

**Promotion to Associate Professor with Tenure: Congratulations to Lorenda Belone, PhD, MPH (Diné/Navajo) and Kimberly R. Huyser, PhD (Diné/Navajo)**



**Lorenda Belone, PhD,  
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Congratulations to Dr. Belone for a much deserved promotion to Associate Professor with tenure within the Community Health Education Program within the Health, Exercise & Sports Sciences Department, UNM College of Education. Dr. Belone is co-Director of the TREE Center's Community Engagement and Dissemination Core and she has been actively engaged over the past 18 years in CBPR research with tribal communities of the southwest. Dr. Belone is co-PI of a R01 National Institute on Drug Abuse study with three tribal communities who are rigorously examining their culturally-centered family prevention programs. Dr. Belone is also co-investigator on a R01 National Institute of Nursing Research study which is examining the science of CBPR and a W.K. Kellogg planning grant to re-establish the Institute of American Indian Education with her colleagues in the College of Education. Recently, Dr. Belone became PI of a R21 National Institute of Nursing Research study to explore palliative care communication with American Indian people in partnership with Southcentral Foundation of Alaska.



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Dr. Kimberly R. Huyser (Diné/Navajo) is Associate Professor with tenure with the Department of Sociology at the University of New Mexico. She received her BA from Calvin College in 2003 and her Ph.D. - Sociology in 2010 from the University of Texas at Austin with an Indigenous Studies Graduate Portfolio and a traineeship from the Population Research Center at UT, Austin. Her scholarship combines medical sociology and the sociology of race and ethnicity. In 2017 she was awarded a pilot grant for \$100,000 to study the social determinants of health for obesity from the Center for American Indian and Alaska Native Diabetes Translational Research at University of Colorado, Denver. Dr. Huyser is a co-Investigator on the Immigrant Well-being Project with Dr. Goodkind (PI) within the TREE Center.