

ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Fifty-fifth Legislature - Second Regular Session

HOUSE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS
PEOPLES

Report of Interim Meeting
Thursday, November 10, 2022
Dine College Tsaile Campus, 1 Circle Dr., AZ 86556 -- 11:00 A.M.

Convened 11:13 A.M.
Recessed 1:12 P.M.
Reconvened 1:22 P.M.
Adjourned 2:50 P.M.

Members Present

Representative Jermaine, Chairman
Representative Blackwater-Nygren, Vice-
Chairman
Ms. Begay-Kroupa
Mr. Etnire
Ms. Hatathlie-Delmar
Ms. Ignacio
Ms. Nez-Manuel
Ms. Russell
Mr. Urbina
Representative Z-1 House
Mr. Z-25 Other
Mr. Z-26 Other

Members Absent

Ms. Antone
Lt. Hechavarria

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Agenda

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Request to Speak

Report – Attachment 2

Committee Attendance

Report – Attachment 3

Presentations

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Attachments (Handouts)</u>
Dr. Kate Fox	ASU School of Criminology And Criminal Justice	4
Sam Taylor		5

Jana Babel

Jana Babel, Committee Secretary
November 15, 2022

(Original attachments on file in the Office of the Chief Clerk; video archives available at <http://www.azleg.gov>)

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INTERIM MEETING NOTICE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

HOUSE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

Date: Thursday, November 10, 2022

Time: 11:00 A.M. MDT (Navajo)/10:00 A.M. MST

Place: Diné College Tsaile Campus, 1 Circle Dr., Tsaile, AZ 86556

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Traditional Blessing
3. Welcome and Purpose
4. Committee Member Introductions
5. Presentations:
 - Updates from The Hopi Tribe
 - Chairman Nuvangyaoma
 - Missing & Murdered Diné Relatives (MMDR)
 - Delegate Amber Kanazbah Crotty
 - ASU Research on Violent Victimization Lab (ROVV) Update
 - Dr. Kate Fox and ROVV Team
6. Discussion on Treatment Facilities Human Trafficking—Navajo and Hopi
 - Senator Theresa Hatathlie
7. Public Testimony/Comments
8. Closing
9. Adjournment

Convened 11:30 AM
Recessed 1:12 pm
Reconvened 1:22 pm
Adjourned 2:50 pm

Members:

Representative Jennifer Jermaine, Chair
Representative Jasmine Blackwater-Nygren, Vice Chair
Senator Theresa Hatathlie-Delmar
Monica Antone
Jolyana Begay-Kroupa
Paul Etnire

Lt. Christopher Hechavarria
April Ignacio
Debbie Nez-Mahuel
Kim Russell
Alfred Urbina

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Information Registered on the Request to Speak System

*House Ad Hoc Committee on Missing and Murdered
Indigenous Peoples (11/10/2022)*

7. Public Testimony/Comments

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Please PRINT Clearly

Committee on _____ Bill Number _____

Date 11/10/2022 Support Oppose Neutral

Name Milton Bluetouse Jr Need to Speak? Yes No

Representing Nazjo Citizen Are you a registered lobbyist? No

Complete Address P.O. Box 386, Window Rock, AZ

Email Address mbluetouse@livecollege.edu Phone Number (505) 603-3840

Comments: Speak on MMPR issues

*** Speaking limit determined by Chair ***

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Committee on MISSING & MURDER ^(MMP) Bill Number _____

Date 11/10/2022 Support Oppose Neutral

Name FRANTZ BEASLEY Need to Speak? Yes No

Representing _____ Are you a registered lobbyist? _____

Complete Address _____

Email Address FBEASLEY@NORTHSIGHTRECOVERY.com Phone Number 602-628-5058

Comments: _____

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Committee on MMIP Bill Number _____

Date 11/10/22 Support Oppose Neutral

Name Bazumban Need to Speak? Yes No

Representing self Are you a registered lobbyist? _____

Complete Address PO Box 1922 Window Rock AZ

Email Address rkawano@citlink.net Phone Number 928 206 9401

Comments: 4 questions

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Committee on MMIP Bill Number _____

Date _____ Support Oppose Neutral

Name Andrea Muzzy Denets Need to Speak? Yes No

Representing MMIP Are you a registered lobbyist? _____

Complete Address _____

E-mail Address _____ Phone Number 928 432/5267

Comments: _____

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Committee on MMIF Bill Number _____

