

Shanondora M. Billiot

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D.** May 2017, Brown School of Social Work, Washington University
Dissertation - *How Do Environmental Changes and Shared Cultural Experiences Impact the Health of Indigenous Peoples in South Louisiana?*
Committee Chairs: Shanta Pandey & Michael Sherraden
- M.S.W.** May 2007, University of Michigan (Magna cum Laude)
Community-Based Initiative
Concentration: Social Policy; Community and Social Systems
- B.A., B.S.** May 2005, Louisiana State University
Sociology, Psychology

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2017** **Assistant Professor**
School of Social Work, University of Illinois
- 2017** **Affiliate Assistant Professor**
American Indian Studies, University of Illinois

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Community development and social policies related to: the health and wellbeing of historically underrepresented groups; environmental and social determinants of health, specifically, chronic and historical trauma related to the physical environment; and social justice with indigenous and marginalized populations.

COMPETITIVE GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, & SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2018** **Campus Research Board**, University of Illinois
Award: \$24,900
- 2018** **Returning to our Roots**, NIMHD, R21, Research to Improve Native American Health, PI
- 2017** **Educational Improvement Award**, United Houma Nation
- 2017** **Loan Repayment Program**, NIH, (Under review)
- 2016** **Henry Roe Cloud Dissertation Writing Fellow**
Yale Group for the Study of Native America, Yale University
Amount: \$29,000/year

- 2016 **Impact Grant Consultant, Tribal Cultural Bearers Advocacy Project**
Greater New Orleans Area Foundation
Amount: \$50,000
- 2015 **Dissertation Grant**, Center for Social Development
Washington University in South Louisiana,
Award: \$6,000
- 2014-2016 **Indigenous Substance Abuse Medicines, and Addictions Research
Training (ISMART) Fellow**, Indigenous Wellness Research Institute,
University of Washington, NIDA, Award # HHSN271201200663P; PI:
Karina Walters, PhD
- 2012-2015 **Minority Fellowship Program**, Council on Social Work Education
Award: \$22,000/year
- 2012 **Finalist in Recognition for Excellence in a Teaching Assistant**
Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis
- 2012 **Summer Fellow**, United Nations University Summer Institute
- 2011-2015 **Pre-Doctoral Fellowship**, Kathryn M. Buder Center
Washington University in St. Louis
Award: \$18,000/year
- 2009 **Secretary Exceptional Service Award**, U.S. Depart. of Veterans Affairs
- 2006-2007 **Dean's Merit-Based Scholarship**, University of Michigan SSW

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Review Publications

Burnette, C. E., Boel-Studt, S., Renner, L. M., Figley, C. R. & **Billiot, S.** (*in press*)
Conceptualizing and Measuring Historical Oppression among American Indian
People: The Historical Oppression Scale

Billiot, S. (2017). *How do Environmental Changes and Shared Cultural Experiences Impact the
Health of Indigenous Peoples in South Louisiana?* ProQuest Dissertation and Thesis
(order 12214).

Burnette, C. E. & **Billiot, S.** (2015). Reaching Harmony Across Indigenous and
Mainstream Research Paradigms: An Emergent Narrative. *Journal of Indigenous Social
Development*, 4 (1), 1-15. DOI: <http://hdl.handle.net/10125/37622>

Patterson, D.A., VanZile-Tamsen, C., Black, J., **Billiot, S.**, & Tovar, M. (2015). The

Impact of Disability and Other Physical Health Issues on Academic Outcomes among American Indian and Alaskan Native College Students: An Exploratory Analysis, *Journal of Social Work in Disability & Rehabilitation*, 14 (3-4), 208-221. DOI: 10.1080/1536710X.2015.1068254

Patterson-Silver Wolf, D., Hertel, A., & **Billiot, S.** (2014). Native Americans, Suicide Among. In L. Cousins (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Human Services and Diversity*. (Vol. 7, pp. 948-950). Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications, Inc.

Patterson-Silver Wolf, D., VanZile-Tamsen, C., Black, J., **Billiot, S.** & Tovar, M. (2013). A Comparison of Self-Reported Physical Health and Health Conditions of American Indian/Alaskan Natives to Other College Students. *Journal for Community Health*, 38 (6), 1090-1097.

