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EDUCATION

- 1999 Ph.D. in Sociology, University of California, San Diego.
- 1994 M.A., M. Phil. Sociology, University of California, San Diego.
- 1984 B.A. in Chinese Language and Literature. Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio.

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE

NPC Research, Portland, Oregon. Principal Investigator and Project Director for multiple studies. Current projects include several SAMHSA-funded projects: a Tribal Opioid Treatment Response project; a Native youth suicide prevention program evaluation; three tribal SAMHSA-funded substance abuse prevention and suicide prevention programs; and two Strategic Prevention Framework Partnership for Success Tribal grant evaluations. In addition, she is working on an Indian Health Service funded health clinic behavioral health integration project and a Tribal Youth Program project funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. Past project work involved substance abuse treatment and drug court program evaluations. In these capacities, Dr. Perkins works on culturally responsive evaluation design, survey instrument design and implementation, database development and management, field-based data collection, and data analysis, as well as report and grant writing. 2007 – Present.

RESEARCH AND EVALUATION ANALYST

Native American Rehabilitation Association, Northwest (NARA-NW), Portland, Oregon. Responsible for all aspects of program evaluation design and implementation, data collection, analysis, database creation and management, grant writing, IRB protocol design and submission, consulting and technical support to organization staff. Lead Evaluator for SAMHSA Targeted Capacity Grant. Evaluation team member and data administrator for cross-site evaluation for the first Native American grantee in cohort one of the SAMHSA-funded Garrett Lee Smith Youth Suicide Prevention grant, which involved several Oregon Native American tribes/tribal confederations. Data analysis and policy recommendation support for Clinical Leadership Team. 2005-2007.

SELECTED INDIVIDUAL HONORS

- 2005-2008 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention funded evaluation project, titled: “Enhanced Evaluation of Native Youth Suicide Prevention Program.” Served as Principal Investigator on project to evaluate tribal youth suicide intervention programs.
- 2003-2005 NSF funded research project, titled “Rational Calculation vs. Trust: A Comparative Institutional Analysis of Emerging Credit Card Markets in Socialist and Post-Socialist Societies.” Served as co-Researcher.
- 2000-2001 Weatherhead Center for International Affairs—Harvard Academy of Scholars Post-Doctoral Fellowship.
- 1994-1995 Fulbright-Hays Dissertation Research Grant.

SELECTED TECHNICAL REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

- Perkins, T. (March 2021). “Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Strategic Prevention Framework – Partnerships for Success Needs Assessment.” Prepared for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Youth Prevention Program, Grand Ronde, OR.
- Perkins, T., Mackin, J. R., Ho, T., Partipilo, C., Caughlan, C., Craig Rushing, S., & McCray, C. “3-Site Healing of the Canoe Survey Results, 2018-2019.” Poster presentation for the American Association of Suicidology: April 2020.
- Perkins, T., Mackin, J.R. & Ho, T. (December 2019). “Healing of the Canoe Survey Results: Detailed Aggregate Report, 2018-2019.” Prepared for Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, Portland, OR.
- Perkins, T., (July 2019). “Circles of Hope Youth Suicide Prevention Project Highlights – 2015-2019.” Prepared for the Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center Youth Suicide Prevention Program, Pendleton, OR.
- Perkins, T., Herrera Allen, T., & Ho, T. (March 2016). “Tribal Personal Responsibility Education Program, It’s Your Game Evaluation Report.” Prepared for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Youth Prevention Program, Grand Ronde, OR.
- Perkins, T., Cattone, A., Snoddy, A., Finigan, M. (August 2011). “Addictions and Mental Health Division Substance Abuse Treatment Follow-Up Study: 12-Month Final Report.” Prepared for the Oregon Health Authority Addictions and Mental Health Division.
- Mackin, J.R., Perkins, T., Tarte, J. with Dent, C. (April 2010). “Life is Sacred Program Enhanced Evaluation: Oregon Native Youth Survey Data Multi-Tribal Community Report.” Prepared for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

SELECTED PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Finigan, M.W., Perkins, T., Sullivan, J.E. & Kandrevas, J.A. (2014). Is there a role for extended-release naltrexone in drug courts? Results of a pilot study. *Drug Court Review*, IX (1), 23-42.
- Mackin, J., Perkins, T., & Furrer, C. (2012). The power of protection: A population-based comparison of Native and non-Native youth suicide attempters. *American Indian and Alaska Native Mental Health Research*, 19(2), 20-54. doi: 10.5820/aian.1902.2012.20
- Wilkins, N., Thigpen, S., Lockman, J., Mackin, J., Madden, M., Perkins, T., Schut, J., Van Regenmorter, C., Williams, L., & Donovan, J. (2012). Putting program evaluation to work: A framework for creating actionable knowledge for suicide prevention practice. *Translational Behavioral Medicine: Practice, Policy and Research*. Online DOI 10.1007/s13142-012-0175-y.

