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Education

Ph.D. 1995 Health Behavior and Health Education
School of Public Health
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Dissertation title: *Social support, stress, and affectionate behaviors among adolescent mothers with infants in neonatal intensive care*

M.S. 1989 Health Education and Health Promotion
Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

B.S. 1987 Health Promotion/Wellness
University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point

Professional Experience

Montana State University

Professor (2007-present), Associate Professor (2001-2007), Assistant Professor (1995-2001) of Community Health Education, Department of Health and Human Development
Responsibilities: research, teaching, community service and outreach, and advising. Responsible for following courses: HDHL 440 Principles of Epidemiology; HDPE 512 Research Methods; HDPE 501 Graduate Seminar in Health Counseling; HDPE 502 Graduate Seminar in Community Organizing and Community Building for Health; HDHL 445 Health Program Planning; EDCI 364 Teaching Methods in Health Education; HDHL 451 Health and Healing; HDHL 220 Fundamentals of Community Health; HDHL 106 Health Issues for Educators; HDHL 475/476 Senior Seminar and Internship; HDHL 276 Sophomore Practicum.

Affiliate Faculty Member, Division of Health Sciences, Montana State University
August 2005 to present

Developer and Director, Clinical Research Development Program

June 2005 to May 2008

Funded through MSU's Office of the Vice President for Research, Creativity and Technology Transfer, the goal of the CRDP is to remove barriers to writing and submitting competitive grant applications, provide information and mentoring on proposal development, and convene a community of faculty engaged in clinical research.

Principal Investigator and Director, Center for Native Health Partnerships

October 2007 to present

The mission of the Center is to create an environment to improve Native American health through community-based participatory research. The Center brings together Native American community members and academic health researchers to work in partnership on health projects. The Center is funded through a P20 Exploratory Center of Excellence grant through the National Institutes of Health National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities.

Little Big Horn Tribal College, Crow Agency, MT

Adjunct Professor

January 2005 to May 2005

Responsibilities include assisting college with development of Institutional Review Board and teaching SC 280: Research Methods and Experience.

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Teaching Assistant, Public Health Program Planning and Evaluation

November 1994 to May 1995

Course cross-listed in departments of Maternal and Child Health, Public Health Nursing, Health Policy and Administration, and Health Behavior/Health Education. Met with community members to arrange student placements for semester projects, lectured on evaluation, supervised and evaluated student team and their community-based program planning project.

Research Assistant, UNC Thurston Arthritis Research Center

April 1994 to December 1994

Osteoarthritis/Rheumatoid arthritis and emotional intelligence studies. Assisted in development of data collection and data analysis tools, conducted telephone interviews. Transcribed and coded qualitative data.

Assistant instructor, Department of Health Behavior and Health Education

August 1992 to May 1993

Collaborated in development of Applied Research Methods course. Developed syllabus and assignments, chose readings, wrote and graded exams. Delivered lectures on aspects of research including: reliability and validity assessment, levels of measurement, threats to validity, experimental research, survey development, and research with available data.

Research Assistant, Carolina Health And Transitions Study
September 1991 to July 1992

Assisted in development of telephone survey instruments and data analysis. Produced telephone/CATI interviewer training manual, trained and supervised telephone interviewers. Served as Project Coordinator September 1991 to January 1992.

Teaching Assistant, Department of Health Behavior and Health Education
January 1992 to May 1992

Provided assistance for core master's level Research Methods and Evaluation course. Assisted in preparation of lectures and media for lectures and handouts, development of course assignments and exams, and grading of exams. Met with students and supervised student group projects.

Marion County Health Department, Indianapolis, IN

Coordinator of Health Education Services
October 1990 to June 1991

Coordinated, directed, and evaluated health education services/activities for Bureau of Community Health Services.

Community Health Educator
December 1989 to October 1990

Coordinated patient education in health department public health clinic sites. Developed and selected educational resource materials. Served as chair of patient education committee and patient advisory committee. Developed, instructed, and evaluated programs for patients.

Purdue University

Alcohol Education Coordinator, Health Promotion Programs
August 1987 to May 1989

Coordinator of Purdue alcohol education program. Developed undergraduate 3-credit course for alcohol peer educators. Trained, supervised, and evaluated/assigned grades for student peer educators. Program components also included development, implementation, and evaluation of campus-wide educational programs and identification and development of educational materials.

Research Assistant, Purdue University Student Hospital
October 1987 to May 1989

For Purdue Student Health: Planning for the Future research project. Assisted in development of mail and telephone questionnaires, supervised telephone interviewers, and analyzed data. Data from this project was used for master's thesis titled: Alcohol consumption: A major problem on a large Midwestern university.

Publication and Research Record (also under Teall):

Refereed journal articles

Simonds, V.W., **Christopher, S.**, Sequist, T.D., Colditz, G., Rudd, R.E. (2011). Exploring patient-provider interactions in a Native American community. *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved*, 22(3), 836-852.

Christopher, J. C., Chrisman, J., Trotter, M., Schure, M., Dahlen, P. & **Christopher, S.** (2011). The long-term influence of mindfulness training on counselors and psychotherapists: A qualitative inquiry. *Journal of Humanistic Psychology*, 51(3), 318–349.

