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Fellow of the Month

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The Fellow of the Month series profiles individual MFP Fellows, nominated by the seven MFP Grantee organizations or other MFP-related professionals, and shines a light on their backgrounds, goals, and accomplishments.



Cynthia Greywolf

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Dr. Cynthia Greywolf is pursuing a Ph.D. at the University of Hawaii at Manoa School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene in Honolulu. She is a current Fellow who entered the Minority Fellowship Program (MFP) in 2015 at the urging of one of her professors, Dr. Merle R. Kataoka-Yahiro, and with support from her advisor, Dr. John Casken. “Being in the MFP has been an

amazing experience for me,” Dr. Greywolf stated. “All the support, the conferences, the speakers, and the people I have made contact with have all been phenomenal.”

Dr. Greywolf received her doctor of nursing practice (DNP) degree from the University of Massachusetts, Lowell, in 2012. She also holds a master of science degree in community health/public health and a certificate of advanced graduate study in psychiatric mental health from Northeastern University. In addition to her academic work, she has provided behavioral health care for Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders at a federally supported community health center on the Hawaiian island of Molokai. She has extensive experience in advance nursing practice, having provided psychiatric and substance-use direct care in rural and underserved areas and homeless shelters. She has also led health professional teams in community settings that focus on prevention, treatment, and recovery programs for individuals with mental and substance use disorders.

A Cherokee Native American, Dr. Greywolf was born in New Mexico and spent her formative years as a member of the Cherokee Nation in the small town of Sallisaw, located in the Boston Mountains of southeastern Oklahoma. Her lived experiences helped to shape her research focus on the plight of indigenous peoples. For her dissertation, Dr. Greywolf plans to explore historical trauma among the Native Hawaiian population with whom she is currently working and the associated health risks, particularly alcohol misuse. She hopes her findings will lead to more culturally appropriate research methodology and culturally sensitive interventions for the treatment of alcohol misuse and dependence among Native Hawaiians.

Her coursework completed, she is now focusing on her comprehensive exams (“comps”), defending her dissertation proposal, and beginning her qualitative research for her dissertation. Upon graduation, she is exploring the opportunity to do a postdoctoral fellowship with Dr. John Lowe, the endowed McKenzie Professor in Health Disparities Research at Florida State University and creator of the Center for Indigenous Nursing Research for Health Equity (INRHE)—the first research center of its kind worldwide. ■