

PRESENTER BIO'S

Thomas J. Aliberti, Assistant United States Attorney and Tribal Liaison for the District of New Mexico

Thomas J. Aliberti is an Assistant United States Attorney and Tribal Liaison for the District of New Mexico. After graduating from the University of Maine School of Law Thomas started his legal career living and working in western Alaska clerking for the Hon. Fred Torrisi and eventually being appointed as a Deputy Magistrate in the rural community of Dillingham, Alaska. In 2011 Thomas joined the Criminal Division of the Alaska Department of Law serving as a prosecutor in Bethel, Alaska handling cases involving domestic violence, sexual abuse of minors and sexual assault. In 2013 Thomas received the Alaska Department of Law's Making a Difference Award in recognition of his commitment and dedication to the people of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta. In 2017 Thomas joined the Alaska Department of Law's Office of Special Prosecutions where his chief responsibilities were to prosecute child sexual exploitation and human trafficking. Seeking sunshine and a return to Indian Country prosecution Thomas joined the Department of Justice with the District of New Mexico's Indian Country Crimes Section. In addition to prosecuting all manner of crimes in Indian Country Thomas serves as a Tribal Liaison facilitating working relationships with the District's pueblos and reservations through consultation, outreach, and law enforcement trainings.

Kurt Begaye, *Hashk'ááhadzohí* (Yucca Strung Out on a Line Clan), born for *Tó'aheedliinii* (Water Flow Together Clan)

Kurt is Diné (Navajo) originally from Chinle, Arizona and is the Director of Training and Technical Assistance at the Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition. He is a facilitator and Master Trainer in multiple HIV evidence-based behavior interventions through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Master Trainer in two cultural sensitivity curriculums for American Indian/Alaska Natives and Asian/Pacific Islander communities. In late 2014, Kurt broadened his capacity building portfolio to include training and technical assistance to tribes addressing intimate partner violence and sexual assault in the Native Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Gender Variant and Two-Spirit communities. This addition led to the creation of the LGBTQ Advisory Council with the Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition, ensuring tribes and organizations are more inclusive and responsive to Native LGBT2S victims of violence.

Bonnie Clairmont (HoChunk Nation of Wisconsin)

Bonnie works at the Tribal Law and Policy Institute (TLPI) in St. Paul, MN, as the Victim Advocacy Program Specialist, providing training and technical assistance to tribal communities to better enable them to respond to violence against Native women. She has more than 25 years of experience advocating for victims of sexual assault, sex trafficking, domestic violence, and children exposed to violence, providing multidisciplinary training/collaboration and improving services

for Native victims of crime. For 4 years, Ms. Clairmont coordinated the Strengthening the Circle of Trust Conference, an event focusing on sexual assault and exploitation perpetrated by American Indian “spiritual leaders/medicine men.” In addition, she co-edited *Sharing Our Stories of Survival*, an anthology of writing by Native women who have experienced violence, and provided technical assistance to research conducted by Amnesty International USA for the report, *Maze of Injustice: The Failure to Protect Indigenous Women From Sexual Violence in the USA*.

Christine Crossland, Senior Social Science Analyst Office of Research, Evaluation, and Technology at National Institute of Justice

Christine (Tina) Crossland is a Senior Social Science Analyst in the Office of Research, Evaluation, and Technology at the National Institute of Justice (NIJ)—the research, development, and evaluation agency of the U.S. Department of Justice. Tina is primarily responsible for planning, implementing, directing, evaluating, and reporting on social and behavioral research studies funded by the Department. She works with government agencies and public safety and health organizations to coordinate a broad and enhanced research agenda in the area of violence and victimization. Presently, she is directing NIJ’s Violence Against Women and Family Violence Research and Evaluation Program as well as a program of research mandated by Congress that focuses on the safety of American Indian and Alaska Native women across the United States. She is also the project director for the National Baseline Study, which is a first-of-its-kind study, involving the largest number of federal recognized, land-holding tribes whose primary aim is to provide an accurate national victimization rate of American Indian and Alaska Native women living in Indian country and Alaska