Christopher, S., Saha, R., Lachapelle, P., Jennings, D., Colclough, Y., Cooper, C., Cummins, C., Eggers, M., FourStar, K., Harris, K., Kuntz, S., LaFromboise, V., LaVeaux, D., McDonald, T. Real Bird, J., Rink, E., Webster, C. (2011). Applying Indigenous CBPR principles to partnership development in health disparities research. *Family & Community Health*, 34(3), 246-255.

LaVeaux, D. & **Christopher, S.** (2009). Contextualizing CBPR: Key principles of CBPR meet the Indigenous research context. *Pimatisiwin: A Journal of Aboriginal and Indigenous Community Health*, 7(1), 1-25. PMID: 20150951

Christopher, S., Gidley, A., Letiecq, B., Smith, A., Knows His Gun McCormick, A. (2008). A cervical cancer community-based participatory research project in a Native American community. *Health Education & Behavior*, 35(6), 821-834. DOI 10.1177/1090198107309457; PMID: 18077653

Christopher, S., Watts, V., Knows His Gun McCormick A., & Young, S. (2008). Building and maintaining trust in a community-based participatory research partnership. *American Journal of Public Health*, 98(8), 1398-1406. PMID: 18556605

Smith, A, **Christopher, S.**, LaFromboise, V., Knows His Gun McCormick, A. (2008). Apsáalooke women's experiences with Pap test screening. *Cancer Control*, 15(2), 166-173. PMID: 18376384

Schure, M., Christopher, J.C., & **Christopher, S.** (2008). Mind/body medicine and the art of self-care: Teaching mindfulness to counseling students through yoga, meditation and qigong. *Journal of Counseling & Development*, 86(1), 47-56.

Christopher, S., Dunnagan, T., Haynes, G, & Stiff, L. (2007). Determining client need: From training to practice. *Behavioral & Brain Functions*, 3(10), doi:10.1186/1744-9081-3-10. PMID: 17302985

Christopher, J. C., **Christopher, S.**, Dunnagan, T., & Schure, M. (2006). Teaching self-care through mindfulness practices: The application of yoga, meditation, and qigong to counselor training. *Journal of Humanistic Psychology*, 46(4), 494-509.

Larsson, L., Butterfield, P., **Christopher, S.**, & Hill, W. (2006). Rural Community Leaders' Perceptions of Environmental Health Risks. *American Association of Occupational Health Nurses*, 54(3), 105-112. PMID: 16562621.

Newsome, S., Christopher, J. C., Dahlen, P., & **Christopher, S.** (2006). Teaching counselors self-care through mindfulness practices: the application of mindfulness-based stress reduction to counselor training. *Teachers College Record*. 108, 1881-1900.

Watts, V., **Christopher, S.**, & Smith, J. (2005). Evaluation of lay health advisor training for a community-based participatory research project in the Apsáalooke community. *American Indian Culture and Research Journal*, 29(3), 59-79.

Burhansstipanov, L., **Christopher, S.**, & Schumacher, A. (2005). Lessons learned from community-based participatory research in Indian Country. *Cancer Control*, 70-76. PMID: 16327753.

Christopher, S., Knows His Gun McCormick, A., Smith, A., & Christopher, J. C. (2005). Development of an interviewer training manual for a cervix health project on the Apsáalooke reservation. *Health Promotion Practice*, 6(4), 414-422. PMID: 16210683.

Christopher, S., Smith, A., & Knows His Gun McCormick, A. (2005). Participatory development of a cervical health brochure for Apsáalooke women. *Journal of Cancer Education*, 20(3), 173-176. PMID: 16122366.

Christopher, S. (2005). Recommendations for conducting successful research with Native Americans. *Journal of Cancer Education*, 20(Suppl.), 47-51. PMID: 15916521.

Smith, A., **Christopher, S.**, & Knows His Gun McCormick, A. (2004). Development and Implementation of a culturally sensitive cervix health survey: A community-based participatory approach. *Women & Health*, 40(2), 67-86. PMID: 15778139.

Duncan, S. F., Dunnagan, T., **Christopher, S.**, & Paul, L. (2003). Helping families toward the goal of self-support: Montana's EDUFAIM program. *Families in Society*, 84(2), 213-222.

Christopher, J. C., Richardson, F. C., & **Christopher, S.** (2003). Philosophical hermeneutics: A metatheory to transcend dualism and individualism in Western psychology. *History & Theory of Psychology Eprint Archive (HTP Prints)*. <http://htpprints.yorku.ca/>.

Haynes, G., Dunnagan, T., & **Christopher, S.** (2003). Determinants of alcohol use in pregnant women at risk for alcohol consumption. *Neurotoxicology and Teratology*, 25, 659-666. PMID: 14624964.

Dunnagan, T., Haynes, G., **Christopher, S.** & Leonardson, G. (2003). Formative Evaluation of a Multi-Site Alcohol Consumption Intervention in Pregnant Women. *Neurotoxicology and Teratology*, 25, 745-755. PMID: 14624975.

Christopher, S., Dunnagan, T., Duncan, S., & Paul, L. (2001). Education for self-support: Evaluating outcomes using transformative learning theory. *Family Relations*, 50(2), 134-142.

