

My name is Shawn Clark, and I am a doctoral student in the Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College (MLFTC) at Arizona State University (ASU), I am interested in investigating how a culturally centered model for bullying intervention and prevention informs cultural connectedness, perceived social-supports, and self-compassion.

I am working under the direction of Dr. Ruth Wylie. Dr. Wylie is the assistant director of the Center for Science and the Imagination and an assistant research professor in the Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College at Arizona State University.

I have two other members of my dissertation committee including Dr. Tennille Marley, a professor of American Indian Studies at Arizona State University. Dr. Marley teaches graduate and undergraduate classes including Introduction to American Indian Studies, American Indian Sovereignty and the Courts, Federal Indian Policy, Social Change in American Indian Communities, and Historical Trauma, Healing, and Decolonization. Dr. Marley is a member of the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

The third member of my dissertation committee is Dr. Lester Johnson. Dr. Johnson was born and raised on the Blackfeet reservation and attended school in Browning. Dr. Johnson's parents were long-time employees of Browning Public Schools, and both served as well-respected Superintendents of the District. Dr. Johnson was instrumental in bringing the current bullying intervention and prevention (Olweus) program to the school district and is a certified trainer of the program. Dr. Johnson is currently a professor at the University of Montana.

My study is also being guided by a Community Advisory Board (CAB) that consists of Mr. Robert Hall, Director of Native American Studies, Browning Public Schools; Mr. Matthew Johnson, Director of Alternative Education, Browning Public Schools; and, Mr. Larry Woolf, retired school counselor, Browning Public Schools.

My study has also been guided and approved by the Blackfeet Nation IRB committee and will remain under the guidance of Dr. Brad Hall, Interim Chairman of the Blackfeet Nation IRB committee and the other committee members.