American Indian/Alaska Native Health Lecture Series

Taking a Native Stand for Indian Country

Presented by Michelle Singer
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Michelle is project manager of Native STAND (Students Together Against Negative Decisions), a healthy decisions curriculum for enhancing & promoting positive native youth development and well-being. She has more than 25 years of experience in outreach to Native communities. Prior to coming to OHSU, she worked in the U.S. Senate as a policy advisor on both sides of the aisle for U.S. Senators: Ron Wyden, Ben Nighthorse Campbell, Tom Daschle, and the American Indian Higher Education Consortium. She is a citizen of the Navajo Nation.

Presentation Summary
Michelle Singer will briefly discuss fundamentals of Indian policy, health delivery systems, and disparities of American Indian & Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities and their sordid historical origins. Her presentation will focus on the modern era of self-determination of Indian nations, specifically, Native people empowering their communities utilizing tribal cultural based initiatives and collaborative partnerships. She will also share her experiences of the importance of cross-cultural education through information sharing and the need for community-based mobilization as its relates to the public and environmental health of AI/AN communities.