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RESEARCH SERVICES INTERNSHIP PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

Winter 2023

Program Updates

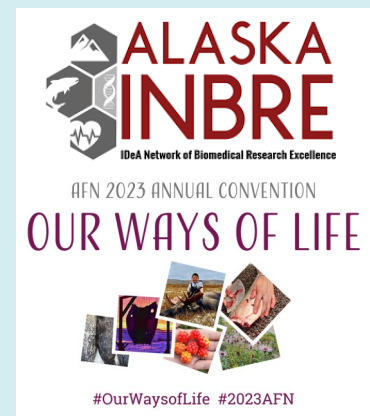
ANTHC's Research Services department has been busy this past quarter. We hosted two students from Georgetown University, Seareen Maaita and Alaina Anderson. They successfully completed their internship and made it safely back home. While at ANTHC, Seareen and Alaina assisted researchers with ongoing projects, attended the Health Research Review Committee, observed providers in the Liver Disease and Hepatitis Clinic, toured the CDC's Arctic Investigations Program, and participated in other activities.

Seareen contributed to Connie Jessen's grant proposal on substance use, overdose, mental health, and pain and is currently finishing her final project for Georgetown on the same topic. Seareen analyzed epidemiological and funding data to create heat map visualizations comparing opioid, substance misuse, and mental health federal grant funding with rates of overdoses in Alaska.

Alaina worked on creating the survey for Dr. Thomas's Kivalina Congenital Heart Defect study. She was also able to fly to Kivalina with Dr. Thomas and other researchers to attend meetings with community members and potential study participants. Alaina is currently working on her final project, a literature review which investigates the related topics of essential and non-essential trace elements and risks of developing congenital heart disease. We appreciated Seareen's and Alaina's contributions, enthusiasm, and eagerness to learn.

Research Services staff, including Seareen, attended the Alaska INBRE (IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence) retreat held in beautiful Talkeetna, Alaska. The retreat celebrated INBRE-funded research across a wide range of biomedical, ecological, and One Health fields. Seareen, Alaina, and ANTHC staff also attended the Elders and Youth Conference and the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) Convention, both held in downtown Anchorage.

You can read an article published by Georgetown University on Seareen and Alaina's experience here: health.georgetown.edu/news-story/school-of-health-students-practice-community-led-approach-to-health-with-alaska-natives/



Announcing AKIRP 2024!

The Alaska Indigenous Research Program (AKIRP) is a collaboration between ANTHC and Alaska Pacific University (APU) to increase capacity for conducting culturally responsive and respectful health research that addresses the unique settings and health needs of Alaska Native and American Indian People.

AKIRP includes a 3-week program covering advanced research, research ethics, and introductory research. AKIRP also offers a paid, 9-week summer internship for AI/AN undergraduate and graduate students who are interested in pursuing careers in health care or health research.

Registration will open in December and applications for the summer internship will open within the next few months. The internship job postings will be located on ANTHC's online job board.

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**AKIRP information is also
available online at:**

www.anthc.org/akirp

[www.facebook.com/groups/
akirp/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/akirp/)

