

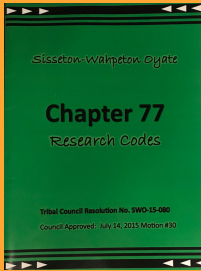
OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE

Tribal Research Office

Did you know...

this statement is one of my favorite excerpts in the Research Code of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate? I believe it is one of the most powerful as well. It shows the basis of the Tribal IRB movement in our community, recognizes the past harms to Natives in the field of research, and exercises the tribe's sovereignty to enact and enforce our tribal law on research.

"The Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Tribal Council recognizes the value of research to the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate, to Native American people, and to society in general; and accepts that there is responsibility to bear a fair share of the burdens and risks of research along with other communities. However, historically, research has been conducted with Native populations that presented undue risks or harm to the individuals, community or resources, or that misrepresented information regarding language, culture, and traditions and/or have deviated from the original intent of the study outside of the approved protocols. Given this history, the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Tribal Council recognizes the need for research oversight to protect the people and resources of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate."



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Research Updates



From Heather Larsen, Research Specialist CRCAIH Annual Tribal Partners Retreat

For the past three years, the Collaborative Research Center for American Indian Health (CRCAIH) has held an annual retreat for the five tribal partners of the grant. The current tribal partners are the Oglala Sioux Tribe, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians (Tribal Nations Research Group), Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, & the SWO. As a reminder the CRCAIH grant partially funds the SWO Research Office (since 2014) and provide technical assistance in building our tribal research infrastructure.

In the last week of June, the Research Specialist attended the Tribal Partners Retreat which was held in Pierre, SD for 1.5 days. The annual retreat allows for the tribal partners to work together with CRCAIH staff to collaborate and strategically plan current and future projects. The meeting agenda covered topics on: revising the Data Management Toolkit & developing each tribe's Data Management Plan, creating a process to work on tribal research priorities/agendas, & strategic planning for the upcoming CRCAIH grant year 7 and after the partnership grant ends. The Research Specialist co-facilitated an exercise utilizing an evaluation tool of the partnership with all the tribal partners & CRCAIH staff in attendance. In addition, the tribal partners discussed the possibility of collaboratively developing a Tribal Partner Toolkit for researchers in the next year.



Picture taken at the end of Day 1 during the CRCAIH's Annual Tribal Partner Retreat held on June 26-27, 2018. A great day that involved very important discussions, brainstorming future projects, & networking!



These Dakota values guide our process:

Woodbdeza (Observation)

Wowicake (Truth)

Woohoda (Respect)

Wowoonsida (Compassion)

Woksape (Wisdom)

Highlight of a Local Research Review Board (LRRB) member

In this month's newsletter, we are highlighting another member of our Local Research Review Board, Erin Griffin, M.A. is an enrolled member of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation. She is the Director of Dakota Studies at Sisseton Wahpeton College. She has been with Sisseton Wahpeton College since 2013. Erin's teaching experience dates back to 2005, when she was a Teaching Assistant at the University of Oklahoma. Erin has had a lifetime interest in archaeology. This interest led her to anthropology and archaeology classes at Minnesota State University, eventually earning a B.A. in Anthropology from the Minnesota State University and a M.A. in Sociocultural Anthropology from University of Oklahoma.



Erin's professional memberships include the Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries and Museums and the American Anthropological Association. Erin's research experience includes projects related to oral history, Dakota culture and history and translation of historical documents. Erin has been involved with the Local Research Review Board since 2016. Her involvement in the LRRB stems from a curiosity in studying people and an interest in the research being done on the Lake Traverse Reservation. We are glad to have a representative from our tribal college and appreciate Erin's commitment and expertise on the board!



COMING UP:
Next month's issue will highlight the last LRRB member so you can continue to learn about our board and their backgrounds.



Mission

The current mission of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Research Office is to enhance the tribal research infrastructure by continuing to build the research review capacity, education through community engagement, and exercising tribal sovereignty through research data management. The main objective of the Tribal Research Office is to improve the overall status of all Tribal members through relevant, tailored, and culturally sensitive research as outlined in the SWO Code Chapter 77 - "SWO Research Code."

