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Education: M.A. Applied Anthropology 1995
University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida
Focus: Rural Service Delivery, Gerontology, Alzheimer's Disease,
American Indian and Alaska Native Elderly

B.A. Anthropology, 1992
University of Alaska Anchorage, Anchorage, Alaska

Affiliations: Alzheimer's Resource Agency of Alaska, Member, former Board Member
American Society on Aging, Member
American Public Health Association, Member
Society for Applied Anthropology, Member

National Service:

Invited participant for the American Indian and Alaska Native Roundtable
on Long Term Care. Final Report July 2002

Invited participant to guide the development of Native American Map for
Elder Services: A Toolkit for Long Term Care Services Development.
National Resource Center on Native American Aging, University of North
Dakota. December 2002; February 2004.

Proposal reviewer for Indian Health Service Elder Health Care Initiative
Program. August 2003

Publications: The Long-Term Care Needs of Alaska Native Elders. Report for the
Indian Health Service and the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium.
August 2005.

Maintaining a Long-Term Care Workforce: Ideas from Front Line
Workers. *Practicing Anthropology*. Volume 25, Number 2, Spring 2003.

Rural Affordable Assisted Living in Dillingham, Alaska. The IHS
Primary Care Provider. Volume 27, Number 5, May 2002. With Rose
Heyano.

Aging and Anthropology in Alaska. *Practicing Anthropology*. Volume 20,
Number 2, Spring 1998.

Christine DeCourtney, Kristina Jones, Melanie Merriman, Nina Heavener,
P. Kay Branch, Establishing a Culturally Sensitive Palliative Care
Program in Rural Alaska Native Communities. *Journal of Palliative
Medicine*. Volume 6, Number 3, 2003.

Evaluation of an Alzheimer's Respite Program: Social Service Delivery in a Geographically and Culturally Diverse Area. 1995 Master's Thesis, University of South Florida.

Employment:

1/04 – Present Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium
4000 Ambassador Drive
Anchorage, Alaska 99508
(907) 729-4498

Elder/Rural Health Program Coordinator. Duties include collecting and analyzing data regarding Alaska Native elders, and working within the Alaska Tribal Health System to promote and develop programs in elder care. Work closely with the University of Alaska's new National Resource Center for American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Elders.

2/99 – 1/04 State of Alaska, Division of Senior and Disabilities Services
3601 "C" Street, Suite 310
Anchorage, Alaska 99503
(907) 269-3666

Associate Coordinator for Rural Long-Term Care Development. Work with rural communities to determine types of long term care services that are needed, and helping community members develop the capacity to provide those services. Conduct community and statewide presentations about long term care issues. Provide technical assistance to communities. Oversee project to develop tools for rural assisted living development, participate in multidisciplinary work groups for long-term care workforce development and training and state facility and service planning and development.

5/95 – 2/99 Bristol Bay Native Association
P. O. Box 310
Dillingham, Alaska 99576
(907) 842-5257

Elderly Services Manager. Administration of Home Care, Care Coordination and Older Americans Act programs. These programs include nutrition, support services, case management and in-home care. Duties include: new program development and implementation, writing and submitting new and continuing grant applications; preparing and overseeing program budgets; maintaining compliance with grant policies, laws and regulations; providing information and referral to elders; and supervising, training and supporting departmental personnel.

10/94 – 2/95 Suncoast Gerontology Center
University of South Florida
12901 Bruce B. Downs Boulevard

Tampa, Florida 33612

Researcher. Conducted a geriatric education needs assessment of health and social service professionals in a 17 county area in Central Florida. Duties included research design and analysis, using both quantitative and qualitative methods. The project included a mail survey, telephone interviews, group interviews, and a detailed report of the findings. This report was used in a grant application by the Center.

1/94 – 6/94 The Alzheimer's Resource Agency of Alaska
1750 Abbott Road
Anchorage, Alaska 99507
(907) 561-3313

Graduate student intern. Primary duty was to conduct an evaluation of the agency's in-home respite program. This entailed home visits and interviews with caregivers and quantitative analysis of all respite data. I assisted the education director in community and institutional education programs about Alzheimer's disease, behavior management and caregiving strategies.

Presentations:

- "Trends in Long-Term Care." To various communities in rural Alaska highlighting current services, identifying service gaps and discussing solutions.
- "Elder Care in Villages." Alaska Federation of Natives Elders and Youth Conference, Anchorage, Alaska October 1999.
- Organizer and facilitator for "Delivering Home and community Based Services to Diverse People in Diverse Communities." 3-hour workshop, 4 distinct programs. American Society on Aging annual meeting, March 1999.
- "Everyone Wants to Stay at Home: Aging in Place in Rural Alaska." Care of the Elderly Conference, Sitka, AK, September 1999.
- "Home and Community Based Options for Elder Care." Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation Tribal Gathering, Bethel, AK, April 2000.
- "Elder Care in Villages: What's Available and What's Needed." Rural Providers Conference, Fairbanks, AK, May 2000.
- "Caring for Our Elders." Alaska Native Brotherhood and Sisterhood Grand Camp Convention, Juneau, AK, October 2000.
- "Beyond Home Care: Developing Tribal Long-Term Care Options." Administration on Aging, Region X Title VI Directors Conference, Seattle, WA, December 2000.
- "Rural Long-Term Care in Alaska: Elder Needs, Resources and Emerging Strategies." Joint presentation to the Alaska Public Health Summit, December 2000.
- "Rural Assisted Living: Collaboration Can Make it Possible." American Society on Aging annual meeting, March 2001.
- "Elder Housing: A Beginner's Guide to Assisted Living." U.S. Housing and Urban Development Building our Communities conference, Anchorage, AK, December 2001.

- “Unraveling the Mysteries of Assisted Living.” Aging Connection Conference, Kodiak, AK, September 2002.
- Panel—“Home and Community Based Care in Indian Country.” Administration on Aging. Region X Title VI Directors Conference, November 2002.
- “Assisted Living in Alaska: How It Works.” Workshop for funders, consultants and policy makers. Anchorage, December 2002.
- “Alice in Waiver-land.” Presentations to all Tribal Health Corporation administrative, program and billing staff. 2003.
- “Advocacy for Alaska Native Elders.” Symposium on Aging and Advocacy, Society for Applied Anthropology annual meeting. Dallas, Texas April 2004.
- “State of Long-Term Health Care for Alaska Native Elders.” Alaska Geriatric Education Center, Promoting Best Practices in Elder Health 2005. Anchorage, Alaska, June 2005.
- “Planning to Meet the Need: Assessing Tribal and Community Needs and Resources for Long Term Care.” Plenary at American Indian and Alaska Native Long Term Care Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico, November 2005.
- “Elder Supportive Housing: Case Studies.” HUD Small Tribes Workshop. Anchorage, Alaska, February 2006.