Date 11-10-22 Support Oppose Neutral

Name JEROY WILSON Need to Speak? Yes No

Representing Community Are you a registered lobbyist? _____

Complete Address POB 7 GARDEN, AZ 86005

Email Address jeroyw962@gmail.com Phone Number (928) 410-9339

Comments: LEAD OVERCOMMIT ISSUES

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Committee on MMIF Bill Number _____

Date 11/10/22 Support Oppose Neutral

Name CHRISTINA WILSON Need to Speak? Yes No

Representing Community number Are you a registered lobbyist? NO

Complete Address P.O. Box 7

E-mail Address _____ Phone Number _____

Comments: _____

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ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE
Fifty-fifth Legislature - Second Regular Session
COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE RECORD


**AD HOC COMMITTEE ON MISSING AND MURDERED
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES**

COMMITTEE ON _____

CHAIRMAN: Jennifer Jermaine VICE-CHAIRMAN: Jasmine Blackwater-Nygren

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CONVENED	11:13 a.m	m	m	m	m
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RECONVENED	1:22 pm				
ADJOURNED	2:50 pm				
MEMBERS:					
Ms. Antone, A	—				
Ms. Begay-Kroupa, A	—				
Mr. Etnire, P	✓				
Mr. Hechavariah, C	—				
Ms Ignacio, A	✓				
Ms Nez-Manuel, D	✓				
Ms. Russel, K	✓				
Ms Urbina, A	✓				
Ms. Hatathlic-Delmar, T	✓				
Blackwater-Nygren J, Vice-Chairman	✓				
Jermaine, J, Chairman	✓				
	√ Present	--- Absent	exc	Excused	

The ASU Research on Violent Victimization Lab's Commitment to Reducing MMP in Collaboration with the Arizona Study Committee

Research on Violent Victimization Lab
a unit of the
 **School of Criminology
and Criminal Justice**
Arizona State University

Presented to
the Arizona MMP Study Committee & the
Navajo Nation
November 10, 2022
Tsaille, AZ

Today's Agenda



Who we are and what we do



Share our MNIWG work

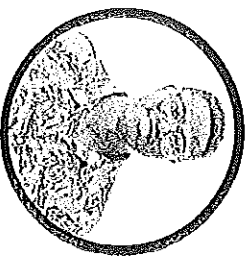


Share current & future MMIP
work

The Research on Violent Victimization Lab's mission is to gather knowledge to develop solutions that promote safety and wellbeing among Indigenous peoples



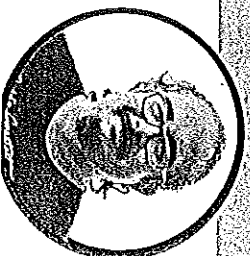
Dr. Kate Fox
Lab Director



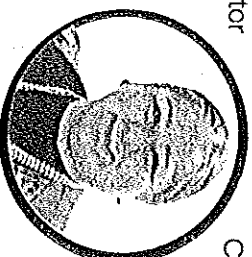
Leo Mukosi S.J.D.
Zezuru Tribe
Post-Doctoral
Researcher



