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EDUCATION

PhD in Social Work

University of Utah

School of Social Work

Dissertation: Deg Xit'an Athabascan Conversations on Wellness: A Qualitative Study
Exploring the Radical Possibilities of Relationships

Graduated: August 2017

*Master of Social Work in Social and Economic Development with Indigenous
Communities, with an emphasis in Management*

Washington University, George Warren Brown School of Social Work, St. Louis, MO

Field of Study: Social Work/Social and Economic Development

Graduated: December 2005

Bachelor of Arts in Social Work

University of Alaska Fairbanks, Fairbanks, AK

Field of Study: Social Work/Psychology Minor

Graduated: May 2004

Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Development

University of Alaska Fairbanks

Graduated: May 2000

CURRENT LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATES

Licensure: State of Alaska, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic
Development, Division of Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing. Licensed
Master Social Worker, #CSWM1351 - Effective 11/21/14 - Present.

HONORS AND AWARDS

•10-28-21 Doyon Foundation Language Champion recognition. As Doyon Foundation continues to grow our language revitalization efforts in the Doyon region, we believe it is important to recognize people who are committed to learning and perpetuating their ancestral language. We are pleased to [share some of these "language champion" profiles with you.](https://doyonfoundation.com/category/language-and-culture/language-champions/) <https://doyonfoundation.com/category/language-and-culture/language-champions/>

•Awarded a 2021 Promoting Indigenous Research Leadership (PIRL) Program. Invited to attend a three-day workshop in Bozeman, Montana, October 18-20, 2021, to promote research careers of Indigenous and other early-career faculty working with Indigenous communities.

- Awarded the 2020-21 Dennis Demmert Award through UAF Rural Student Services. Awarded to an individual that has gone above and beyond to demonstrate UAF's goal of being the educational center for Alaska Native Students.
- Program award: TheBestOnlineDegree.com awarded UAF, Social Work Department their #9 Best Online Bachelor of Social Work Program for 2020.
- Program award: Learn.org has published its 2020 rankings and ranked UAF, Social Work Department #26 on the list of Best Online Bachelor's Degrees in Social Work.
- Staff and Faculty Appreciation recognition at the UAF Women's Basketball game February 1, 2020. (You have made a large impact on one of our student athletes and we would like to say, "Thank you" by inviting you to attend our Alaska Nanooks vs. Saint Martin's Saints Women's Basketball Game this Saturday. There will be a small ceremony before the game to recognize all that you have done for our student athletes!)
- Awarded the Robert Piacenza Excellence in Teaching Award. UAF Honors Program. 2/26/19
- Inspired Leadership Academy – Coach and Facilitator Tracy Snow – 2019/2020
- Awarded Best Poster Certificate for presentation during the Ninth Annual Rural Behavior Health Practice Conference – Oct 6, 2017
- Accepted into the Alaska Geriatric Interdisciplinary Leadership Development program (AK-GILD). This program is funded through the HRSA Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program (GWEP), which supports the development of a health care workforce that improves health outcomes for older adults by integrating geriatrics with primary care, maximizing patient and family engagement, and transforming the healthcare system. The AK GILD is a partnership between Southcentral Foundation's Nuka System of Care and the University of Alaska Anchorage, School of Allied Health. (May 2016-Sept 2016)
- Nominated for Robert Piacenza Excellence in Teaching Award – UAF Honors Program – April 2015
- Nominated for SOAR - Student Organizations Award and Recognitions - Club Advisor of the Year 2011/2012
- Nomination for Social Worker of the Year for NASW –AK (2012)
- American Council on Education's Alaska Regional Leadership Forum for Women Administrators – “Advancing Women's Leadership” (June 2010)

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

University of Alaska Fairbanks, Social Work Department

<i>Tenured Professor</i>	July 1, 2022-Present
<i>Associate Professor-Tenure Track</i>	July 2019-June 30, 2022
<i>Clinical Associate Professor</i>	2015-2019
<i>Clinical Assistant Professor</i>	2006-2015
Department Chair 2010/2011, July 2021-Present	
Hired as a Tenure Track Associate Professor May 2019	

Courses Taught

- SWK 103 Intro to Social Work
- SWK 305 (O) Social Welfare History
- SWK 320 (W) Rural Social Work
- SWK 341 Human Behavior in the Social Environment I
- SWK 342 Human Behavior in the Social Environment II
- SWK 375 (W) Social Work Research Methods
- SWK 360 Child Abuse and Neglect
- SWK 370 Social Work and Aging
- SWK 390 Trauma and Wellness: Historical & Contemporary
- SWK 463 SWK Practice II
- ANS 401 Cultural Knowledge of Native Elders

Curriculum Development

Created four asynchronous courses in Canvas platform through UAF eCampus. SWK 341 Human Behavior in the Social Environment and SWK 390 Trauma and Wellness: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives (Summer/Fall 2020). SWK 375 Research Methods and SWK 463 Practice II (Spring/Summer 2022).

Created elective SWK 390 Trauma and Wellness: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives course for UAF Social Work Program (2016) – Picked up by UAA Master in Social Work program and taught it there for 3 semesters.

Revised and updated SWK 370 Services and Support for an Aging Society course for UAF Social Work program (2017).

Created eCampus courses in Blackboard for SWK 103 Introduction to Social Work (2014); SWK 320 Rural Social Work (2014); and SWK 390 Trauma and Wellness: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives (2015).

