

Bonnie Duran

Bonnie Duran, DrPH, is an associate professor in the Department of Health Services, University of Washington School of Public Health and is also director of the Center for Indigenous Health Research at the Indigenous Wellness Research Institute (www.iwri.org).

She received her doctor of public health degree from the UC Berkeley School of Public Health in 1997. Dr. Duran teaches graduate courses in community based participatory research (CBPR), health promotion/disease prevention and critical theory. She has worked in public health research, evaluation and education among Native Americans and other communities of color for over 30 years.

Dr. Duran is currently the principal investigator of four National Institutes of Health (NIH) funded research projects in Indian country. Working with the National Congress of American Indians Policy Research Center, and the University of New Mexico, she is studying the promoters, barriers and mechanisms of participation and change in community-engaged research. With the Northwest Indian College and the American Indian Higher Education Consortium, she is conducting a needs and capacity study of behavioral health at 34 tribal colleges. With her team at Indigenous Wellness Research Institute and her partners at tribal colleges, she has recently received two new NIH grants to conduct a psychiatric epidemiology prevalence and risk and protective factors study, and adapt an evidence-based alcohol harm reduction intervention for tribal colleges.

Dr. Duran is also co-principal investigator of a National Institute of Mental Health-funded HIV and mental health research training program. Her past work includes partnering with the Navajo Nation, Indian Health Service and



indigenous community based organizations on frontier rural projects aimed at improving health services, and developing culture-centered health promotion. Using indigenous theories to guide her work, Dr. Duran's research includes studies of the prevalence and correlates of mental disorders, violence, and child abuse; and treatment seeking patterns and barriers to care among Native peoples.

The overall aims of Dr. Duran's research are to work in partnership with communities to design public health treatment and prevention efforts that are empowering, culture-centered, accessible and sustainable and that have maximum public health impact. She has many publications including articles in peer-reviewed journals, book chapters, and books.

Dr. Duran is on the editorial board of the Progress in Community Health Partnerships; and is on the CDC Health Disparities Advisory Board, and on the Advisory Council of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.

Bonnie Duran is also a Buddhist mindfulness practitioner and teacher.