

## Myra Parker

Myra Parker (*Mandan-Hidatsa-Cree*), PhD, JD, is an assistant professor in the Center for the Studies of Health and Risk Behavior in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, in the University of Washington School of Medicine. She also works at the Indigenous Wellness Research Institute at the University of Washington School of Social Work.

Dr. Parker received her bachelor's degree in human biology from Stanford University. She received a JD from the James E. Rogers College of Law at the University of Arizona in 2001, with an emphasis in federal Indian law. She received her master's degree in public health from the Mel and Enid Zuckerman School of Public Health at the University of Arizona in 2002. Dr. Parker graduated with a doctorate in health services from the University of Washington School of Public Health in 2010.

Dr. Parker has worked for over ten years on tribal public health program implementation, and coordination with tribal communities in Arizona, Idaho, and Washington, as well as with tribal colleges and universities across the United States. She has over five years experience in tribal public health research. Prior to embarking on a career in research, Dr. Parker worked for five years in the policy arena within Arizona state government, in tribal governments, and with tribal working groups at the state and national level.

Her research experience in public health involves community based participatory research, cultural adaptation of evidence-based interventions, and disparities research. She received a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation New Connections Junior Investigator grant in 2011, one year into her post-doctoral fellowship. Dr. Parker's research in this project focused



on alcohol related fatalities and tribal cross-jurisdictional agreements with local non-Native communities. She has provided trainings to tribal health department staff, tribal research teams, and urban Indian service delivery teams. She has also provided indigenous health research training to University of Washington students from undergraduates through PhD students.

As an enrolled member of the Mandan and Hidatsa tribes, she is aware of the historical health practices and misconduct perpetuated on tribes in the United States, as well as other minority and disenfranchised populations. Her background in law and policy has informed a broader understanding of the principles of ethics as well as honed her skills in identifying methods to address the disparities in research control and access through the use of formalized agreements. She has experience in working with tribes in their ongoing efforts to balance the collective rights of communities and individuals.