Social Work Department Service

- Social Work Department Chair – July 1, 2021 – Present
- Social Work Department Speaker Series Committee member (2011-2017)
- Social Work Department Marketing and Recruitment Committee Chair (2010-Present)
- Social Work Department Chair (2010-2011)
- Colin Gilmore Scholarship Committee member (2009)

- NASW Scholarship Committee member (2008 – Present)
- Gerald Berman Scholarship Committee member (2008 – 2017)
- Guy Guy Memorial/Rural SWK Scholarship Committee member (2008 – 2010)
- Alaska Native Social Workers Association Student Club-Faculty Advisor (2006-Present)
- Organization of Student Social Workers Club Faculty Advisor (2016-2017)
- Social Work Department CSWE Accreditation Committee (2006-Present)
- Social Work Department Curriculum Committee member (2006-Present)
- Social Work Dept. Practicum Student Review Committee member (2006-Present)

University Service

- UAF College of Liberal Arts, Strategic Enrollment Planning Committee, Chair of Student Success and Advising group (Sept 2021 – Present)
- CRCD Wellness Coordinator Hiring Committee member April 2021.
- Strategic Planning for Inclusive Excellence (SPIE) Initiative – Curricular Responsiveness - Committee Lead. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. (Aug 2020-Present)
- CRCD Indigenous Wellness Committee – CRCD – Create Traditional Wellness Coordinator position and plan for other wellness activities at UAF (2019-Present)
- UAF Strategic Planning Committee member, “Revitalize Key Academic Programs from Occupational Endorsement to PhD Team” (2018-2019)
- UA System - Behavioral Health Alliance Committee Member (2008-2019)
- External Promotion Reviewer for University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work Faculty (Dec 2018).
- UAF Provost Hiring Committee member (2017-2018)
- CLARITY Newsletter Committee member (2014-2015; 2017-2018)
- UA Alaska Native Studies Council member (2016-Present)
- UAF Green Dot Committee (Bystander intervention) (Sept 2014–Dec 2014)
- Rural and Indigenous Academic Pathway Committee member (RIAP) (2013-2014)
- Chancellors Advisory Committee on Native Education member (2006 to 2012)
- Troth Yeddha Park Event Planning and Fund-Raising Committee member (2011-2015)
- Thematic Network on Social Work - University of the Arctic - member (2010-2012)
- Justice Dept Hiring Committee member (twice during 2008/2009 & 2009/2010)

Graduate Committees:

- C.D. UAF Indigenous Studies Doctoral Program (Spring 2022-Present)
- E.B. UAF Natural Resources and Environment Masters Graduate Committee (2021-Present)
- W.K. UAF Rural Development Masters Graduate Committee (2020-Present)
- C.A. Indigenous PhD Program, PhD Dissertation Committee (2018-2020)
- M.E. UAA Masters in SWK and Public Health Administration Committee, External Reviewer, (2017-2018)
- R.T. UAF Clinical Psychology, PhD Dissertation Committee (2016-2017)
- J.S. UAF Northern Studies, Masters Graduate Committee (2014-2015)
- M.L. UAF Northern Studies Masters Graduate Committee (2013-2014)

- D.C. UAF Northern Studies Masters Graduate Committee (2013-2014)

Research Mentorship:

- ISMART (*Indigenous Substance Abuse, Medicine, Addictions Research Training*)
Mentor - for J.U. Indigenous PhD student at UAF (Feb 2019-Sept 2020)
- S.V. Community Advisory Board for Senior Project in Community Psychology at Alaska Pacific University (2018-2019)
- Undergraduate Research Mentor for K. McKay (UAF Honors Program Capstone Project). Served as designated PI on her research project at UAF titled, *Reflecting on Colors of Change: Utilizing Art to Explore Transitions into First-Time Motherhood* (2014-2016).

UAF Social Work Field Placement Supervision:

- D. S. placed for practicum at Kenai CAC, Kenai, AK (2021-2022)
- K.N. placed for practicum at Nome CAC, Nome, AK (2021-2022)
- T.M. placed for practicum at UAF Rural Student Services, Fbks, AK (2020-2021)
- L.M. placed for practicum at Fairbanks Memorial Hospital, Fbks, AK (2019-2020)
- R.H. Placed for practicum at Love Inc., Eagle River, AK (2019)
- J.M. placed for practicum at Effie Kokrine Charter School, Fbks, AK (2008-2009)

Academic Advising

I formally advise 25+ undergraduate social work student and students needing information on the social work degree annually.

University of Alaska Fairbanks

Research Scientist II

Aug 26, 2019-June 30, 2023

Affiliation with the Institute of Arctic Biology

Center for Alaska Native Health Research, Clinical and Translational Research Program.