Myers-Clack, S. & **Christopher, S.** (2001). Examining the effectiveness of a health course in influencing pre-service teachers' knowledge of and attitudes toward health in schools, *Journal of School Health*, 71(9), 462-466.

Duncan, S.F., Dunnagan, T, Paul, L, & **Christopher, S.** (2001). EDUFAIM: A successful program helping empower rural families toward self-reliance. *Journal of Extension*, [online], 39(1). Available: <http://www.joe.org/joe/2001february/a3.html>

Christopher, S. (2000). Student-based focus groups: One component in course evaluation. *Journal of staff, program, & organization development*, 17(1), 7-16.

Christopher, S. E., Bauman, K. E., & Veness-Meehan, K. (2000). Measurement of affection of adolescent mothers toward their infants in neonatal intensive care. *Issues in Comprehensive Pediatric Nursing*, 22(1), 1-11.

Christopher, S., Christopher, J.C., & Dunnagan, T. (2000). Culture's impact on health risk appraisal psychological well-being questions. *American Journal of Health Behavior*, 24(5), 338-348.

Christopher, S.E., Bauman, K.E., & Veness-Meehan, K. (2000). Social support, perceived stress, and affectionate behaviors of adolescent mothers with infants in neonatal intensive care. *Journal of Pediatric Health Care*, 14(6), 288-296.

Submitted for publication

Book chapters

Christopher, S., Burhansstipanov, L., Knows His Gun McCormick, A., Simonds, V. W. (in process). Using a community-based participatory research approach to implement a survey in an American Indian Community. In B.A. Israel, E. Eng, A.J. Schulz, & E.A. Parker (Eds.), *Methods for conducting community-based participatory research for health* (2nd Edition). San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass.

Simonds, V., **Christopher, S.**, et al. (In press). Messengers for Health: A community-based participatory research intervention in a Native American community. In R. Elk & H. Landrine (Eds.), *Cancer disparities: Causes and evidence-based solutions*. Springer Publishing Company.

Christopher, S., Burhansstipanov, L., & Knows His Gun McCormick, A. (2005). Using a community-based participatory research approach to develop an interviewer training manual with members of the Apsáalooke Nation. In B.A. Israel, E. Eng, A.J. Schulz, & E.A. Parker (Eds.), *Methods for conducting community-based participatory research for health* (pp. 128-145). San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass.

Smith, K. D., Christopher, J. C., Richardson, F. C., **Christopher, S.**, Della Fave, A., Massimini, F, Bhawuk, D. P. S. (2002). Post-Newtonian Metatheories in the Natural Sciences and in Cross-Cultural Psychology: Post-Newtonian Worldviews. In P. Boski, F. J. R. v. Vijver, and A. M. Chodynicka (Eds), *New directions in cross-cultural psychology* (pp. 107-125). Warsaw: Polish Psychological Association.

Teall, S. (1998). Investigating behavior change at multiple levels. In D. Champeau (Ed.), *Great Teaching Ideas for Health*. (pp. 15-18), Needham Hills, MA: Allyn and Bacon.

Teall, S. (1998). Digestive system lineup. In D. Champeau (Ed.), *Great Teaching Ideas for Health*. (pp. 135-137), Needham Hills, MA: Allyn and Bacon.

Refereed presentations

Brown, B., **Christopher, S.**, Gleason, R., Pederson, M., & Lonsdale, T. (2011). Improving Participation in Safe Routes to Schools Programs for Montana Native American Communities. 2011 Annual Native Health Research Conference, Niagara Falls, NY.

McCormick, A. & **Christopher, S.** (2010). Messengers for Health: An example of successful community engagement. 2010 Annual Native Health Research Conference, Rapid City, SD.

Watts, V. & **Christopher, S.** (2009). Legacy of conventional research with Indigenous communities and its relevance to current public health research. American Public Health Association 2009 Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

Christopher, S. & LaVeaux, D. (2008). Montana State University's Center for Native Health Partnerships. Montana Public Health Association Annual Conference.

LaVeaux, D., Letiecq, B., & **Christopher, S.** (2008). Apsáalooke Health Advocate Project: Using community-based participatory research to promote cultural competence in health care. 2008 Annual Native Health Research Conference, Portland, OR.

Christopher, S., LaVeaux, D., Letiecq, B., Young, S., Rink, E., Colclough, Y., & Head, S. (2008). Fostering community-based participatory research partnerships between Montana tribal communities and health researchers through the Center for Native Health Partnerships at Montana State University. 2008 Annual Native Health Research Conference, Portland, OR.

Christopher, S., LaVeaux, D., & Babcock, M. (2008). Montana State University's Center for Native Health Partnerships. Community-University partnerships: Connecting for Change, Victoria, BC, Canada.

Brown, B., **Christopher, S.,** Knows His Gun McCormick A., & Friede, P. (2008). Community-based participatory research: Building trust and partnerships between tribal and academic communities. *Intersecting Interests: Tribal Knowledge and Research Communities*, Missoula, MT.

Christopher, S., Young, S., LaVeaux, D., & Babcock, M. (2008). Montana State University's Center for Native Health Partnerships. *Intersecting Interests: Tribal Knowledge and Research Communities*, Missoula, MT.

