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Emily Davalos

Semillas del Desierto/ Desert Seeds Worker Center
City of Flagstaff's Commission on Diversity Awareness

Emily Davalos has lived in Flagstaff since 1999. She is a critical race scholar who is passionate about community-oriented and community-directed education that is used as a practice of freedom and means of liberation. She serves on the board of directors for Semillas del Desierto/ Desert Seeds Worker Center. Emily also serves on the City of Flagstaff's Commission on Diversity Awareness. She is dedicated to health equity and health equity research because it is inextricably linked to the justice condition.

Chelsey Donohoo, MPH

Maternal and Child Health Epidemiologist
Coconino County Public Health Services District

Originally from San Diego, California, Chelsey graduated from the University of California Los Angeles with a B.S. in Molecular, Cellular Developmental Biology. Following graduation she served for two years in Ethiopia as a U.S. Peace Corps HIV-AIDS Health Advisor. She moved to Flagstaff in 2014 and joined the Coconino County Public Health Services (CCPHSD) as a HIV Health Educator and later served as an HIV Case Manager with the CCPHSD HIV Ryan White Part B Program. Chelsey received her Master's in Public Health from the University of Arizona. Currently, she is the CCPHSD Maternal and Child Health Epidemiologist involved in the identification and reporting of health trends among Coconino County residents. Chelsey's diverse public health background has strengthened her commitment to the pursuit of health equity. By addressing health disparities impacting vulnerable members of our community public health efforts not only improve health outcomes for these populations but improves the quality of life for the community as a whole.

Diana Gomez, MPH

Director
Yuma County Public Health Services District

Diana Gomez is the director of public health for the Yuma County Public Health Services District. Diana has worked in public health for over 20 years and has served on various local, state, and national committees and workgroups to build and sustain collaborative partnerships that promote safe, healthy, and resilient communities. Diana is a member of Arizona Local Health Officers Association and the Arizona Department of Homeland Security Regional Advisory Council (Southern Region). She is a Flinn-Brown Fellow, Co-Vice President of the Binational Health and Environmental Council and was recently recognized by the Kresge Foundation as an Emerging Leader in

Public Health. Diana graduated from the University of Arizona and obtained a Master in Public Health degree from Grand Canyon University. She has an interest in community-health research and policy development and actively mentors students interested in health care career

Amanda Guay, MPH

Director of Community Health Programs & Services
North Country HealthCare

In her role, Amanda oversees and develops community health programming for specific target populations. She has worked with multiple stakeholders from governmental agencies, local officials, community organizations, health departments and Tribes to educational institutions with the goal of conducting health outreach to targeted populations, as well as developing policy to achieve improved health outcomes. Ms. Guay has almost twenty years of experience working with minority and under-served populations and is a native of Flagstaff, Arizona. Prior to working at North Country, Amanda worked with affected communities on efforts to mitigate health impacts of environmental contamination at the state health department in Oregon. She also worked in a county health department and a school district to pass tobacco policy. Her current interests focus on identifying strategies to improve health outcomes by engaging the community in addressing social determinants of health. She serves as the board president for Housing Solutions of Northern Arizona and recently termed off the executive leadership teams for the Flagstaff Leadership Program and the Coconino Regional Partnership Council for First Things First.

Joyce M. Hamilton

Community Health Representative (CHR) Program Manager
The Hopi Tribe

A Hopi Tribal member from the village of Hotevilla. Joyce is the Manager for the Hopi Tribe Community Health Representative (CHR) program. She earned her Bachelor of Science Degree from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, AZ in Community Health in 1993. After leaving college, Joyce moved back to the Hopi Reservation to begin work with the Office of Health Services as a Health Educator. Health Education was truly enjoyable as she brought new ideas and creative activities to incorporate into teaching the Hopi Community about preventable diseases. In 1996, Mrs. Hamilton left her position to begin work at the local High School as a Physical Education/Health Education Teacher where she worked with students. Short lived employment with the Hopi Jr./Sr. High School brought her back to the Hopi Tribe to begin work on a new grant initiative. The Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) was authorized by Congress in 1997 to begin work throughout Indian Country in the area of Diabetes prevention. In January 2017, Joyce began a new direction in her career by accepting the Manager position for the Hopi Community Health Representative (CHR) program. New to the field of the CHR program, she has been working to stabilize various areas of the CHR program to ensure the program is working to meet the needs of the Hopi Community.