University of Alaska Fairbanks

Team Member Affiliate

June 27, 2022 - Present

Alaska Climate Adaptation Science Center

Alaska Tribal Resilience Learning Network Team (AK TRLN)

Washington University in St. Louis, Brown School of Social Work

Kathryn M. Buder Center for American Indian Studies

Adjunct Professor

Spring 2019 & 2020

Buder Center Faculty Associate

Aug 1, 2018-Present

Graduate Courses Taught

- American Indian/Alaska Native Society, Values, & Cultures (Spring 2019)
- Indigenous Mental Health (Fall 2020)

University of Missouri St. Louis

Courtesy Appointment

9/7/21 – Present

CO-PI on grant program titled: *Ting getiy dixet'a. Xogho tr'ixitonik. (The trail is awfully rough. We'll work at it together): Alaska-Child Advocacy Studies Training (AK-CAST)*

University of Alaska Anchorage, School of Social Work

Adjunct Professor

Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2019

Stacked Bachelor and Master Courses Taught

SWK 490/SWK 690 Trauma and Wellness: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives (Spring 2017)

Graduate Masters Course Taught

SWK 690 Trauma and Wellness: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives (Spring 2018 & 2019)

University of the Arctic, Thematic Network Social Work

Bodo University College in Norway

Seminar

2011

Graduate Course Taught

Social Policies in the High North-Master in Social Work Course (2011)

SCHOLARSHIP

Invited Presentations

Demientieff, L. (6/24/22). *Healing Centered Engagement and Practice*. GBH Kids – Catalyst Group (virtual Zoom meeting).

Demientieff, L. & Black, J. (6/7/22). *Awakening the Spirit: Elders Research Outcomes*. Denakkanaaga Annual Elders and Youth Conference. Fairbanks, Alaska.

Demientieff, L. (6/1/22). *Indigenous Mental Health and Wellbeing: A Foundation for Understanding and Supporting Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Practice in Alaska*. AK-AIMH (Alaska-Association for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health) Webinar.

Demientieff, L. (5/2/22). *Planting the Seeds: The Influence of Culture on Resilience, Hope, and Wellness*. Optum Alaska Behavioral Health Collaborative Conference ~ Growing Access for Alaska (virtual).

Demientieff, L. (4/22/22). *Emotional Intelligence*. Young Professionals Council (YPC) Professional Development Summit. Fairbanks, Alaska.

Demientieff, L. & Ullrich, J. (4/6/22). *A Relational Approach to Supporting Mental Health and Wellness in Early Childhood*. Alaska Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Institute (IECMHI) (virtual).

Demientieff, L. Chase, M., Gaughen, S., & DeWitt, M. (3/4/22). *Elevating Ancestral Practices: Tribal Wellness in Climate Adaptation Training Summary*. Region 10 Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit (virtual).

Demientieff, L., Evans, Y., Johnson, P., Starbard, V., & Twitchell, L. (2/16/22). *Panel. Molly of Denali Celebrates Elizabeth Peratrovich Day*. Alaska Native Heritage Center. Anchorage, Alaska.

Demientieff, L. (9/21). *My Deg Xinag Language Journey*. Doyon Foundation & Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center – Language Journeys Speakers Series (recorded). Fairbanks, Alaska.

Demientieff, L. (10/21). *Healing Centered Engagement: Compassion, Connection, Community, Culture, and Curiosity*. Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Alaska Division of Public Health, Speaker Series on Health and Wellness (virtual).

Demientieff, L. (10/21). *Healing Centered Engagement: Compassion, Connection, Community, Culture, and Curiosity*. Fairbanks North Star Borough School District, In-service (virtual).

Demientieff, L. (August 2021). *Healing Centered Engagement: Compassion, Connection, Community, Curiosity, and Ceremony*. University of Alaska Southeast Convocation (virtual).

Demientieff, L. (August 2021). *Planting Seeds: The Influence of Culture on Resilience, Hope, and Wellness*. Alaska Tribal Resilience Network. Elevating Ancestral Practices: Tribal Wellness in Climate Adaptation Planning Workshop. Aleutian Pribilof Island Association and UAF International Arctic Research Center. Anchorage, AK.

Demientieff, L. (April 2021). *Planting Seeds: The Influence of Culture on Resilience, Hope, and Wellness*. Alaska Nurses Association and the Alaska School Nurses Association, Virtual Spring Conference, 21st Century School Nursing.

Demientieff, L. (February 2021). *Planting Seeds: The Influence of Culture on Resilience, Hope, and Wellness*. Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) – Alaska Blanket Exercise Learning Community (virtual).

Demientieff, L. (February 2021). Keynote: *Sraqay ndadz dixet'a? (How are the children?): Applying ancestral knowledge to plant seeds of resilience*. Fairbanks Wellness Coalition, 2nd Annual Resiliency Conference (virtual).

Demientieff, L. (January 2020). *Planting Seeds: The Influence of Culture on Resilience, Hope, and Wellness*. Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association – Building Resilience Today Conference on Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience. University of Alaska Fairbanks, IARC. Fairbanks, Alaska.

Demientieff, L. (November 2019). *Planting the Seeds: The Influence of Culture on Resilience, Hope, and Wellness*. Eastern Aleutian Tribes Presentation to the Board of Directors and staff. Anchorage, AK.

Demientieff, L. (November 2019). Keynote: *The Influence of Culture on Resilience, Hope, and Wellness*. History & Hope “Into Action” Trauma-Informed Care & Organizational Capacity – Building for Public Health Nursing Training. Anchorage, Alaska.

Demientieff, L. (November 2019). Keynote Speaker: *What’s in Your Basket? Trauma and Trauma Informed Care*. Behavioral Health Aide Forum. Anchorage, Alaska.

Demientieff, L. (September 2019). *Planting the Seeds: The Influence of Culture on Resiliency, Hope, and Wellness*. Guest Speaker for course, Indigenous Women: Leadership and Self-Determination in North America (taught by Amy Den-Ouden). Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Department. University of Massachusetts, Boston (virtual).