Sarah Curtiss (*Anishinaabe*), Co-Executive Director Men as Peacemakers

Sarah has worked for Men As Peacemakers since 2015. Prior to joining Men As Peacemakers, she spent six year providing training and technical assistance for tribal communities both nationally and locally as the director of the Sacred Hoop Coalition through Mending the Sacred Hoop. Sarah has worked in the anti-violence field for over 15 years and began her career as a women’s advocate for the Dabinoo’lgan shelter and coordinated the Giiwe Mobile team, which provided housing and support to long-term homeless Native families in Duluth, Minnesota. In her work at Men As Peacemakers, Sarah utilizes primary preventions tools to work with communities to systematically shape their environment to prevent violence against women. Sarah is the Keeper of Traditional Ways (Board President) for the Minnesota Indian Women’s Sexual Assault Coalition, and is a founding member of the Native Sisters Society. Her greatest accomplishment, in her opinion, is that she is the mother to a dynamic and funny son named Allan.

Dustin Driscoll, NamUs Regional Program Specialist

Dustin Driscoll graduated in 2006 from Westfield State University in Massachusetts with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Psychology. He began working as a Financial Crime Analyst for Sovereign Bank in Boston, Massachusetts, where he investigated suspicious accounts that may have been associated with money laundering and/or terrorist activity. In early

2008, he accepted a position as a Senior Analyst at Salem Five Cents Savings Bank to assist with the expansion and transition of their anti-money laundering and security group. In late 2008, Dustin relocated to Washington, DC to work as an Analyst within the Case Analysis Unit at the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC). In this position, he was responsible for providing analytical assistance to law enforcement officers working various types of missing child cases. He spent the majority of his employment at NCMEC assigned to the Forensic Services Unit, where he was responsible for conducting more in-depth analyses of cold case missing and unidentified deceased children. In 2011, Mr. Driscoll was promoted to a Senior Analyst with NCMEC. Dustin joined the UNT Health Science Center in October 2011 as a NamUs Analyst, and in January 2016, he became a Regional Program Specialist for NamUs Region 1.

Katherine Eagle (Anishinaabe-Wolf Clan) J.D.

Katherine is the Legal Policy Development Resource Specialist with Mending the Sacred Hoop. She has worked in Indian Child Welfare and special education law, but most of her career has been working with survivors of sexual violence, domestic assault, and trafficking, as an advocate and later as an attorney. Her work has included direct client representation, developing holistic legal services specifically for sexual assault survivors, and engaging in efforts to change the systems that create barriers for survivors. Katy attended law school at Hamline University in St. Paul, Minnesota after earning a bachelor's degree in psychology from Smith College. She is currently a Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault board member. Katy and her partner live just outside Duluth, MN with their three elementary-aged children.

Kandi Fowler (Eastern Band Cherokee & Oneida) Project Beacon Program Manager

Kandi is a Chicago Native with over thirty years experience in human sex trafficking and addictions. Kandi has dedicated her life to helping those who are still caught in that vicious cycle. She has over fifteen years of experience working within a variety of social service agencies specializing in human sex trafficking, drug/alcohol addiction, mental health, Trauma and the incarcerated. Kandi holds certifications in Drug- Alcohol Addiction, Mentally Ill Substance Abuse, Nationally Certified Anger Management Specialist (NAMA), HIV-Specialist IL. Department of Public Health, Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence along with various other certifications and is well versed in Complex Trauma/PTSD. She is a trainer of trainers H.O.P.E. "Suicide Prevention for American Indian & Alaska Native Crime victims". Kandi's passion for helping others is born out of her own experiences of survival and her path to empowerment.

Erica Gourneau (Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians) RN BSN SANE

Erica currently resides in Belcourt, ND. She graduated in 2007 from the University of North Dakota with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and since then has worked in several communities within the Great Plains Area as a sexual assault nurse examiner. Erica took on a new role with IHS headquarters in May of 2017 as the National Forensic Nurse Coordinator. She now works to expand

access to forensic health care for all AI/AN people through assistance with forensic health care training to healthcare providers and providing technical assistance to forensic health care programs.

