington that is a native Spanish speaker). She is currently a Psy.D. Candidate at the American School of Professional Psychology at Argosy University-Seattle. She has provided forensic psychological evaluations and neuro-cognitive assessments for disability waivers to individuals seeking naturalization and is considered an expert by the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration Court having provided written and oral testimony for individuals seeking asylum, cancellation of removal, hardship, unaccompanied minor, victims of domestic violence, U-Visa, etc.
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The Purpose of Our AIAN and Indigenous Women Section

Our purpose is to create a forum where Alaska Native/American Indian/Indigenous women can network and get mentoring and support from each other; to provide outreach, guidance and mentoring to Indigenous female students of psychology; to promote the fundamental objectives of the American Psychological Association and the Society for the Psychology of Women; to advance understanding of the psychology of indigenous women; to further the development of research methods and models of treatment and intervention that are ethnically, culturally and gender appropriate for indigenous women; to advance the scientific understanding of features of ethnicity, culture and class among indigenous women which pertain to the psychology of women; to accentuate the importance of adequate education and training in service and investigative approaches related to indigenous people; to advocate on behalf of indigenous women psychologists with respect to the formation of policies of Division 35; to provide a systematic forum for the presentation of policy, clinical and research findings in the area of services to AN/AI and other indigenous women, children, youth, and families at APA meetings.

Coming next issue: meet Candace Fleming and Wendy Peters!