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PROMOTING RESILIENCE, HEALTH AND WELLNESS

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MAY 6-10, 2024

ADVANCED RESEARCH



MAY 13-17, 2024

RESEARCH ETHICS



MAY 20-24, 2024

INTRODUCTORY RESEARCH



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Resources and Opportunities

Professional Development and Fellowships

- **IGNITE (Individual Growth & New Ideas Through EPSCoR/INBRE)**—Registration is open now through December 11 for this professional development opportunity hosted by Alaska INBRE and Alaska EPSCoR. Three tracks will be offered: one for faculty and researchers, one for staff, and one for students. IGNITE will be held in Anchorage on January 8-9. Topics will include grant writing, science communication, budgeting, mentoring, effective presentations, and more. Space is limited. Learn more and register at www.alaska.edu/epscor/events/ignite/index.php
- **Dr. James A. Ferguson Emerging Infectious Diseases Research Initiatives for Student Enhancement (RISE) Fellowship Program**—This CDC-funded program offers fellowships including a full-time summer fellowship, a 6-month part-time or full-time fellowship, and a 12-month full-time fellowship for graduate and post-Doctoral students. Fellows gain public health research experience and engage in professional development relating to infectious diseases and health disparities. Students from underrepresented populations are encouraged to apply. Fellows are paid a stipend and housing expenses are covered for orientation and for the summer fellowship. Applications for the 6-month fellowship are due November 28 and applications for the summer and 12-month fellowships are due January 31. Learn more and apply at www.kennedykrieger.org/training/programs/center-for-diversity-in-public-health-leadership-training/ferguson-rise
- **Maternal Child Health Careers/Research Initiatives for Student Enhancement—Undergraduate Program (MCHC/RISE-UP)**—This program, which is funded by the CDC's Kennedy Krieger Institute, is creating a national consortium of universities working to diversify the public health workforce. Member universities and partners provide public health leadership training in areas related to maternal and child health. There are 3 leadership tracks for students: Clinical/Community, Community Engagement and Advocacy, and Research. Undergraduate juniors and seniors and students who graduated with their Bachelors degree within the last 12 months are eligible to apply. Students from underrepresented populations are encouraged to apply. Students will be paid a stipend and housing expenses may be covered. Applications are due January 31. Learn more and apply at www.kennedykrieger.org/training/programs/center-for-diversity-in-public-health-leadership-training/mchc-rise-up
- **NW NARCH Research Support Fellowship for Undergraduate Students**—The Northwest Native American Research Center for Health is offering a paid research fellowship for AI/AN undergraduate students who are interested in population science careers. Fellows will conduct research, receive mentorship, participate in virtual seminars, and attend workshops in Portland, Oregon. Learn more and apply at www.npaihb.org/narch-fellowships/

Cultural Events and Exhibitions

- **Alaska Native Art Students Exhibition at University of Alaska Anchorage**—Held in UAA's Consortium Library (3211 Providence Dr., Anchorage) every Monday—Friday, November 6—February 9 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **University of Alaska Fairbanks's 50th Festival of Native Arts** will be held February 22-24, 2024 at the UAF campus. More information is available at fna.community.uaf.edu/announcing-our-50th-festival-of-native-arts/

Resources and Opportunities, Continued

Conferences

- **The 2024 American Indian Science and Engineering Program (AISES) National Conference** will be held in San Antonio, Texas on October 3-5, 2024. The conference is an excellent opportunity for networking, attending workshops and presentations, participating in Indigenous cultural events, professional development, mentorship, training, and more. The conference also hosts a large college and career fair. Learn more at www.aises.org/news/events/2024-aises-national-conference

Online Resources

- **CareersInPublicHealth.org** is a free career exploration website for students and professionals early in public health and social science careers. The site offers free assessments to help you explore your skills, your personal mission, your values, and what roles you would be interested in fulfilling in your career journey. The Career Clusters tool offers detailed information and resources on a wide variety of public health careers.
- **Research Services Brownbags**—Many of you will remember attending Research Services' twice monthly virtual Brownbags, in which researchers and public health professionals share presentations on their research findings, funding opportunities, fellowships, and more. Brownbags are held at 12 pm on the third Wednesday of every month, and Research Methods Brownbags are held at 12 pm on the last Tuesday of every month. If you would like to be added to the email list to receive the Zoom links, contact Gretchen Day at gmday@anthc.org

Research Services is Growing!

ANTHC Research Services will be hiring new positions soon:

- Computer Programmer Analyst
- Research Program Coordinator

Look for career opportunities posted this winter. ANTHC's job postings can be found by navigating to www.anthc.org and clicking on "ANTHC Job Openings" under the "Working With Us" tab at the top of the page.

Contact Us

Contact us if you have any questions, feedback, ideas, or life updates!

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