Demientieff, L. (June 2019). *Planting the Seeds: The Influence of Culture on Resiliency, Hope, and Wellness*. Plenary Presentation. 7th Annual Advanced Trauma Training Institute, The Science of Traumatic Stress. Anchorage, Alaska.

Demientieff, L. (2019). *What’s in Your Basket? Trauma and Trauma Informed Care*. Tanana Chiefs Conference, All Staff Meeting, Keynote Speaker. Fairbanks, Alaska.

Demientieff, L., Black, J., Ullrich, J., Apok, C., Gordon, H. (March 2019). *Gaining Light: Alaska Native Research Panel*. 2nd Annual ANCHRR (Alaska Native Collaborative Hub for Research and Resilience) Gathering, Celebrating Our Community-Driven Cultural Strengths. Nome, Alaska.

Demientieff, L. (December 2018). *I Remember Who I Am: The Influence of Culture on Resilience, Hope, and Wellness*. Residential Centers for Children and Youth (RCCY) Summit. Anchorage, Alaska.

Ullrich, J., Demientieff, L., & Ferguson, G. (October 2018). Panel Dialogue- *History and Hope for Our Collective Wellbeing*. First Alaskans Institute, Elders and Youth Conference –Anchorage, Alaska.

Demientieff, L. (September 2018). *I Wonder – What’s in Your Basket? (Trauma Informed Care)*. Northern Interior Alaska Association for the Education of Young Children Conference. Fairbanks, Alaska.

Demientieff, L. (April 2018). Closing Keynote: *Planting the Seeds: The Influence of Culture on Resiliency, Hope, and Wellness*. National Indian Child Welfare Association 36th Annual Protecting Our Children Conference. Anchorage, Alaska.

Demientieff, L. (March 2018). University of Guelph Humber Indigenous Mental Health Symposium International Panel. Publishing book on Indigenous Mental Health. Toronto, Canada.

Peer Reviewed Presentations

Demientieff, L. & Klar, D. (April 2022) Implementing Mentoring for an Innovative Partnership: Alaska-Child Advocacy Studies. National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) Annual Conference (Accepted/Virtual).

Brocius, H. & Demientieff, L. (January 2022). *Managed Alcohol: Juneau's Innovative Harm Reduction Response during a COVID-19 Outbreak*. Alaska Health Summit Conference (Accepted/Virtual).

Demientieff, L. & Moses, T. (June 2021). *Transforming the Academy Through Healing Centered Engagement*. Northern Arizona University, College of Education – Virtual American Indian Indigenous Teacher Education Conference (Virtual).

Demientieff, L., Haskell, D., Ireton, C., & Klar, D. (April 2021). *Ting getiy dixet'a. Xogho tr'ixitonik. (The trail is awfully rough. We'll work at it together): Alaska-Child Advocacy Studies Training (AK-CAST)*. National Indian Child Welfare Association Annual Conference (Virtual).

Day, A., Demientieff, L., Squirrel, N., & Ullrich, J. (April 2021). *Relational identity: The importance of knowing who you are and where you come from*. National Indian Child Welfare Association Annual Conference (Virtual).

Demientieff, L., Griffith, M., & Moses, T. (March 2021). *Transforming the Academy Through Healing Centered Engagement*. Association of American Colleges and University (AACU) – Diversity, Equity, and Student Success Virtual Conference.

Demientieff, L. (November 2020). *Planting the Seeds: The Influence of Culture on Resilience, Hope, and Wellness*. Rural Behavioral Health Practice Series, Webinar - Minnesota Psychological Association.

Demientieff, L. (November 2019). *Planting the Seeds: The Influence of Culture on Resilience, Hope, and Wellness*. Alaska Tribal Conference on Environmental Management. Anchorage, Alaska.

Demientieff, L. (February 2019). *History and Hope*. Fairbanks Wellness Coalition Conference-Weaving Our Strengths. Fairbanks, Alaska.

Demientieff, L. (April 2018). *Planting the Seeds: The Influence of Culture on Resilience, Hope, and Wellness*. Alaska Native Studies Conference. Juneau, Alaska.

Ullrich, J., Demientieff, L., & Ferguson, G. (2018). *History and Hope for a Collective Wellbeing*. First Alaskans Institute, Elders and Youth Conference, Community Engagement Workshop. Anchorage, Alaska.

Demientieff, L. (October 2017). *A Deg Xit'an, Athabascan Approach to Wellness: A Qualitative Study Exploring the Radical Possibilities of Relationships*. Poster Presentation. 5th Alaska Native Health Research Conference. Anchorage, Alaska.

Demientieff, L. (November 2017). *I Remember Who I Am: The Influence of Culture on Resilience, Hope and Wellness*. National Association of Social Workers – Alaska Chapter, Annual Conference. Anchorage, Alaska.

Demientieff, L. (October 2017). Poster Presentation. *A Deg Xit'an, Athabascan Approach to Wellness: A Qualitative Study Exploring the Radical Possibilities of Relationships*. 9th Annual Behavioral Health Practice Conference. Minnesota Psychological Association (virtual). Awarded Best Poster Certificate.

Reyes, S., Demientieff, L., George-Bettisworth, R., & Gifford, V. (June 2016). *Alaska's Commitment: Growing Our Own Culturally Attuned Behavioral Health Workforce*. Panel Presentation. National Association of Rural Mental Health Conference. Portland, Maine.

