

CIEDAR Overview

Indigenous Voices in Health Research

Friday, February 7, 2025 12-1pm in Room HS208

About

CIEDAR (CoVaRR-Net's Indigenous Engagement, Development, and Research Pillar 7) is an Indigenous and woman-led group of researchers, public health workers, and community members across Turtle Island. CIEDAR is passionate about seeing Indigenous communities thrive during current and future pandemics by hearing their voices. CIEDAR's mission is to create research which helps Indigenous communities worldwide prepare for future pandemics.

Speakers



Kimberly R. Huyser



Mary Jessome



Tamara Chavez



Tom Einhorn

Kimberly R. Huyser is an associate professor of sociology at the University of British Columbia. She is an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation and grew up on the Navajo reservation in Arizona, USA. The central intellectual motivation driving her research agenda is to gain a deeper understanding of the social conditions that undermine health, as well as to identify the cultural and social resources leveraged by racial and ethnic groups in order to further their individual and collective health and well-being

Mary Jessome is a doctoral candidate at the University of British Columbia (Vancouver campus). Mary's doctoral research examines how ecological connectivity influences identity formation and health outcomes among people of different gender identities. This project is part of a broader interest in using strength-based and community-engaged approaches to understand how relationships shape people's identity and wellbeing.

Tamara Chavez holds a bachelor's in social work from the University of Victoria and a master's degree in human rights from the University of Vienna. Tamara is CIEDAR's project manager and works in a community-based/participatory research approach. Previously, Tamara was a project coordinator for the BC Centre of Disease Control Harm Reduction Services and a research consultant for Harm Reduction International. Tamara hopes to make a meaningful impact on Indigenous communities by leading research projects that promote Indigenous knowledge and methodologies.

Tom Einhorn is a PhD Candidate in the Department of Sociology at the University of British Columbia and a member of the CIEDAR team. A settler researcher, his doctoral work examines trends in LGBTQ collective action and political engagement in the United States. Tom's research interests include civic engagement, social movements, and minority-led political coalitions. As a research assistant at CIEDAR, Tom works on survey methodology, questionnaire development, and data analysis.