



7th Annual American Indian Health Research Conference

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SCHEDULE

Canad Inns Hotel and Destination Center, Ambassador Room C

- 8:00 a.m. **Registration** (Continental Breakfast)
- 8:45 a.m. **Welcome** – Phyllis Johnson, Ph.D., VP of Research & Economic Development, UND
Introduction by Jacque Gray, Ph.D. (Choctaw and Cherokee)
Ceremonial Prayer
- 9:00 a.m. **Greeting** – Senator Dorgan
Introduction by Jacque Gray, Ph.D. (Choctaw and Cherokee)
- 9:15 a.m. **Keynote:** “Health Care Reform and Indian Country”
Leo Nolan, M.Ed. (*St. Regis Mohawk*), Senior Policy Analyst – External Affairs, Indian Health Service; Executive Director, Intradepartmental Council on Native American Affairs, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Introduction by Jacque Gray, Ph.D. (Choctaw and Cherokee)
- 10:15 a.m. **Break** (Snack) - Visit Posters
- 10:30 a.m. **Keynote Q&A**
Leo Nolan, M.Ed. (*St. Regis Mohawk*), Senior Policy Analyst – External Affairs, Indian Health Service; Executive Director, Intradepartmental Council on Native American Affairs, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- 11:00 a.m. **Session 1:** “Reducing Cancer Disparities for American Indians in the Rural Intermountain West”
Frederick Avis, MD, Medical Director, Strategic Development & Native American Programs/Benefis Health System
Alvin Windy Boy, Sr., Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Chippewa Cree Tribe Water Resources Department; Tribal Advisor, Strategic Development & Native American Programs/Benefis Health System
Kermit Horn, Tribal Council Member, Fort Belknap Indian Community; Chairman, Native American Advisory Committee; Strategic Development & Native American Programs/Benefis Health System
Lena Belcourt, Health Policy Analyst, Contractor, Strategic Development & Native American Programs/Benefis Health System
Introduction by Twyla Baker-Demaray, MS (Mandan Hidatsa and Arikara Nation)
- 11:45 a.m. **Visit Posters**
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch**
- 12:30 p.m. **Alan Allery Awards Presentation**
Presentations by Dr. Leigh Jeanotte, AISS Director; Dr. Jacque Gray, Chair, AIHRC; Kathryn Allery
- 1:15 p.m. **Session 2:** “Bringing Back the Horses – Culturally-Based Wellness”
Jessica White Plume, Ph.D., MPH (Oglala Lakota), Research & Resource Coordinator, MHA Nation 477 Program
Introduction by Twyla Baker-Demaray, MS (Mandan Hidatsa and Arikara Nation)
- 2:00 p.m. **Break** (Snack) - Visit Posters
- 2:15 p.m. **Session 3:** “Recognizing Community Expertise in Research Partnerships”
Leander McDonald, Ph.D. (Mandan Hidatsa Arikara Nation and Spirit Lake Nation), Vice President, Academic Affairs, Cankdeska Cikana Community College
Introduction by Twyla Baker-Demaray, MS (Mandan Hidatsa and Arikara Nation)
- 3:00 p.m. **Conclusion**
Jacque Gray, Ph.D. (Choctaw and Cherokee)

Schedule subject to change