Kayleigh Stanek
Lab & Research
Projects Manager



Christopher Sharp
Colorado River Indian Tribes
Associate Director



Cassie Harvey
Diné & Zuni Tribes
Data Analyst & Public
Relations Manager

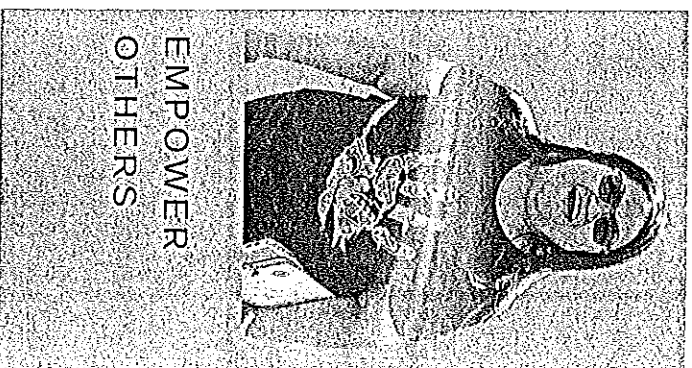
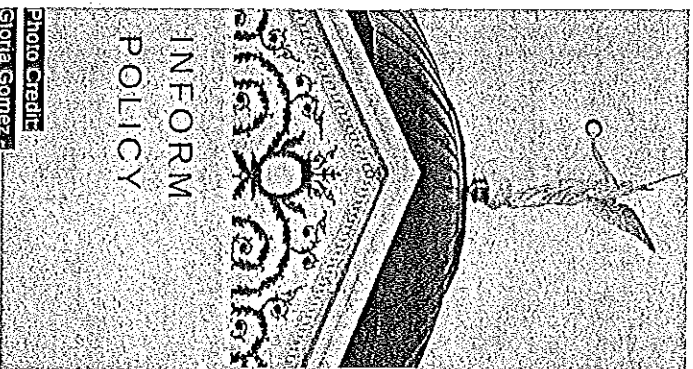
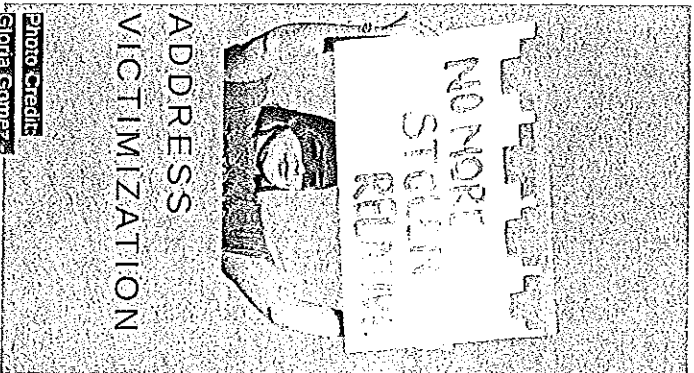
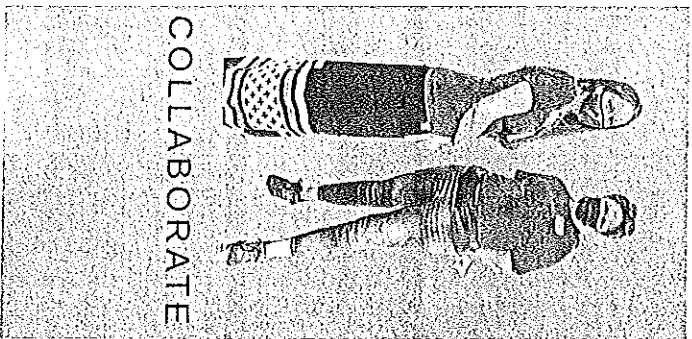


Valaura Imus-Nahsonhoya
Hopi Tribe
Community Engagement
Director



Katonya Begay
Diné Tribe
Communications
Coordinator

What We Do





Past MMIWG Research

HB2570 in 2019 created partnerships to address MMIWG in Arizona

- 2019-2020 collaboration with the MMIWG Study Committee
- Our research underwent a comprehensive cultural review by Indigenous faculty and staff to protect data from public access via Institutional Review Board approval
- We introduced policy recommendations

Our Missing and Murder of Indigenous Women and Girls Study's Data

Missing Persons Data:

National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs)

In 2020, 12 Indigenous females had active open missing person cases

Homicide Data:

- FBI Uniform Crime Report
- Over 40 years (1976-2018), 160 murders of Indigenous females

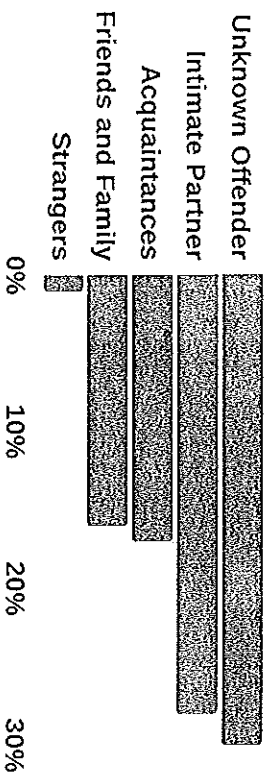
These are reported missing & murdered cases – many more are unreported

Our Findings on Women and Girls

160*
 Indigenous Women
 and Girls in Arizona
 were known to be
 murdered between
 1976- 2018



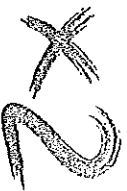
Who commits MMIWG?