Demientieff, L. & Demientieff, S. (October 2015). *Historic Trauma, Historic Strengths: An Indigenous Perspective of Navigating Wellness Today*. 7th Annual Behavioral Health Practice Conference, Minnesota Psychological Association (Video Conference).

Reyes, S., Gifford, V., Demientieff, L., George-Bettisworth, R., & Roberts, L. (October 2015). *Uniting and Sustaining Pathways into Health Professions: Overview and Highlights of Alaska's Progress for "Growing Our Own" Sustainable Culturally Attuned Behavioral Health Workforce*. Pathways into Health Conference. Seattle, Washington.

Demientieff, L., Black, J., & Fleagle, E. (April 2014). *Historic Trauma, Historic Strengths: Navigating Wellness*. Rural Providers Conference. Fairbanks, Alaska.

George-Bettisworth, R., Husby, K., Brocius, H., & Demientieff, L. (September 2012). *The Resources of Rural Alaska – Viewing Potential Challenges as Strengths in Social Work Practice*. National Association of Social Workers – Alaska Chapter, Annual Conference. Anchorage, Alaska.

Demientieff, L. (September 2010). *Deg Xit'an, Athabascan Conversations around Wellness: The Radical Possibilities of Relationships*. Decolonizing Indigenous Health Research Conference. Niagara Falls, Ontario Canada.

Lewis, J., Morales, R., Demientieff, L., & Redwood, D. (March 2009). *Traditional Knowledge and Western Science Perspectives on Health*. 3rd Annual Alaska Native Health Research Conference. Anchorage, Alaska.

Demientieff, L. (March 2009). *A Deg Xit'an, Athabascan Approach to Wellness*. 3rd Annual Alaska Native Health Research Conference. Oral Presentation. Anchorage, Alaska.

Demientieff, L. (October 2009). *A Deg Xit'an, Athabascan Approach to Wellness*. National Association of Social Workers – Alaska Chapter, Annual Conference. Anchorage, Alaska.

Demientieff, L. (August 2009). *A Deg Xit'an, Athabascan Approach to Wellness*. Native Health Research Conference. Portland, Oregon.

Non-Peer Reviewed Conference and Training Presentations

ACCAP – Building Healthy and Thriving Alaskan Communities, Economies, and Ecosystems in a Changing Climate **Speakers:** Sarah Trainor, Nathan Kettle, John Walsh, Adelheid Herrmann, LaVerne Demientieff, Margaret Rudolf, Rick Thoman, Danielle Meeker (Alaska Center for Climate Assessment & Policy) – Webinar – 11/23/21

Presented to Fairbanks North Star Borough School District in-service on: Healing Centered Engagement: Compassion, Connection, Community, Culture, and Curiosity. October 1, 2021

Guest Speaking in University of Alaska courses: RAHI Indigenous Cultures course, instructor Debbie Mekiana (June 30, 2022); UAF ACNS 484/600 Perspectives of the North, instructor Tyler Kirk (10/13/21); UAF ANS 465 Community Healing and Wellness, instructor Tia Tidwell (9/22/21); UAF SWK 103 Introduction to Social Work, Instructor D. McEachern (11/5/20); UAF RD 600 Circumpolar Indigenous Leadership Symposium, Instructor J. Black (11/6/20); UAA SWK 643 Diversity in Social Work Practice, Instructor J. Ullrich (10/27/20); UAA SWK 429 Trauma & Crisis Intervention in SWK Practice, Instructor A. O'Connor (11/11/20); UAA SWK 690 Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction for Behavioral/Healthcare Providers, Instructor Vanessa Meade (4/5/21);

Alaska Resilience Initiative – Statewide presenter on the History and Hope Curriculum – (UAF, SWK 341 HBSE I – Sept 4 & 6, 2018); (Fairbanks NorthStar Borough School District -Federal Program, Oct 26, 2018); (TCC-Headstart and Home Visitors, Aug 7, 2018); (FNA Headstart, Aug 10, 2018); (UAA, SWK 690, Jan 1/22 & 1/29, 2019); (UAF SWK 341 HBSE I – 9/3 & 5/19); (Fairbanks North Star Borough School District – In-Service Day. Sept. 27, 2019)

American Philosophical Society, 3rd Annual Digital Knowledge Sharing Workshop. Presentation titled: *Language Connects Us*. July/August 2019, Philadelphia Pennsylvania. Native American Scholars Initiative Fellow.

Alaska Training Cooperative, Fairbanks, AK – Co-Presenter on all – Planting the Seeds: The Influence of Culture on Resilience, Hope, and Wellness (Nov 2017); Historic Trauma, Historic Strengths: Navigating Wellness (February 2014); Evidence Based

Practice with Alaska Natives (May 2014); Advanced Behavioral Health Ethics with Alaska's Indigenous Peoples (Feb 2015)

AHEC UAF Behavioral Health Camp for Youth (Fairbanks, AK) – Co-facilitator – Behavioral Health Camps are designed for students ages 15-21 to explore career pathways in the field of behavioral health. July 18-22, 2016.

Doyon Foundation Graduation Ceremony, Alumna Guest Speaker, May 8, 2015.