Christopher, S., Watts, V., Knows His Gun McCormick A., & Young, S. (2007). Trust in community-based participatory research. American Public Health Association 2007 Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.

Christopher, S. & Knows His Gun McCormick, A. (2007). Akbali'a balehawase' i'tchoik: Medical People take Good Care of Us – A community-developed video. *Changing Cancer Patterns in Native Communities: The Power of Partnerships*, Mayo Clinic Cancer Center, Rochester, MN.

Christopher, S., Larkey, L., Linnan, L., & Elk, R. (2007). The how-to of community-based participatory research in “hard to reach” populations. Preconference Training Workshop: American Psychosocial Oncology Society Annual Meeting, Austin, TX.

Christopher, S., Knows His Gun McCormick, A., Doyle, S., Old Coyote, S., Littlelight, R., Sun Rhodes, L., Smith, A. (2006). Using a CBPR approach to develop a cultural competency program for Indian Health Service providers. American Public Health Association 2006 Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.

Smith, A., Gidley, A., **Christopher, S.,** Knows His Gun McCormick, A., & Letiecq, B. (2006). Messengers for Health: Findings from a community-based participatory cervical health project on the Apsáalooke Reservation. American Public Health Association 2006 Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.

Christopher, S., Doyle, S., Smith, A. Knows His Gun McCormick. (2006). Using a community-based participatory research approach for health care provider training at the Indian Health Service. Intercultural Cancer Conference, Washington, DC.

Christopher, S., Smith, A., & Knows His Gun McCormick. (2006). Messengers for Health on the Apsáalooke Reservation. American Psychosocial Oncology Society Annual Conference, Amelia Island, FL.

Smith, A., **Christopher, S.,** & Knows His Gun McCormick, A. (2004) Native American women's perceptions of provider services during a Pap test. American Public Health Association 2004 Annual Meeting.

Christopher, S., Smith, A., & Knows His Gun McCormick, A. (2004). Choosing the next direction of a community-based participatory cancer project. American Public Health Association 2004 Annual Meeting.

Doyle, S. & **Christopher, S.** (2004). Messengers for Health on the Apsáalooke Reservation. Intercultural Cancer Council 9th Biennial Symposium on Minorities, the Medically Underserved & Cancer, Washington, DC

LaFromboise, V. & **Christopher, S.** (2003). An Action-Oriented Community Diagnosis in Blackfeet Country. SACNAS Conference, Albuquerque, NM.

Deschamps-Gopher, J., Vankuiken, J., Smith, A., Andersen, K., **Christopher, S.,** Knows His Gun McCormick, A., & LaFromboise, V. (2003). Evaluation of an advisory board for a cervical health project. American Public Health Association 2003 Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA

Christopher, S., Smith, A., Knows His Gun McCormick, A., Watts, V., & LaFromboise, V., (2003). Outreach methods for a community-based project on the Apsáalooke reservation. American Public Health Association 2003 Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA

Christopher, S., Smith, A., Knows His Gun McCormick, A., Doyle, S., & Watts, V. Process evaluation of lay health advisor activities on the Apsáalooke Reservation. American Public Health Association 2003 Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA

Smith, A., **Christopher, S.,** & Know His Gun McCormick. (2003). Progress and obstacles: Lay health advisors working on a community based cervical health project on the Apsáalooke (Crow) reservation. American Public Health Association 2003 Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA

Leticq, B., Smith, A., Bailey, S., & **Christopher, S.** (2003). Interventions and evaluations in rural and American Indian communities: Cultural and methodological considerations. Fifth Annual Summer Institute, Family Research Consortium III "Intervention as Science," Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico, June 26.

Christopher, S., Knows His Gun McCormick, A., Smith, A., LaFromboise, V., Watts, V., & Lowry, A. (2002). *Interviewer training for Indian women interviewing other women in their community*. American Public Health Association 2002 Annual Meeting.

Christopher, S., Knows His Gun McCormick, A., Smith, A., Watts, V., Lowry, A. LaFromboise, V., & Deschamps-Gopher, G. (2002). *Lay health advisor training for a community-based cervical health project on the Apsáalooke (Crow) Reservation*. American Public Health Association 2002 Annual Meeting.

Christopher, S., Knows His Gun McCormick, A., Smith, A., LaFromboise, V., Watts, V., & Lowry, A. (2002). *Evaluation of educational materials on the Apsáalooke reservation*. American Public Health Association 2002 Annual Meeting.

Dunnagan, T., Duncan, S., Paul, L., & **Christopher, S.** (2001). *Are you making a difference? Strategies and techniques for evaluating programs*. Children, Youth, and Families at Risk Program Annual Conference.

Myers-Clack, S. & **Christopher, S.** (2000). *Examining the effectiveness of a health course in influencing pre-service teachers' knowledge of and attitudes toward health in schools*. American Public Health Association 2000 Annual Meeting.

Duncan, S. F., Dunnagan, T., **Christopher, S.**, & Paul, L. (1999). *Evaluating the outcomes of a family life education program fostering self-reliance: Insights into transformative learning*. National Council on Family Relations annual meeting.

