

CBPR post-doc with Montana State University and Crow Nation

Applications are invited for a postdoctoral fellowship working with a well-established community-based participatory research project, Messengers for Health on the Apsáalooke Reservation. Members of the Apsáalooke (Crow) Nation and faculty and students at Montana State University (MSU) have been working together since 1996. This fellowship provides an opportunity to spend up to two years engaged in action-based research including a policy-level intervention with the Indian Health Service Crow Service Unit and a community-level intervention in women's cancer prevention.

This position is based at MSU, which is a land grant university with a total enrollment of 13,500 students, including about 1,500 graduate students. Research funding is approximately \$100 million per year and is growing rapidly. Bozeman and its surrounding community of 70,000 people are situated in a mountain valley 90 miles north of Yellowstone National Park. Residents enjoy a high quality of life, excellent public schools, and outstanding recreational and cultural opportunities including the Bozeman Symphony; Montana Ballet Company; Museum of the Rockies; blue ribbon trout streams; and Bridger Bowl, Moonlight Basin, and Big Sky ski areas. Information on Montana State University can be found at www.montana.edu.

The fellow will be afforded opportunities to gain experience in all aspects of this CBPR research including:

- intervention development, implementation, and evaluation,
- grant writing,
- writing for peer-reviewed publication,
- mentoring undergraduate Native American students, and
- writing for dissemination to the Apsáalooke Nation.

Fellows may be able to teach courses in the Department of Health and Human Development and will be encouraged to take graduate-level courses from MSU's Department of Native American Studies. Fellows will be encouraged to participate in CBPR-based seminars and

activities with MSU's Center for Native Health Partnerships, an NIH/National Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities P20 Exploratory Center of Excellence.

The Messengers for Health Project is featured in the chapter "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.

Project partners have an article coming out in the August issue of the *American Journal of Public Health* titled "Building and Maintaining Trust in a Community-Based Participatory Research Partnership." Access to the article is at: http://www.ajph.org/first_look.shtml

To read a story on Messengers titled "Cure the women and you cure the tribe: An MSU partnership with the Crow community" please go to: <http://www.montana.edu/mountainsandminds/fall2007/messengers/index.html>

For a list of peer-reviewed articles from the project, please see Suzanne Christopher's CV at: <http://www.montana.edu/ehhd/hhd/facultyandstaff/schristopher.htm>

The fellowship can begin at any time after July 1, 2008. The annual stipend is \$40,000 plus full benefits. To apply, please submit a CV, names and contact information for four references, and a letter detailing your experience and interest in community-based participatory research and research with tribal nations. Applications will be reviewed upon submission. They should be sent electronically to: Suzanne Christopher suzanne@montana.edu

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