Leanne Guy (Diné),

Leanne has over 20 years of experience in tribal community health promotion, disease prevention, and public health and safety initiatives. She has worked with and for Tribes in addressing the health and safety of women and children. Through training and technical assistance, Leanne has worked to increase the capacity of tribal programs to organize, develop and implement intervention and prevention strategies and services related to HIV/AIDS, women's health, domestic and sexual violence, and substance abuse. She is a member of numerous national, state, and local boards, task forces, and committees including the National Congress of American Indian's Violence Against Women Task Force, National Indigenous Women's Resource Center, Alliance of Tribal Coalitions to End Violence, and Arizona's Study Committee on MMIWG.

Currently, Leanne is the founding Executive Director of the Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition, the first statewide tribal domestic violence and sexual assault coalition in Arizona. Prior to this, Leanne was the executive director of a nonprofit, community-based domestic violence and sexual assault services program located on the Diné Nation. Leanne has also worked for the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. and the Indian Health Service as well as other nonprofit agencies in the area of HIV/AIDS, cancer prevention, and women's health. One of the many blessings Leanne has received in working with tribes is getting to know the people---hearing their stories, observing their customs, seeing their land, and sharing their food!

Kelly Haffield, Fond du Lac Police Department/Commander of TRUST Task Force, Investigator

Kelly Haffield has been with the Fond du Lac Police Department since 2014. She was assigned to the position of sex trafficking investigator in 2017 for her department and in January 2018, became Commander of what the newly formed TRUST (Tribes United against Sex Trafficking) Task Force. Over the past several years, Kelly has attended multiple trainings on Sex Trafficking and is also a trained forensic interviewer. Kelly was an instructor for the law enforcement program at the Fond du Lac Community College for several years, and is a Nationally registered paramedic. Prior to becoming a law enforcement officer, Kelly worked as a death investigator for the St. Louis County Medical Examiner's Office, and was a paramedic for a ground ambulance service.

Leslie Hagen, National Indian Country Training Coordinator, U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Legal Education

Leslie serves as the Department of Justice's first National Indian Country Training Coordinator. In this position, she is responsible for planning, developing and coordinating training in a broad range of matters relating to the administration of justice in Indian Country. Previously, Hagen served as the Native American Issues Coordinator for the Executive Office for United States

Attorneys. In that capacity, she served as EOUSA's principal legal advisor on all matters pertaining to Native American issues, among other law enforcement program areas; provides management support to the United States Attorneys' Offices (USAOs); and coordinates and resolves legal issues. Hagen is also a liaison and technical assistance provider to Justice Department components and the Attorney General's Advisory Committee on Native American Issues.

Ed Heisler, Co-Executive Director Men As Peacemakers

Ed has extensive experience in developing violence and sexual violence prevention programming and mobilizing and engaging men to reduce the violence and exploitation of women and girls. He accepted his current position in 2012, and has since developed and expanded Men As Peacemakers receiving local and statewide recognition, including multiple recent awards for MAP's innovative programming. Ed specializes in gender and racial equality, engaging men alongside women, in developing and implementing innovative community-driven violence prevention strategies. Utilizing the Spectrum of Prevention, a public health framework, Ed has also created a process for embedding sexual and domestic violence prevention into athletic organizations.

Valaura Imus-Nahsonhoya (Hopi Tribe)

Valaura has sixteen years of direct victim services to crime victims. She is Executive Director with Honwungsi Consulting Services and employed with National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College by the Office for Victims of Crime, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. She is the selected Study Director for Arizona House Bill 2570, Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, Men and Boys by House of Representative Speaker Rusty Bowers, Jennifer Jermaine, House of Representative, and Arizona Attorney General Mark Brnovich. She has worked for Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Justice Services Victim Assistance Program as a Supervisory Victim Specialist and for the Department of the Interior (DOI), Office of Law Enforcement and Security. Previously she worked for the Hopi Tribe in Arizona as the Program Director of the Hopi Domestic Violence Program and served as Legal Advocate for the Office of the Hopi Tribal Prosecutor.