Statewide Alaska Presenter on the Adverse Childhood Experiences Study (ACES) –Co-Presenter on All – UAF SWK 341 HBSE I (9-16-15); UAF SWK 463 Practicum Course (April 6, 2015); SART Conference (March 16, 2015); FNA Parents as Teachers (Jan 12, 2015); Presbyterian Hospitality House (Dec 17, 2014); Alaska Center for Children and Adults (Nov 5, 2014); Alaska Association of School Boards: Annual Academy (September 14, 2014); UAF SWK 341 Course (Nov 6, 2014), (July 22, 2014), (September 16, 2015);

Alaska Evaluation Network Meeting, Statewide Videoconference Panel Presentation – Cultural Competence in Evaluation (June 18, 2014)

Native Student for Positive Change Student Group at UAF voted for me to speak on a panel of native women leaders for Elizabeth Peratrovich Day (February 2014)

UAF Upward Bound Math Class to High School Student from Around Alaska – Social Work Field and Recruitment (June 9, 2014)

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fairbanks, Guest Speaker – My Elders Tell Me. (June 8, 2014)

Demientieff, L. (March 2009). *A Deg Xit'an Athabascan Approach to Wellness*. Indigenous Knowledge Exchange, University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Peer Reviewed Publications

Demientieff, L. & Moses, T. (2022). Transforming the Academy Through Healing Centered Engagement. Presented at Northern Arizona University, American Indian Indigenous Teacher Education Conference 2021. Conference Proceeding. Accepted and in progress.

Ullrich, J., Demientieff, L. & Elliot-Groves, E. (2022). Storying and re-storying: Co-creating Indigenous wellbeing through relational knowledge exchange. *American Review of Canadian Studies Journal*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02722011.2022.2095498>

Brocius, H., Demientieff, L. X., & Erisman, M. (2021). Thawing Out: Understanding Adjustment to Housing First Through an Ecological and Trauma-Informed Lens. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/10911359.2020.1846652>

Demientieff, L., Klar, D., & Haskell, D. (2021). Implementing Mentoring for An Innovative Partnership: Alaska-Child Advocacy Studies. *The Chronicle of Mentoring and Coaching*, 5(14), pp. 81-86. <https://www.mentor-cmc.com/cmc/cmc2021/MobilePagedReplica.action?pm=2&folio=Cover#pg1>

Brocious, H., Demientieff, L., Renfro, C. & George Bettisworth, R. (2019). A Grow Your Own Approach in Social Work: Shaping Alaska's Workforce. *Journal of Baccalaureate Social Work*, 24 (1), pp. 211-228.
https://www.researchgate.net/publication/338870813_A_Grow-Your-Own_Approach_in_Social_Work_Shaping_Alaska's_Workforce

Salmon, V., Brocious, H., & Demientieff, L. X. (2022). When Delivery Means Departure: Describing the Practice and Impacts of Mandated Maternal Transport in Alaska. *Journal of Rural Mental Health*. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/rmh0000203>

Brocious, H., Trawver, K., & Demientieff, L. X. (2021). Managed Alcohol: One community's innovative response to risk management during COVID-19. *Journal of Harm Reduction*, 18(125).
<https://harmreductionjournal.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12954-021-00574-5>.

Book Chapter Publications

Demientieff, L. & Frank, P. (2022). *I Remember Who I Am: Deg Xit'an, Athabascan Perspectives on Wellness*. In D. Danto & M. Zangeneh (Ed.), *Indigenous Knowledge and Mental Health: A Global Perspective (1st ed.)*. Springer Publishing.
<https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-71346-1>

Non-peer Reviewed Publications

Demientieff, L. (April 24, 2018). Cultural Strengths and Resilience. *Commentary*, Newsletter of the Association of Alaska School Boards. Retrieved from <https://aasb.org/cultural-strength-and-resilience/>.

Demientieff, L. (2017). *Deg Xit'an Athabascan Conversations on Wellness: A Qualitative Study Exploring the Radical Possibilities of Relationships*. ProQuest Dissertations & Theses Global. (2180107801). Retrieved from <https://www.proquest.com/docview/2180107801?pqorigsite=gscholar&fromopenview=true>

RESEARCH PROJECTS, GRANTS, & CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

Research interests include Indigenous cultural and traditional practices that contribute to individual, family, group, organization, and community resilience, health, healing, and wellness, specifically with the Indigenous people. Other interests include Indigenous language revitalization and the connection between language, health, and well-being.

Funded Grants

CIIHE (Center for Indigenous Innovative and Health Equity) – US. Dept. of Health and Human Services, Office of Minority Health funding through the UAF Center for Alaska Native Health Research to address health disparities and advance health equity among AI/AN populations.

Project Name: Denakkanaaga Elders Mentoring Elders Camp

Grant # G14839

Role: PI

Grant Amount \$200,000

Funding Period: 22/24

Resilient Alaskan Youth (RAY) Program Evaluation grant funded by RurAL CAP

Role: Co-PI

Grant Amount: \$35,802

Funding Period: FY 21/22

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) 5-year grant through Adelphi University titled, Complex Trauma Training Consortium (CTTC), National Child Traumatic Stress Network – Complex Trauma Training Consortium I am included in this 5-year grant to provide culturally responsive training and consultation nationally with a specific focus on Indigenous health and well-being.

Role: National Trainer

Funding Period: 2021-2026

Bureau of Indian Affairs, Tribal Resilience Program (BIA TRP) 5-year grant received by the UAF Alaska Center for Climate Assessment and Policy (ACCAP) titled, Building Healthy and Thriving Alaskan Communities, Economies, and Ecosystems in A Changing Climate. I am included in this grant to provide training on trauma and wellness and resilience to Alaskan communities.