Christopher, S. (1999). *Using service-learning experiences to enhance understandings of social inequalities in health*. American Public Health Association 1999 Annual Meeting.

Christopher, S. (1999). *Without health, learning suffers: Teaching health concepts and the importance of health to teaching majors*. American Public Health Association 1999 Annual Meeting.

Teall, S., Christopher, J.C., & Dunnagan, T. (1998). *The consequence of culture: Using health risk appraisals with individuals from non-Western Cultures*. American Public Health Association 1998 Annual Meeting.

Dennee, P., Dunnagan, S., & **Teall, S.** (1997). *Use of a Focus Group to Assess Behavior Change Strategies From the Viewpoint of Paraprofessionals Working With Native Americans*. Society for Nutrition Education Meeting, July 1997, Montreal, Canada.

Teall, S. & Butterfield, P. (1997). *When You've Seen One, You've Seen One: Program Planning at the County Level*. American Public Health Association 1997 Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, IN.

Butterfield, P. & **Teall, S.** (1997). *Form Follows Function: The Design of Montana's Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program*. American Public Health Association 1997 Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, IN.

Teall, S. & Ulring, J. (1996). *Conducting a Breast and Cervical Health Needs Assessment Among a Diverse Population in Yellowstone County, Montana*. American Public Health Association, New York, NY.

Selected invited presentations

Christopher, S. & Knows His Gun McCormick, A. (2011, August). American Cancer Society Health Equity Summit. Atlanta, GA.

Christopher, S. & Knows His Gun McCormick, A. (2011, March). *Innovations in Health Behavior Research*. American Academy of Health Behavior, The Art and Science of Community-Based Participatory Research: Methods, Measures, and Evidence for Health Behavior Change, Hilton Head, SC

Christopher, S. & Knows His Gun McCormick, A. (2009, July). *Cancer screening among American Indians – Effective practices in listening*. Health Equity: Through the Cancer Lens, Las Vegas, NV.

Christopher, S. (2009, January). *Transformation in population-based practice: Forming strategic community partnerships*. Association for Prevention, Teaching and Research, Los Angeles, CA

Christopher, S. (2008, December). *Health communication in community health settings*. NIH Summit: The science of eliminating health disparities, Washington, DC.

Christopher, S. & Knows His Gun McCormick, A. (2008, October). *Building and maintaining trust in a community-based participatory research project*. Minnesota/Wisconsin American Indian Cancer Conference, Carlton, MN.

Christopher, S. (2008, September). *Developing and working with community advisory boards*. IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence, Salish Kootenai Tribal College, MT.

Christopher, S. & Knows His Gun McCormick A. (2007, November). *Messengers for Health on the Apsáalooke Reservation: A community-based participatory research project*. University of Minnesota School of Public Health and University of Minnesota Cancer Center.

Christopher, S. (2007, October). *Messengers for Health on the Apsáalooke Reservation: A community-based participatory research project*. University of Wisconsin Cancer Center, Madison, WI.

Christopher, S. (2006, December). *Community-based participatory research*. Center for Creativity and Innovation Studies, National Cheng-Chi University, Taipei, Taiwan.

Christopher, S. & Knows His Gun McCormick A. (2006, July). *Messengers for Health on the Apsáalooke Reservation: A community-based participatory research project*. Health Disparities Research Methods Training Symposium, National Institutes of Health, Washington, DC

Christopher, S. & Knows His Gun McCormick A. (2006, March). *Messengers for Health on the Apsáalooke Reservation: A community-based participatory research project*. Health Disparities: Future Directions for Behavioral Medicine. Society of Behavioral Medicine Pre-Conference, San Francisco, CA.

Christopher, S. & Knows His Gun McCormick A. (2005, April). *Messengers for Health: A community-based participatory research project*. National Cancer Institute/American Cancer Society Small Grants Workshop, Bethesda, MD.

Christopher, S. & Knows His Gun McCormick (2004). *Messengers for Health on the Apsáalooke Reservation*. Native American Interest Group, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN.

LaFromboise, V., **Christopher S.**, Smith, A., Knows His Gun McCormick, A. (2004, October). *Messengers for Health and how it affects the patient/provider relationships*. Capturing the Vision of Wellness, Billings, MT.

Knows His Gun McCormick, A. Doyle, S. & **Christopher, S.** (2004, June). *Survivorship and Messengers for Health*. American Cancer Society Survivorship Conference, Washington, DC

Christopher, S. & Knows His Gun McCormick, A. (2001, November). *Development of a community-based health project: Messengers for Health*. American Cancer Society National Relay for Life Training, Charlotte, NC.

Christopher, S. & Christopher, J. C. (1999). *Celebrating diversity in the classroom*. Montana Health Enhancement Master Teacher Workshop, Bozeman, MT.

Christopher, S. (2001, 2000, 1999). *Integrating health education across the curriculum*. Montana Health Enhancement Master Teacher Workshop, Bozeman, MT.

Teall, S. (November, 1995). *Program Planning for Breast and Cervical Health: Part I: Problem Analysis, Needs Assessment, & Intervention Development*. Workshop presented at the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, Helena, MT.

