

## National Indigenous Justice Information Inclusion

### UND's June-Yung Kim received the Junior Career Achievement Award

Dr. June-Yung Kim received the Junior Career Achievement Award from the Korean American Social Work Educators Association (KASWEA) at the 2024 Council of Social Work Education annual program meeting. This award is given to those who have demonstrated exceptional contributions to social work education, research, and engagement. These awardees embody the spirit of innovation, dedication, and leadership within the community. She was nominated by Dr. Hyeouk "Chris" Hahm, Professor and Associate Dean for Research at Boston University School of Social Work and Vice President-Elect of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR).

Dr. June-Yung Kim's primary research focuses on the developmental effects of prenatal exposure to drugs and family violence with an aim to mitigate the transgenerational transmission of trauma.



DR. WENDELIN HUME

*Boozhoo, hello and welcome to National Indigenous Justice Information Inclusion (NIJII)! We are happy to share our second newsletter and our fairly new website (NIJII.org). I am Dr. Wendelin Hume the Director of NIJII and the PI of many of the projects you will see on our website.*

*NIJII is based off the Anishinabe word nijii, meaning friend. We wish to be a friend and use our backgrounds and knowledge, our education and training, as well as our positions in the field and/or in academia to assist Indigenous people of the United States in identifying and improving the responses to their self-identified needs.*

*On our website you will find non-partisan information, research, services, and trainings for Indigenous individuals themselves, as well as their family members, friends, and neighbors. The resources provided will also help improve the culturally appropriate responses of professionals, care-givers, and other providers. The information is provided free of charge. If you have any questions feel free to contact me.*



Dr. Suk-hee Kim, KASWEA President; Dr. June-Yung Kim; Dr. Bret Weber, former chair of the UND Social Work Department; Dr. Amanda Fackler, Assistant Professor, UND Social Work Department

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She has been actively involved in federally funded studies as a research fellow and statistician, including a 21-year longitudinal birth-cohort study investigating the neurobehavioral developmental outcomes of prenatal cocaine/polydrug exposure (NIH/NIDA R01 DA07957). As Principal Investigator, Dr. Kim obtained an NIH/NIGMS subaward (1P20GM139759) to lead an interdisciplinary research team that includes Dr. Wendelin Hume as Co-Investigator, Dr. Jacqueline S. Gray as Cultural Consultant, and Dr. Sonia Minnes as Pilot Project Mentor. The team is conducting an explanatory design investigation aimed at delineating constructs of trauma and resilience across the social determinants of health (SDH) domains related to prenatal substance use among Indigenous women. This work involves a literature synthesis and secondary data analysis using the North Dakota Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) data. Preliminary findings suggest that current SDH constructs, often defined by dominant cultural perspectives, fail to fully capture the intersectional social drivers underlying substance use among Indigenous women.

Building on these findings, Dr. Kim plans to conduct participatory action research to identify SDH unique to Indigenous women through first-person perspectives. This research, conducted in collaboration with a Tribal Nation and the National Indigenous Justice Information Inclusion team, aims to promote prenatal health equity and drive transformative change.



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