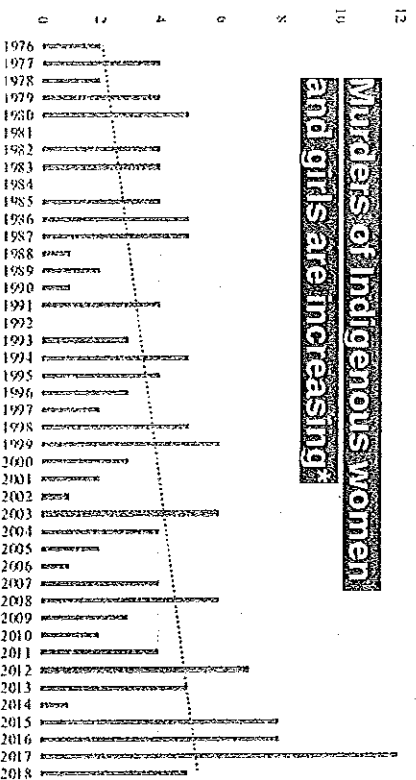
Indigenous women
 and girls of all ages
 are missing and
 murdered



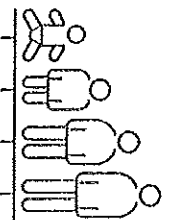
Women and girls are
 missing two times
 longer than men and
 boys



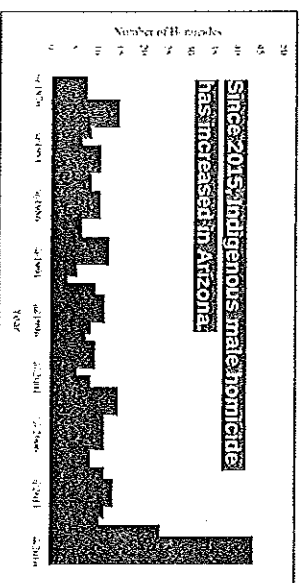
**Murders of Indigenous women
 and girls are increasing***



Our Findings on Men and Boys



men and boys are also impacted at all ages



474
men and boys were victims of homicide over a 40-year span

48

men and boys had open and active missing person cases in Arizona between April and July of 2022



MISSING

No missing person cases for Indigenous men and boys were resolved

The reality is that the circumstances surrounding MMIP are largely unknown

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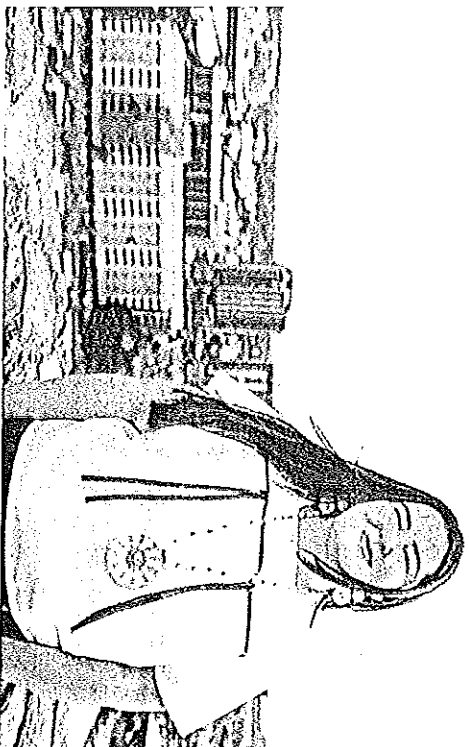
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Our current MMIP work

What about MMIP among Indigenous college students?

Goal is to elevate ASU Indigenous students' voices

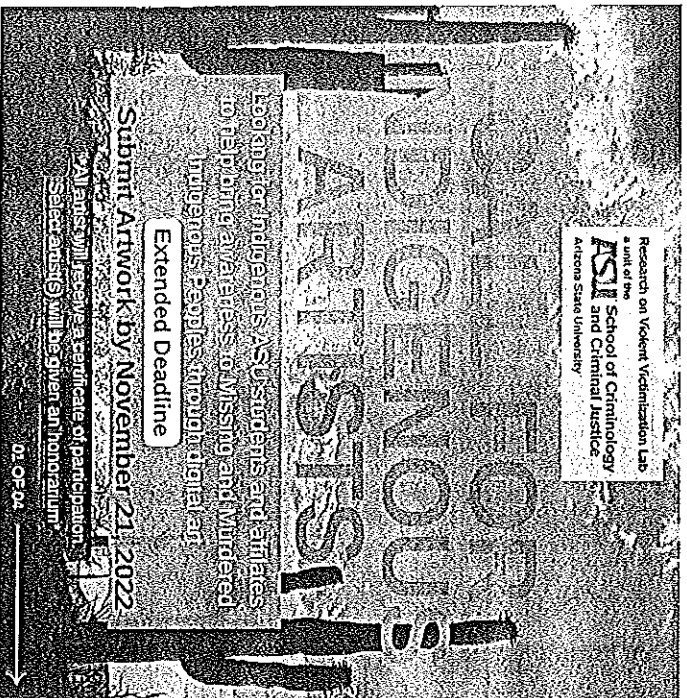
- 100+ Indigenous student shared via our survey
- 15 Indigenous students participated in 1:1 interviews
- 40 staff/faculty interviews who work with Indigenous students



