

Dementia in Indian Country: Gathering together for Brain Health



Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior
Ojibwe



FREE EVENT

Wednesday, September 4, 2024

1:00-4:30 pm

LCO Casino

13767 W County Road B, 13767 Co Rd B,
Hayward, WI 54843

This is an education and fellowship program held in conjunction with the Great Lakes Native American Elder Association GLNAEA quarterly meeting. The program is supported by the Wisconsin Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, with a focus on building awareness about Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia in Indian Country.



Cliff Whetung is an Ojibwe scholar and band member of Curve Lake First Nation. He employs critical gerontological theories and longitudinal methods to investigate issues of health equity, social determinants of health, and cognitive health among Indigenous older adults in the United States and Canada. Prior to this, he was a clinical social worker and nonprofit administrator. He is an Assistant Professor at the University of Minnesota, Duluth and a member of the Memory Keepers Medical Discovery Team. He received his PhD from New York University's Silver School of Social Work, MSW from the Columbia School for Social Work, and his BA from Princeton University.

Jeneile Luebke PhD, RN is a registered nurse and Assistant Professor in the School of Nursing at University of Wisconsin-Madison in Madison, Wisconsin. She holds an affiliate appointment for the American Indian Studies program and is a core faculty member of the campus Sexual Violence Research Initiative. She is an enrolled member of Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians. She is a member of Wisconsin's Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Taskforce. She received her BS and MS Nursing from the University of Wisconsin- Madison, and her PhD from University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee. Her research aims to better understand the lived experiences of gender-based violence through storytelling, as well as advocating for survivor-led, trauma informed, and culturally safe screening methods and interventions for Indigenous survivors of violence using Indigenous specific and community engaged research methodologies. Her other current work focuses upon the relationship between land violence, planetary health, and gender-based violence among Indigenous peoples.



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Agenda



1:00-2:00pm
Food will be served

2:00-3:00pm
Cliff Whetung

"Present, Willing, and Ignored: Lessons Learned from Studying Indigenous Cognitive Health in Large Data"

3:00-3:30 pm
Break and social time

3:30-4:30pm
Jeneile Luebke

"The Intersection of Native Wellbeing with Nursing Education and Community Health Practice"

4:30-5:30pm
Break before Dinner

Thursday Sept. 5th
Kathleen O'Toole Smith



Kathleen O'Toole Smith serves as the Grant Manager for the Building Our Largest Dementia Infrastructure for Alzheimer's disease (BOLD) grant at the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. GLNAEA has partnered with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services through the BOLD grant. This partnership is providing GLNAEA support for quarterly educational meetings that raise awareness about dementia risk reduction, the early detection and diagnosis of dementia, and dementia caregiving.