Role: Statewide Trainer

Funding Period: 2021-2026

Office of Justice Programs

OVC Developing Future Victim Specialists

Recruiting interns/residents to serve Tribal Victims in Alaska. Workforce development.

Growing a network of individuals across the state to support work in victim's serving agencies.

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Grant # G13934

Role: Co-PI

Grant Amount: \$449,919

Funding Period: 2020/23

American Indian/Alaska Native Clinical and Translational Research Program.

Partnership between the Center for Alaska Native Health Research (UAF), University of Montana, and National Institute of Health. Development Renewal Award

Project name: Re-Awakening the Spirit: Engaging in Cultural Values and Traditional Practices in the Modern Alaskan Context.

National Institutes of Health IDeA CTRP grant #GM115371-05

Role: PI

Grant Amount: \$50,000

Funding Period – 2020/21

American Indian/Alaska Native Clinical and Translational Research Program.

Partnership between the Center for Alaska Native Health Research (UAF), University of Montana, and National Institute of Health. Development Award

Project name: Re-Awakening the Spirit: Engaging in Cultural Values and Traditional Practices in the Modern Alaskan Context.

National Institutes of Health IDeA CTRP grant GM115371

Role: PI

Grant Amount: \$49,500

Funding Period – 2019/20

AHEC Behavioral Health Camp Grant – Co-PI – Camp planning and organizing – Camp held July 2016.

TVEP - FY12 Technical Vocational and Education Program (TVEP) – Awarded workforce development funding to provide additional practicum opportunities for social work practicum students at UAF.

Alaska EpSCOR Funding Awarded – University of Alaska Fairbanks – (Summer & Fall 2009)

Current and On-Going Research

AI/AN CTRP Research, Center for Alaska Native Health Research and Montana State University, funded by National Institute of Health: Re-Awakening the Spirit: Engaging in Cultural and Traditional Practices in a Modern Alaskan Context. Co-investigators: LaVerne Xilegg Demientieff and Jessica Black. (2019-Present)

Phase 2: Impacts of Housing First on Service Use and Individual Well-Being in Juneau, Alaska. Principle Investigator: Heidi Brocius, PhD. Co-investigators: LaVerne Xilegg Demientieff, Kathi Trawver, & Travis Hedwig. (July 2021-Present)

Fellowships

Awarded the 2019-2020 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Native American Scholars Initiative, Digital Knowledge Sharing Fellowship at the American Philosophical Society. Title: Digitizing Deg Xinag: Inspiring Connections Between Language Learning and Well-Being. Fellows will be associated with the APS's new Center for Native American and Indigenous Research (CNAIR), which aims to promote greater collaboration between scholars, archives, and indigenous communities. Project will be focused on digitizing the Deg Xinag language materials. Fellowship Amount: \$3000.

Awarded a 2019-2020 National Resource Network for Alaska Native Elders Fellowship. University of Alaska Anchorage. Conduct a pilot study with Elders connecting traditional practices and ceremonies with health and wellness prevention and intervention. Title: Re-Awakening the Spirit: Engaging in Cultural Values and Traditional Practices in the Modern Alaskan Context. Goal is to develop a resource for Elders that supports the mission and vision of the NRC-ANE, which is focused on Alaska Native positive aging. Fellowship Amount: \$10,000.

ISMART Fellowship, Indigenous Wellness Research Institute, University of Washington (Mar 2016-2017), Indigenous Substance Abuse Medicines, and Addictions Research Training (ISMART) Program, is a mentorship program that allows scholars of indigenous backgrounds to research in the areas of substance abuse, medicines and addictions within their indigenous communities. Fellowship Amount: \$2000

LANGUAGE REVITALIZATION AND PREVENTION WORK

- Doyon Foundation & Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center – Language Journeys Speakers Series – I was interviewed on video 9/17/21 by Allan Hayton
- Language Mentor for Rebekah Gidiniaty Hartman – Received her BFA in Art, thesis exhibition titled, Dinayetr “Our Breath”, A Deg Xinag Language Revitalization September 7-17, 2021 at the UAF Fine Arts Gallery.
- Facilitate a weekly Deg Xinag Language Learning Group (October 2018-Present)
- Doyon Languages Online teacher training participant – Take Ling F593 Teaching Athabascan Languages through Computer and Person-to-Person Interaction. (Fall 2020 & Spring 2021)
- Deg Xinag language website development project (March 2020-Present)
- Community language work – Shageluk, Alaska, Doyon Foundation Languages Online Program presentation and recording work (November 20-26, 2019).
- Doyon Foundation Alaska Native Language Revitalization Committee (11/16-9/20) (Chair of committee beginning Feb 2018)
- Participant in the Doyon Foundation Languages Online Program creating lessons for the Deg Xinag online curriculum to go live September 2021 (2018-Present).
- Alaska Native Language Revitalization Institute, UAF Troth Yeddha’ Campus, May 21-24, 2018
- Awarded \$3000 for the 2019-2020 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Native American Scholars Initiative, Digital Knowledge Sharing Fellowship at the American Philosophical Society. Fellows were associated with the APS’s new Center for Native American and Indigenous Research (CNAIR), which aims to promote greater collaboration between scholars, archives, and indigenous communities. Project was focused on digitizing Deg Xinag language materials.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Journal Review - Invitation to review an article for the Journal of Comparative Social Work – Submitted 6/15/21.
- Book Reviews -Invitation to participate in a survey reviewing the 3rd edition of Principles of Trauma Therapy by John N. Briere and Catherine Scott. Sage Publishing (April 2019).