Teall, S. (December, 1995). *Program Planning for Breast and Cervical Health: Part II: Writing an Implementation and Evaluation Plan*. Workshop presented at the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, Helena, MT.

Presentations by students (refereed)

Old Elk, L., **Christopher, S.** & Knows His Gun McCormick, A. (2009). Assessing the needs for cancer support services on the Crow Reservation. Poster presentation at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

Rides The Bear, S., Watts, V., & **Christopher, S.** (2008). Development of a Culturally Educational Booklet on Patient/Provider Communication on the Crow Reservation. Poster presentation at the Leadership Alliance Symposium, Hartford, CT.

Old Elk, L. & **Christopher, S.** (2008). Healing Our Own: Cancer Support Services on the Crow Indian Reservation. Oral presentation at the Leadership Alliance Symposium, Hartford, CT.

Head, A., **Christopher, S.**, LaVeaux, D. (2007). Support in helping the Indian Health Service deliver high-quality health care to our community. Poster presentation at the Society for the Advancement of Native Americans and Chicanos in Science, Kansas City, MO.

LaVeaux, D. & **Christopher, S.** (2007). Recommendations for conducting community-based participatory research compared to recommendations for conducting research with Native Americans. Oral presentation at the Society for the Advancement of Native Americans and Chicanos in Science, Kansas City, MO.

Leider, A. & **Christopher, S.** (2007). Development of information on traditional medicine for health care providers. Poster presentation at the Leadership Alliance Symposium, Stamford, CT.

Plainfeather, L., **Christopher, S.**, & Smith, A. (2007). Training community women to access health information via the internet. Poster presentation at the Leadership Alliance Symposium, Stamford, CT.

Head, A., **Christopher, S.**, & LaVeaux, D. (2007). Support in helping the Indian Health Service deliver high-quality health care to our community. Oral presentation at the Leadership Alliance Symposium, Stamford, CT.

Old Coyote, S. & **Christopher, S.** (2006). Teaching health care providers about Apsáalooke traditional medicine. Oral presentation at the Leadership Alliance Symposium, Chantilly, VA.

Small, J. & **Christopher, S.** (2006). Health care providers learning about their own culture: A critical component to quality care. Oral presentation at the Leadership Alliance Symposium, Chantilly, VA.

Gonzales, S., **Christopher, S.**, Small, J., & Sun Rhodes, L. (2006). Development of a cultural competency program for health care providers. Poster presented at the Leadership Alliance Symposium, Chantilly, VA.

Gidley, A. & **Christopher, S.** (2006). Messengers for Health on the Apsáalooke Reservation. Poster presentation at the Intercultural Cancer Conference Biennial Symposium, Washington, DC.

LaVeaux, D., **Christopher, S.**, Knows His Gun McCormick, A., & Smith, A. (2006). Development and implementation of a sexual health curriculum for Native American high school students on the Crow reservation. Oral presentation at the American Public Health Association 2006 Annual Meeting.

Head, A., Littlelight, R. & **Christopher, S.** (2005, August). *Messengers for Health – Development of an Educational Retreat*. Poster presented at the Leadership Alliance Symposium, Chantilly, VA.

Littlelight, R. & **Christopher, S.** (2005, October). *Messengers for Health*. Poster presented at the Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native American in Science.

Old Coyote, S., Small, J. & **Christopher, S.** (2005). *Messengers for Health--Developing Culturally Competent Training Material for Health Care Providers*. Presentation at the Leadership Alliance Symposium, Chantilly, VA.

Allen, S. & **Christopher, S.** (2004, October). *Policy Change in a Community-Based Participatory Research Program on the Apsáalooke Reservation*. Poster presented at the Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native American in Science, Austin, TX.

Bulltail, A. & **Christopher, S.** (2004, August). *Developing a Grade-Appropriate Cervical Health Curriculum for Students of the Apsáalooke Nation*. Paper presented at the Leadership Alliance Symposium, Chantilly, VA.

Allen, S. & **Christopher, S.** (2004, August). *Policy Change in a Community-Based Participatory Research Program on the Apsáalooke Reservation*. Paper presented at the Leadership Alliance Symposium, Chantilly, VA.

Small, J. & **Christopher, S.** (2003, July). *Messengers for Health on the Apsáalooke Reservation*. Paper presented at the Leadership Alliance Symposium, Chantilly, VA.

LaFromboise, V. & **Christopher, S.** (2003, July). *An Action-Oriented Community Diagnosis in Blackfeet Country*. Paper presented at the Leadership Alliance Symposium, Chantilly, VA,

Small, J. & **Christopher, S.** (2003, October). *Messengers for Health on the Apsáalooke Reservation*. Poster presented at the Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native American in Science, Albuquerque, NM.

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Presentations by students (non-refereed)

Hargrove, L. & **Christopher, S.** (2003, July). *Talking with Teens about Personal Health Issues*. Paper presented at the American Indian Research Opportunities/Minority Apprenticeship Program Symposium, Bozeman, MT.