Manuscripts in Preparation

Burnette, C. E., Boel-Studt, S., Renner, L. M., Figely, C. R., Theall, K. P., Miller Scarnato, J. & **Billiot, S.** (Under Review). The Family Resilience Inventory: A Culturally Grounded Measure of Intergenerational Family Protective Factors. *Family Process*

Billiot, S. & Parfait, J. (under review). Reclaiming Land: Adaptation Activities and Challenges To Global Environmental Changes within Indigenous Communities: Indigenous. In M. Sherraden, J. Riggs, & L. Mason (Eds.), *People and Climate Change: Vulnerability, Adaptation, Social Justice*.

Billiot, S. & Mitchell, F. (under review). Conceptual Interdisciplinary Model of Environmental Change to Address Indigenous Health and Well-Being. *Journal of Public Health: Special Issue Indigenous Health & Wellbeing*.

Billiot, S., Beltran, R., Brown, D., Fernandez, A., & Mitchell, F. (submit July 2018). *Indigenous Perspectives for Strengthening Social Responses to Global Environmental Changes: A Response to the Social Work Grand Challenge on Environmental Changes*.

Book in Preparation

Powers, M., Nesmith, A., Forbes, R., **Billiot, S.**, Lawrence, L., Buckhoy, N., Machado Escudero, Y., & Schmitz, C. (Submitted Proposal February 2018). *Intersecting Environmental Justice, Climate Change, and Sustainability in Social Work*. Springer

PRESENTATIONS

Peer Review

Billiot, S. (January 2018). Environmental Changes, Indigenous Experiences, and Health Outcomes. Paper presented at the 22nd Annual Conference for the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.

Billiot, S. (January 2018). Discrimination and Environmental Changes as Stressors among

Indigenous Peoples in South Louisiana. Symposium presented at the 22nd Annual Conference for the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.

Burnette, C., Figley, C., Comby, N., **Billiot, S.**, Liddell, J., & Woodward, S. (June 2017). *Culturally Grounded Research to Guide Substance Abuse and Violence Prevention*. A presentation at the 2017 National Congress of American Indians Tribal Leaders and Scholars Forum. Uncasville, CT.

Palinkas, L., Reyes Mason, L., Billiot, S., & Mitchell, F. (2017). Teaching Transdisciplinary and Translational Science Skills for Addressing the Grand Challenges. Grand Challenge Teaching Institute presented at the 63rd Annual Program Meeting for the Council on Social Work Education, Dallas, TX.

Billiot, S., Beltran, R., Teyra, C., Fernandez, A., Black, J., Brown, D., Lama, G., Mitchell, F., & Walters, K. (January 2017). *Strengthening Social Responses to Global Environmental Changes Grand Challenge: An Indigenous Approach*. Roundtable presented at the 21st Annual Conference for the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.

Billiot, S., & Mitchell, F. (November, 2016). *Reframing Indigenous Mental Health Through an Indigenist Model of Ecological Change*. Interactive Poster to be presented at the 62nd Annual Program meeting for the Council on Social Work Education, Atlanta, GA.

Burnette, C. E. & **Billiot, S.** (November, 2016). *Community Engaged Research Methods to Develop Interventions Promoting Wellness Among Indigenous Peoples*. Paper to be presented at the 62nd Annual Program meeting for the Council on Social Work Education, Atlanta, GA.

Rock, L., **Billiot, S.**, & Fernandez, A. (June, 2016). *The Indignity of Environmental Injustice: International Perspectives*. Joint World Conference on Social Work, Education and Social Development 2016, Seoul, South Korea.

Billiot, S. (January, 2016). *Exploring the Impacts of Environmental Change Exposure on Health among an Indigenous Community in Coastal Louisiana*. Pre-dissertation methods and theoretical concept presented at the Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, 2016, Washington, DC.

Billiot, S., Walton, Q., & Noel, L. (October, 2014). *Community-Based Participatory Research Methods with Communities of Color: A Skills Workshop*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting 2014, Tampa, FL.

Billiot, S. & Herman, M. (June, 2012). *Mobilizing Partnerships to Prevent Post Disaster Mental Health Trauma*. Paper presented at the Indian Health Services National Behavioral Health Conference 2012, Phoenix, AZ.