- Baccalaureate Program Director’s Research Committee at Annual BPD Conference (Fall 2013-Spring 2015)

PUBLIC SERVICE

- Advisory member of Child and Family Advisory Council for Alaska Behavioral Health Organization (January 2021-Present)
- Program Evaluation -_Alaska Resilience Initiative through Alaska Children’s Trust. History and Hope Training Evaluation Research. IRB approved. Evaluation 2019-2020.
- ACE’s/Trauma CHIP Team Meeting – Foundation Health Partners – Community Health Improvement Planning Committee Member (Jan 2020-Present)
- Alaska Resilience Initiative – Statewide Trainer on History and Hope curriculum (Aug 2018-Present). Consultant on creating the History and Hope Curriculum for the Alaska Resilience Initiative Statewide Organization (2017-2018). The curriculum focuses on trauma (adverse childhood experiences) and resilience, as well as ancestral knowledge, cultural healing and wellness, and social justice aspects of trauma and healing. =
- Doyon Foundations Board of Directors (11/16-9/20)
- Alaska Resilience Initiative – Statewide Communications Committee (2017 – 2019); Co-Chair of Statewide Communications Committee (October 2018-2019)
- Alaska Resilience Initiative – Statewide Steering Committee (October 2018-May 2020)
- Alaska Community Resilience Coach Master Trainer Program- Statewide Trainer on Adverse Childhood Experience Research and Resilience and Wellness (June 2014-2017)
- Alaska Center for Children and Adults (ACCA) Board of Directors – Board Member (Sept 2014-June 2015) – ACCA Resource Development Committee (Sept 2014-June 2015)
- Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living (IAC) Board of Directors – Member At Large (2013-May 2015)

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT & CONTRACTING

Alaska Association for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (AK-AIMH) – Diversity, equity, and inclusion training and support. March – December 2022

Adelphi University Complex Trauma and Training Consortium (CTTC)– Curriculum Developer on Historical Trauma, Indigenous Well-Being, & Collective Healing and Train the Trainer. 2021-2022

Galena Interior Learning Academy – Training on Trauma, Healing & Cultural Resilience and Wellness. Galena, Alaska March 26-27, 2022

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*Association of Alaska School Boards – Create Alaska bite-sized trauma engaged video series called, *The 5 C’s for Healing Centered Engagement*, for a video library to support the Transforming School: A Framework and Toolkit for Trauma Engaged Practice in Alaska. June 2021*

Aleutian Pribilof Island Association - To participate as a reviewer, professional resource and training facilitator; to develop and deliver training on climate adaptation and community health and wellness. May 2021-August 2021

Molly of Denali - (PBS) Script Review for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. 2020-2021

Doyon Foundation Doyon Languages Online Program - Content Creator & Documentation for Deg Xinag Language. 2018-2021

Administration for Native Americans (ANA) Grant Panel Reviewer - Consultant - Read and scored new ANA grant applications, attended grant reviewer training, collaborated with other reviewers during panel discussions. Communicated effectively in writing and verbally during the panel discussion. Utilized ARM, the web-based application review system, to record application scores and comments. Learned evaluation criteria used to analyze and score grant applications and was diligent in providing a thorough, objective, accurate, and analytical comments. June 2019 & July 2021

Association of Interior Native Educators - Consultant - 2015 Signs of the Land: Reaching Arctic Communities Facing Climate Change Camp. Worked collaboratively with project partners and staff to prepare and coordinate camp activities, schedule, arrange logistics, assist with outreach/recruitment and travel and transportation for elders, guests and participants. Consultant will provide guidance in area of expertise, and if needed present and facilitate sections of the camp activities, supporting Elder advisors and being actively involved in making the camp a dynamic learning experience for everyone participating. Present at camp on climate change and health (trauma/wellness). May 2015 – July 2015

Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium – Healthy Healers Program – Provided consultation on curriculum, resources, and participated in a video for specific sections on Indigenous wellness and healing. Sept 2014-October 2014

Tanana Chiefs Conference – Parent Navigators Program June 2013-Dec 2014
Parent Navigator, Fairbanks, Alaska

Fairbanks Native Association–Ralph Perdue Treatment Center July 2013-Aug 2014
Residential Aide, Fairbanks, Alaska

Fairbanks Native Association - Parents as Teachers Program - Training Consultant, Fairbanks, Alaska - Provided cultural competency training to staff. Aug 2011

National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Policy Research Center 2006-2007
Research Assistant Kathryn M. Buder Center for American Indian Studies, Washington University in St. Louis. Research on “Methamphetamine in Indian Country.”

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

- Buder Center Faculty Associate – Washington U in St. Louis – 8/1/18-Present
- National Association of Social Workers Member 2006-2010, 2019-Present

- NASW-Alaska, BOD – President and President Elect (2007-2010)
- NICWA (National Indian Child Welfare Association) Sept 2017-Present
 - Society for Prevention Research – 2017-2018
 - Council on Social Work Education – 2006-2010, 2013, 2014, 2021-Present
 - Baccalaureate Program Director's Research Committee member (2010-2015)
 - Board Source, Sept 2014-August 2015
 - The Native Research Network, 2009-2010, 2013-2014
 - CSWE-Women's Commission-Appointed Member – July 2008-July 2009