Guadalupe Lopez (Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe)

Guadalupe Lopez is a citizen of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and has been employed by the Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition (MIWSAC) since 2007. She has extensive experience in advocacy for American Indian people who have experienced domestic and sexual violence. Guadalupe is well known for her expertise in training and presenting on a wide variety of issues surrounding sexual violence of American Indian and Alaskan Native people. She was one of the culturally-specific TA providers for the Sexual Assault Demonstration Initiative through the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), and currently serves as the Project Coordinator for Elevate Uplift, which is a collaborative project with three other National Technical Assistance and Training Providers. Guadalupe has provided technical assistance to more than 30 tribes under the Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program for the Office on Violence Against Women, and she has provided technical assistance to urban Native non-profit organizations serving sex trafficking survivors for the Project Beacon

funded by Office for Victims of Crime. She was one of five researchers who interviewed 105 Native women used in prostitution and trafficking for MIWSAC's report released in 2011: *Garden of Truth: The Prostitution and Trafficking of Native Women in Minnesota*.

Nicole Matthews (White Earth Ojibwe)

Nicole is the Executive Director for Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition, a statewide coalition and National Tribal Technical Assistance Provider, addressing sexual violence and sex trafficking against Indigenous people. The mission of this organization is to strengthen the voices of Indigenous women to create awareness, influence social change, and reclaim the traditional values that honor the sovereignty of Indigenous women and children thereby eliminating the sexual violence perpetrated against them. Their vision is: Creating Safety and Justice for Native Women Through the Teachings of Our Grandmothers.

She received her Bachelor of Science degree from St. Cloud State University in Applied Psychology including a minor in Human Relations and Multicultural Education. Nicole was one of five researchers who interviewed 105 Native women used in prostitution and trafficking for their report: *Garden of Truth: The Prostitution and Trafficking of Native Women in Minnesota*. Nicole sits on the State of Minnesota Attorney General's Work Group on Sexual Assault; she is a board member for the Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center; she sits on the Work Group on Sexual Assault Investigation Training for Peace Officers; and she has presented at numerous conferences and events on sexual violence and sex trafficking.

Elizabeth Pfenning

Elizabeth serves as a Program Specialist with the HHS Office on Trafficking in Persons (OTIP) where she manages the training and technical assistance portfolio, including the National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center (NHTTAC) and the SOAR to Health and Wellness training, and supports anti-trafficking interagency and public-private partnerships. She currently serves as an ACF Native American Affairs Liaison and is a member of the federal interagency Ad Hoc Working Group on Human Trafficking Impacting American Indian and Alaska Native Communities. Prior to federal service, she worked in women's reproductive health policy and spent six years working with and on behalf of trafficking survivors as a federal grantee.

Jennifer Pierce-Weeks, RN, SANE-A, SANE-P, CEO, International Association of Forensic Nurses

Jennifer is Chief Executive Officer for the International Association of Forensic Nurses, where she implemented the adult/adolescent and pediatric online SANE trainings and learning management system. She comes with 30 years nursing experience, with a focus on forensic nursing since 1995. She presents nationally on a variety of forensic nursing-related topics, including sexual assault and abuse, intimate partner violence, strangulation, child maltreatment, human trafficking and program management and sustainability. Jennifer's work at a national level includes being Past-President of the International Association of

Forensic Nurses where she served on the Board from 2006-2010, serving as a consultant for the Southwest Center for Law and Policy's SAFESTAR Project, and the National Sexual Violence Resource Center's SANE Sustainability Project. In addition, Jennifer has written, edited and reviewed state-specific protocols and customized protocols for hospitals, SARTs and tribal communities. Jennifer was a contributing author for the most recent edition of the Atlas of Sexual Violence; co-authored USAID's Clinical Management of Children and Adolescents Who Have Experienced Sexual Violence and Exploitation, Technical Considerations for PEPFAR Programs, has contributed to Forensic Health Online; has published in the Journal of Forensic Nursing as well as the Journal of Emergency Nursing; and has edited the STM Learning text Violence Against Women, co-authoring the chapter on strangulation in the living patient.