Invited Presentations

- Billiot, S.** (October, 2017). *The Interconnectedness of Global Environmental Changes, Culture, and Health among Indigenous Peoples*. University of Illinois YMCA Environmental Justice Lecture Series, Urbana, IL.
- Billiot, S.** (November, 2016). *Health and Indigenous Communities: Indigenous –Specific Sensitivities to Environmental Changes*. People and Climate Change: Vulnerability, Adaptation, Social Justice Symposium, Washington University in St. Louis.
- Friedman, B., Martinez, M., **Billiot, S.**, & Roh, S. (June, 2016). *Using Community-Based Participatory Research as a Transformative Tool for Turning Data into Action*. Joint World Conference on Social Work, Education and Social Development 2016, Seoul, South Korea.

Invited Course Lectures on Campus

- 2018 *Environmental Studies Program, College of Natural Resources*
 2017 *Diversity & Environmental Justice Dialogue, School of Theater*
 Diversity, Identities & Issues, School of School Work

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2016 **Consultant, Tribal Cultural Bearers Advocacy Project**
 Principal Investigator: United Houma Nation
 Funded by: Greater New Orleans Area Foundation Impact Grant
 Developing culturally informed Institutional Review Board (IRB) process through recruiting cultural bearers, writing tribal ordinance, and facilitating IRB committee research strategic planning sessions.
- 2015 **Research Assistant, Weaving Healthy Families**
 Principal Investigator: Catherine Burnette, Tulane University
 Funded by: Fahs-Beck Fund for Research and Experimentation Faculty Research Grant #552745, Silberman Fund Faculty Grant Program #552781
 Collected and analyzed a subset of critical ethnographic interviews with United Houma Nation tribal members to understand a holistic view of healthy families.
- 2014-2017 **Research Assistant, Returning to Our Roots, Tribal Health and Wellness**
 Principal Investigators: Michelle Johnson-Jennings, University of Minnesota Duluth
 Karina Walters, University of Washington
 Funded by: Greater New Orleans Area Foundation Impact Grant
 Working with tribal elders to develop health promotion intervention for addressing chronic diseases within the community.
- 2013 **Research Project Manager, Buder Alumni Program Evaluation**
 Principal Investigator: David Patterson, Washington University in St. Louis
 Funded by: Kathryn M. Buder Center for American Indian Studies

Designed and piloted survey to evaluate the effectiveness of American Indian student programs and services.

- 2012-2013 **Research Assistant, *Environmental Changes and Experience of Coastal Parks***
Principal Investigator: Aaron Hipp, Washington University in St. Louis
Conducted secondary statistical analysis to understand the relationships between crowding, stress, weather, use and experience.
- 2007 **Field Researcher, *Children Living with Disabilities***
Funded by: Nonprofit and Public Management Center, University of Michigan
Designed and implemented survey on prevalence of people living with disabilities in Huambaló, Ecuador.
- 2007 **Research Assistant, *Serious Youth Violence & Exposure to Violent Media***
Principal Investigator: L. Rowell Huesmann, P.I., University of Michigan,
Conducted interviews among incarcerated youth and their parents.
- 2007 **Research Assistant, *Evaluation of Integrative Medicine Scholars Program***
Principal Investigator: Rita Bean, University of Michigan
Conducted qualitative research interviews with medical practitioners on complementary and alternative medicinal practices.
- 2006-2007 **Consultant, *Detroit Good Neighbor Initiative***
Principal Investigator: Larry Gant, University of Michigan
Funded by: Skillman Foundation
Facilitated workgroup sessions in community engagement strategic planning sessions residents of Brightmore community.
- 2004-2005 **Undergraduate Research Assistant**
Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA
Completed subject testing in research projects with Dr. Amy Copeland, Dr. Michael Grimes, Dr. Jason Hicks, and Dr. Sean Lane.

Specialized Research Training & Faculty Development

- 2018 **Research Academy, University of Illinois College of Agriculture, Consumer Sciences, and Environment Faculty Development**
- 2015 **Introduction to Propensity Score Analysis, Brown School Workshop**
Instructor: Shenyang Guo; Fifteen-hour workshop focusing on the evaluation of treatment effects in non-experimental or observational data.
- 2014 **Biostatistics for Non-statisticians, APHA Methods Workshop**
Instructor: Michael Joseph, PhD, MPH; Eight-hour review of biostatistics.
- 2012 **Resilience and Vulnerability, United Nations University, Bonn, Germany**

