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RE: SIP mentor-mentee

Dear Dr. Gray and Morse,

As a new assistant professor and Choctaw tribal member, I would very interested in the mentee opportunities and would able to attend the designated meetings. I received my PhD in Counseling Psychology from University of Wisconsin-Madison, a master's in Human Development and Psychology from Harvard University and a bachelor's degree from University of Oklahoma. I recently began employment at the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy in a tenure-track Assistant Professor position. My research focus is broadly on American Indian health disparities, addiction, and cancer prevention.

My leadership experience includes being accepted and completing the Health Equity Leadership Institute with UW and University of Maryland; proposing an Indigenous research center on campus; serving on the steering committee for the Native Child Research Exchange; and being a National Institute of Health, National Mental Health Indigenous HIV/AIDS research training fellow. I have also received scholarship funding from the NIH National Institute of Drug Abuse for several conferences and trainings on American Indian health research.

I would request mentorship in cancer prevention among American Indians research and prescription medication misuse. Also, I would very much like to receive mentorship in navigating as a tenure-track professor and balancing service, such as mentoring and APA related duties. In the near future, I would also be interested in providing mentoring.

My travel funds are running thin, and for conferences I am utilizing funds originally earmarked for a pilot study. Thus, any assistance would be appreciated (i.e. hotel), but I should be able to cover the majority.

Sincerely,



Michelle D. Johnson-Jennings, PhD