Brian Pottratz, Investigator Leech Lake Police Department/Deputy Commander of the TRUST Task Force

Investigator Pottratz has been working for the Leech Lake Tribal Police Department since 2017. Prior to coming to the Leech Lake Tribal Police Department, Investigator Pottratz previously worked for the Upper Sioux Community Police Department, starting in 2013, along with the Yellow Medicine County Sheriff's Office as a part time deputy. Investigator Pottratz worked as a patrol officer for approximately 5 years before becoming an investigator. Investigator Pottratz has had numerous trainings in Human Trafficking, along with being a certified D.R.E., a certified Cellebrite phone analyzer, and in SWAT tactics and firearms.

Corinne Rice (Lakota and Kahnawa:ke Mohawk) MIWSAC Program Coordinator

Corinne brings experience in both Human Trafficking and organizing a non-profit, with her to Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition (MIWSAC). She recently completed a fellowship with Ashoka USA and Change Maker Initiative where she created innovative solutions to social justice issues. She is also well versed in mainstream and lesser-known issues within Indian Country, as a Journalist and Reporter for Powwows.com. She has written for HuffPost, AJ+, and is a published author. Corinne is the Program Coordinator with MIWSAC.

Michelle Sauve (St. Regis Mohawk Tribe)

Michelle serves as the Intergovernmental Affairs Specialist in the Office of the Commissioner for HHS Administration for Native Americans (ANA). Her work includes providing policy and program advice across a variety of issues. In addition, she helps ANA collaborate across federal agencies via participation on various work groups and interagency initiatives. She is currently serving as a member of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Human Trafficking Impacting American Indian and Alaska Native Communities, a federal interagency initiative.

B.J. Spamer, Director, NamUs Forensic and Analytical Services National Missing & Unidentified Persons System

B.J. has served as a Director with NamUs at the UNT Health Science Center since 2011. In her current role, she provides leadership and strategic

management for the NamUs program, oversees the forensic and analytical components of NamUs, develops and administers criminal justice training courses, monitors and reports grant performance matrices, creates and monitors program budgets, and develops grant applications. Ms. Spamer previously worked as an Intelligence Analyst with the Kansas City (Missouri) Police Department and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, and as a Forensic Case Manager for the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children. Ms. Spamer is a graduate of the DEA's Federal Law Enforcement Analysts Training (FLEAT) Academy and is a member of the International Association of Crime Analysts. She holds a BS in behavioral and social sciences from the University of Maryland University College (UMUC), a BA in English from UMUC, and a Master's Degree in forensic science from The George Washington University.

Kelly Stoner (Cherokee)

Kelly serves as TLPI's Victim Advocacy Legal Specialist. She graduated from the University of Oklahoma College of Law in 1988. For the past twenty years, Kelly has taught at the North Dakota School of Law and Oklahoma City University School of Law (OKCU) where she taught American Indian/ Tribal Law and Domestic Violence related classes. She directed the University of North Dakota Native American Law Project that served clients of the Spirit Lake Reservation with a caseload that targeted domestic violence and sexual assault cases. In 2011, Kelly was appointed as a Judge for the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma. She also supervised a project in partnership with the Apache Tribe of Oklahoma that established a SAFE Unit at a local hospital, recruited SANEs and targeted community education on domestic violence and sexual assault. Kelly directed the Native American Legal Resource Center at OKCU where she supervised law students prosecuting Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking cases and representing victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in civil matters. She is a frequent lecturer for the American Bar Association's Commission on Domestic Violence and for the Office on Violence Against Women's national technical assistance providers on domestic violence issues in Indian Country. Ms. Stoner helped to launch Oklahoma's only tribal coalition against domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking- the Native Alliance Against Violence.

Guadalupe Ybarra, Red Lake Band of Ojibwe Police Officer- Guadalupe Ybarra has been a Red Lake Police Officer for 15 years, and is a graduate of the IPAs police academy. Officer Ybarra currently serves as the Crime Victim Liaison Officer and had been instrumental in the development of the Red Lake Victim services program.