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Call for Art Project

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We invite Indigenous ASU affiliates to bring awareness to MMIP through digital art

**Deadline extended until
November 21, 2022**

Our future MMP work in Partnership with the Arizona MMP Study Committee

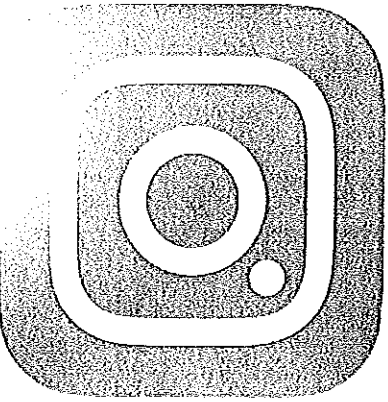
Story telling: We will listen to the experiences of families
and survivors impacted by MMIP

Gathering grounds: We plan to host a summit to address
and take action on changes needed to address MMIP

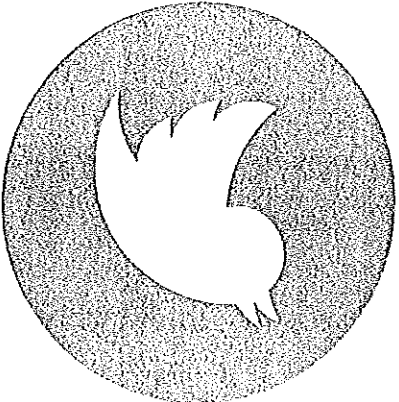
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May 4 & 5 in metro Phoenix and at the AZ State Capitol

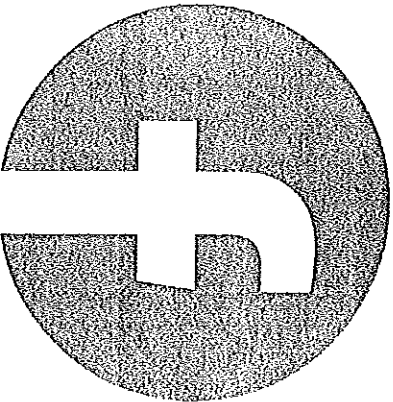
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Coming soon!

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Thank you

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If you have questions, please contact:

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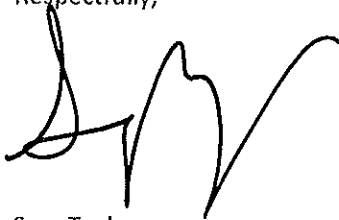
To whom this may concern:

My name is Sampson Taylor, and I have had the privilege of working with individuals that have struggled with substance and alcohol recovery for the past 10 years. I am in recovery from substance use so the work has special meaning for me. I write to address some concern regarding many new "recovery treatment centers" that have been targeting the outlying reservation areas that include Hopi and Navajo reservations. In recent years, many independent centers that identify as sober living centers, recovery centers or halfway houses have popped up all over Maricopa County and they claim they provide services that may help someone recover.

It has come to light that these are false pretenses and have only shown to be a bed for these individuals who have been taken from their homes and have been allowed to continue to use their drugs of choice. There is little to no structure and the clients are allowed to come and go as they please, no guidance, with no clinical treatment. These housing sites continue to bill these individuals Arizona AHCCCS care plans along with a sliding scale with no proven treatment being completed. When families reach out to these housing sites, they facilitators are extremely secretive and at most will not allow the families to speak to them. While that is common in a treatment center, it is alleged that the clients are calling families to come pick them up as they are not in a recovery center but more a hostel where they can reside, their SNAP benefits card is confiscated, and they are forced to turn over all their card benefits to "feed the house". I have had more than one Hopi client reach out to me for help in getting home or transferred to another center.

I have been outreached by families as well on how to help their family members that seem to be "stuck" in these houses. It is also reported that these housing sites are taking vans to the reservations and encouraging people to go with them for help. So, there is coercion involved for a better life only taking them to a city where alcohol is legal and drugs are more rampant. I am encouraging the Hopi Tribe to assist with guidelines and policy so that is kind of enforcement can stop! I can be reached for more information if needed.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Sam Taylor', written in a cursive style.

Sam Taylor