Candida Hunter

Senior Director
Tribal Affairs, First Things First

Candida Hunter serves as Senior Director of Tribal Affairs for First Things First (FTF). She is responsible for ensuring the facilitation of effective government-to-government relations between FTF and Arizona's Indian Tribes and Nations; building and strengthening organizational relations with tribal partners; fostering tribal relations through collaborative partnerships; and, facilitating the provision of culturally responsive early childhood services in tribal communities. Candida is a fellow of the Flinn-Brown Civic Leadership Academy focused on expanding the cadre of Arizonans in state-level civic leadership positions with the knowledge, skills, and commitment to address the state's critical long-term issues. Candida also is a member of the BUILD Equity Leaders Action Network, which works to advance racial equity in early childhood systems. Prior to joining FTF, Candida served as a Hualapai Tribal Council member, Education Coordinator, Green Reentry Program Manager and as a volunteer on the FTF Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council and several other community groups. She is a mother, a human services professional and former policymaker who strongly believes the success of future generations begins in the early years of life.

Stephen Julian, M.Ed

County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council Coordinator
Navajo County

Steve Julian is currently the Navajo County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council Coordinator. Steve retired in 2017 after thirty-two years of combined service as an Army Sergeant, police officer, school teacher and probation officer. He attended Northern Arizona University and has a Master's Degree in Education. While in his current position, Steve is engaged in promoting the goals of the National Stepping Up Initiative; to reduce the number of mentally ill persons in jail, connect those persons to services and lower recidivism.

Mare Schumacher

Consultant/Epidemiologist
Mare Insights

Mare Schumacher is a consultant at Mare Insights in Flagstaff, Arizona. Mare Insights was founded in March 2017 with the philosophy that decision makers need evidence-based insights and information, not just charts and graphs. Her clients include Navajo County Public Health Services District and Northern Arizona Council of Governments.

Mare has been working in research and planning since 1984. She has done research among groups as diverse as Oldsmobile dealers, social workers, and women living with HIV.

For the past 23 years, Mare has been in public health, first at Maricopa County Public Health Department (1996-2012), then at Coconino Public Health Services District (2013-2018). The past 16 years, she has worked as an epidemiologist conducting data analyses, investigating disease outbreaks, designing and implementing surveys, and creating research reports and presentations.

Mare lives in Flagstaff, Arizona with her partner, Luis Fernandez, and their two unruly dogs, Oona and Zeke.

Emma Torres, MSW

Executive Director
Campesinos Sin Fronteras

Emma has had the pleasure of being CSF's Chief Executive Officer for 10 years. During these wonderful years, she has seen CSF grow from a two-person movement to an agency that employs more than thirty dedicated individuals and many community volunteers. She is very proud and honored to see the staff's dedication to their communities.

Since its inception in 1999, CSF's goal has been to improve the quality of life of farm workers and their families. As pioneers of the "Promotora" model in Arizona, they have had the pleasure of helping to develop and implement the model throughout the country. They are proud of their grassroots approach and are excited to see what the future holds and look forward to their continued growth.

Shepherd Tsosie, MA

Associate Librarian
Cline Library at Northern Arizona University

Shepherd is an Associate Librarian at Northern Arizona University's Cline Library. In their work at Cline Library, Shepherd supports students and faculty in the College of Arts and Letters and Social and Behavioral Sciences in their research and learning activities. Shepherd has a Master's degree in History from NAU and a Master's degree in library science from the University of Arizona. Shepherd has always been interested in how cultural institutions like libraries, archives, and museums support Indigenous sovereignty.

Eric Wolverton

Underwriting and Community Outreach Manager
KNAU

Eric came to KNAU in 2016 as the Underwriting and Community Outreach Manager. Prior to KNAU, Eric worked with non-profits in Northern Arizona for over 11 years both at St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance and Habitat for Humanity of Northern Arizona. As a leader of both organizations, Eric found success through collaborative partnerships that benefited multiple organizations and the individuals and families that were supported through those efforts. Eric also has a rich history with KNAU as a long standing sustaining member and as an on-air participant of multiple KNAU pledge drives..