Current Grants

NIH/NIMHD	Christopher, PI	9/11-7/12
Bioethics supplement to the Center for Native Health Partnerships		
This supplement is a partnership with the National Congress on American Indians for bioethics research, training, and translation.		\$200,000
Robert Wood Johnson	Christopher, PI	2/11-1/12
Improving participation and evaluation of Safe Routes to Schools Programs for Montana's American Indian communities.		
The purpose of this project is to develop a bi-directional model of capacity building between American Indian Communities and granting agencies.		\$50,000
Steele-Reese Foundation	Christopher, PI	9/10-10/11
Messengers for Health: Capacity building for sustainability		
The purpose of this foundation grant is to assist the Messengers for Health research project to transition into a successful Native 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.		\$20,000
NIH/NIMHD	Christopher, PI	9/09-09/11
ARRA Supplement to the Center for Native Health Partnerships		
This supplement provides funds for salary and training for Community Organizers located on Montana's seven Indian reservations.		\$600,000
NIH/NIMHD P20	Christopher, PI	10/07-7/12
The Center for Native Health Partnerships		
Exploratory Center of Excellence on Health Disparities		
The Center's mission is to create an environment to improve Native American health through community-based participatory research. Project partners focus on establishing trust, sharing power, fostering co-learning, enhancing strengths and resources, and examining and addressing community-identified health issues.		
RWJ Nurse Faculty Scholars Program	Kuntz, PI	9/09-8/12
Methylmercury Risk, Awareness & Exposure: Ft Peck Community-Academic Partnership		

\$336,470

Role on Project: Research Mentor

Completed Grants

American Cancer Society Christopher, PI 7/05-6/11
Competitive renewal: Messengers for Health on the Apsáalooke Reservation \$1,521,000
This study uses a community-based participatory research approach to determine the effect of a lay health advisor and organizational-level cultural competence intervention on cervical cancer knowledge and screening behaviors.

NIH/NCRR Harmsen, PI 05/09-07/11
National Institutes of Health \$17,000,000
Montana INBRE II: A Multidisciplinary Research Network
The major goal of INBRE II is to maintain and further develop the Montana INBRE network and student pipeline and take advantage of this network to address the unique problems Montana faces in infectious disease, environmental health and health disparities.
Role on Project: Co-Director of Community Based Participatory Research and Health Disparities Core

NIH/NIGMS R25 Hyman & Christopher, Co-PIs 02/07-1/09
Montana Initiative for Maximizing Student Diversity \$1,031,915
Goal: To address the serious under-representation of American Indians in health science and biomedical research careers.

Lance Armstrong Foundation Colclough, PI 1/09-12/10
End-of-Life Decision Making and Quality Care for Blackfeet Indians \$110,000
The goal of this award is to provide the candidate with the skills and knowledge necessary to develop an independent program of community-based participatory research in the area of ethical decision making in end-of-life care to access quality palliative care service for American Indians of the Blackfeet Nation.
Role on Project: Research Mentor

Office of Population Affairs Rink, PI 10/07–
9/09
The Fort Peck Sexual Health Project \$299,920
This study used a community-based participatory research approach to elucidate the individual, social and environmental factors that have the greatest influence on American Indian men's sexual and reproductive health on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation.
Role on Project: Senior Research Mentor

NIH/NCRR P20 Harmsen, PI 07/04-04/09
Montana Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE) \$2,744,116
This program focused on increasing the biomedical research capacity of Montana by building research infrastructure, supporting faculty and student research, and fostering a state-wide

collaborative network. INBRE positions Montana as a leader in biomedical research and significantly increases education, research, and, ultimately, employment opportunities in the state.

Role on Project: Co-Director of Health Disparities Core development (7/08-4/09)

American Cancer Society	Christopher, PI	7/01-6/05
Messengers for Health on the Apsáalooke Reservation		\$789,000
A community-based participatory research study to determine the effect of a lay health advisor intervention on cervical cancer knowledge and screening behaviors.		

NIEHS/COBRE	Holian, PI	09/02–10/05
Household Environmental Risk Reduction in Rural Children		\$436,000
The goals of this five-year project are to investigate multiple environmental exposures among rural children, and design and test an intervention delivered by public health nurses to influence household environmental risk reduction behaviors.		

Role on Project: Co-Investigator

MT Dept of Public Health and Human Services	Dunnagan, PI	3/01-2/04
Evaluation of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome in MT: A four state consortium		\$184,926
Subcontract of grant from US Center for Substance Abuse Prevention & US Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.		

Role on Project: Co-Investigator

Montana Campus Compact	Christopher, PI	1/97-5/97
Learn and Serve Faculty Fellowship.		\$4,000

Montana Department of Health and Human Services	Christopher, PI	8/96-7/98
Breast and Cervical Cancer Project - Health Education		\$34,569

College of Education, Health and Human Development	Christopher, PI	summer 1996
Health Science Mini-grant		\$4,000

Montana Department of Health and Human Services	Chafey, PI	8/95-8/96
Breast and Cervical Cancer Project - Health Education		\$69,049

Indiana State Board of Health	Friesen/Teall, Co-PIs	1991
Impacting the future of Marion County by strengthening a school-based nutrition program: A public health approach.		\$49,026

Grants Under Review

NIH/NIMH R34 Christopher/Duran, Co-PIs 4/12-3/15
Empowering families: A community-based cultural effort. \$633,412
This study is a partnership among the Crow Nation, the Assiniboine and Sioux Nations of the Fort Peck Reservation, the Gros Ventre and Assiniboine Nations of the Fort Belknap Reservation, and Montana State University to promote health caregiver-infant attachment and interactions.

NIH/NIMH R21 Letiecq, PI 1/12-12/13
Re-conceptualizing a cultural model of depression among Mexican migrant women in a rural new destination settlement \$388,178
Role on Project: Research Mentor

Consultancies

Evaluation Consultant, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Consortium, Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services. March 2001-December 2003. Worked on evaluation team to 1) develop, implement, and evaluate intervention to decrease drinking in high-risk pregnant women, 2) conduct survey of alcohol use among pregnant women in Montana, and 3) evaluate efforts of statewide coalition.

Evaluation Consultant, Montana Most of Us Campaign, December 1999 -January 2000. Conducted focus groups with middle school students, high school students, and community members on issues related to tobacco use and anti-tobacco campaigns. Analyzed data and prepared reports for program staff.

Focus Group Trainer, Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies, Great Falls, MT, November 4, 1999. Conducted one day seminar on conducting focus groups and analyzing focus group data.

Evaluation Consultant, EDUFAIM (Educating Families to Achieve Independence in Montana) welfare reform program. Analyzed qualitative interviews with program participants, prepared reports, and co-wrote manuscripts for publication.

Evaluation Consultant, Montana Department of Health and Human Services Addictive and Mental Disorders Division. November 1997-April 1998. Assisted program coordinators across Montana in implementation of evaluation strategies for prevention activities.

Program Evaluator, Connecting continents for children: Integrating Latin American culture into the K-12 curriculum. May-August 1997. Assisted with development of qualitative and quantitative data collection instruments. Conducted evaluation activities on-site in Ecuador.

Program Evaluator, Indian Reservation Nutrition Education Program, Bozeman, MT
June-September 1996. Conducted focus groups with para-professional nutrition educators.
Transcribed and coded data and prepared report for program staff.

Grant Writer, Montana Department of Health and Human Services. May-June 1997. Wrote:
Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Disease. Submitted to the Centers for
Disease Control and Prevention for \$198,305. The grant was fully funded.

Qualitative and quantitative training leader. Data Utilization Skills Development Initiative,
Chapel Hill, NC. April to August 1995. Led a two-day practice-oriented workshop on qualitative
and quantitative data collection and use. Topics included focus groups, key informant
interviews, nominal group technique, development of standardized questionnaires, interviewer
training, and data collection techniques. Learners were state health agency practitioners from a
6-state region.

Research Consultant, Save Our Sisters, Chapel Hill and Wilmington, NC. April to August 1995.
Projects included: determining the feasibility of integrating a lay health advisor breast cancer
screening education program into the service delivery system of a radiology and medical
oncology facility; determining the feasibility of recruiting and training retired and inactive Black
nurses for a lay health advisor program to be integrating into the referral system of the same
facility; and producing a codebook data entry manual, and SAS statistical programs for a
community mammography survey.

Journal Reviewer

- ❖ American Journal of Public Health
- ❖ Health Education and Behavior
- ❖ The Journal of Rural Health
- ❖ Health Promotion Practice
- ❖ Journal of Cancer Education
- ❖ Journal of Health Communication
- ❖ CES4Health

Grant Reviewer

- ❖ Peer Review Committee on Cancer Control and Prevention: Psychosocial and Behavioral
Research: American Cancer Society, 2005-2010; external reviewer 2010-2011

Professional Affiliations

- ❖ American Public Health Association
 - Primary section: Public Health Education and Health Promotion
 - Coordinating committee: Spirit of 1848 Caucus (social justice and public health)

- Member: Community-Based Participatory Research Caucus
- Member: American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian Caucus
- ❖ Society of Public Health Education
- ❖ Native Research Network

Honors and Awards

- ❖ Accepted into Developing Excellence in Academic Leadership program, Montana State University, 2009-2010. DEAL is designed to help individuals in academic leadership positions enhance their leadership skills.
- ❖ Montana State University, Charles and Nora L. Wiley Faculty Award for Meritorious Research, 2008. This is the university's top research award.
- ❖ Billings Area Indian Health Service Health Promotion and Montana-Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council, Award for Outstanding and Specific Contributions Toward Creating Healthy Native Communities (presented to Messengers for Health Program): 2007
- ❖ Montana State University College of Education, Health and Human Development Influential Educator Award: 2003, 2004, 2006
- ❖ Montana State University College of Education, Health and Human Development Outstanding Graduate Student Award - Mentor: 2008
- ❖ Montana State University/Bozeman Chamber of Commerce Award for Excellence: 2002, 2005
- ❖ Montana State University Outstanding Native American Graduate Student - Mentor: 2005, 2008
- ❖ Nominated for 1999 Thomas Erlich Award for Service Learning, National Campus Compact
- ❖ Public Health Scholarship, University of North Carolina: 1993-1994
- ❖ National Research Service Award Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research, University of North Carolina: 1993-1994
- ❖ Eta Sigma Gamma National Health Honorary: 1989
- ❖ University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point Dean's List: 1986-1987
- ❖ National Dean's List: 1986-1987