Instructors: Susan Cutter, Jorn Birkmann, and Melanie Gall; Five day theoretical and methodological training on geological hazards, social vulnerability, and climate change social research.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Fall 2017 **Instructor**
University of Illinois School of Social Work
Course: *Practice III, Macro Practice with Groups, Communities, & Systems*
- Spring 2015 **Invited Guest Lecturer**
Lindenwood University
Course: *Human Diversity*
Presented two lectures on diversity in age, gender, race, and income.
- Spring 2015 **Invited Guest Lecturer**
Lindenwood University
Course: *Intercultural Communication*
Presented two lectures on communication skills and intersectionality.
- Spring 2013 **Invited Guest Lecturer**
Washington University in St. Louis
Course: *American Indians at Contact and Westward Expansion*
Presented lecture on the history of my tribal community.
- Spring 2013 **Teaching Assistant**
Washington University in St. Louis
Course: *American Indian Societies, Cultures, and Values*
Assisted in course development. Responsible for grading, student communication, and lecture on environmental justice.
- Fall 2012 **Teaching Assistant**
Washington University in St. Louis
Course: *Social Work and American Indians*
Assisted in course development. Responsible for grading, student communication, and lectures on community development and social policy.
- Fall 2012 **Teaching Assistant**
Washington University in St. Louis
Course: *Health Administration and Policy*
Instrumental in developing the course with Dean Lawlor. Responsible for grading assignments, lecturing, and facilitating critical thinking exercises.
- Spring 2012 **Teaching Assistant**
Washington University in St. Louis
Course: *International Social Development*
Lectured on theories of development and assisted in grading assignments.

Spring 2012 **Invited Guest Lecturer**
University of Washington
Course: *Community Development and Social Work*
Lectured on community development with indigenous populations.

CLINICAL AND PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

- 2010-2013 **International Health Analyst**, Office of Global Affairs, Office of the Secretary
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Managed Middle-East Region health portfolio for Assistant to the Secretary.
Analyzed policies in the region and prepared briefings for Secretary-level bi-lateral and multi-lateral meetings with officials from this region. Chaired multi-lateral workgroup to implement nursing training programs in Pakistan and Afghanistan.
- 2008-2010 **Health Analyst (Presidential Management Fellow)**, Office of Deputy
Undersecretary for Patient Care Services, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Oversaw and monitored flow of \$337 million supplemental budget for health services for veterans of wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Analyzed national directives for policies in mental health, homelessness, and social work implemented at all veteran hospitals. Provided congressional briefings.
- 2008 **Community Development Director**, New Orleans Regional Office,
Louisiana Association of Nonprofit Organizations
Analyzed state and housing policy proposals of neighborhood planning zones to assist in strategic planning sessions. Provided nonprofit management technical assistance to grassroots neighborhood associations. Managed budget of \$325,000 and staff.
- 2006-2007 **Legislative Assistant (MSW Practicum)**, Office of Michigan State
Representative Steve Tobacman
Researched, compiled memos, and drafted a proposal bill setting new environmental standards on acquisition and remediation of school properties.
- 2004-2006 **Crisis Counselor, 2-1-1 Manager**, Baton Rouge Crisis Intervention Center
Located available resources during and after hurricanes. Following Hurricane Katrina, assisted in establishing state-wide access to resources and services in preparation for next disaster. Provided confidential crisis and suicide intervention as crisis counselor volunteer.
- 2004-2005 **Counselor**, Women's Community Resource Center
Supervised substance abuse and mentally ill residents on weekend outings and provided crisis counseling.
- 2004-2005 **AmeriCorps Member**, Serve! Baton Rouge

Supervised teen volunteers at community project sites while facilitating group cohesion. Directed service project where teens created and donated their artwork to retirement home. Tutored and mentored elementary students in extended day program. Developed and implemented group enrichment activities.

2002-2005 **Visual Information Journeyman, Staff Sergeant**, Louisiana Air National Guard
Managed department for deployment equipment and readiness as Non-commissioned Officer (NCO). Designed recruitment and human resource pamphlets, posters and slide shows. Received award for NCO Promotional Education Management test scoring in the highest percentile.

1997-2002 **Visual Information Apprentice, Senior Airman**, U.S. Air Force
Lead squadron to receive 48th Fighter Wing Base awards from U.N. inspections as manager of both Environmental and Safety programs. Created and managed Commanders video teleconference system. Designed and maintained local intranet site.

ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2017-2018 Faculty Search Committee, University of Illinois School of Social Work
2014-Present Editorial Board: *Journal of American Indian and Alaska Native Health*
2013-2016 Academic Advisor: MSW students
2013 Student Representative: University Graduate Professional Council
2012-Present Reviewer: *Journal of Behavioral Health Services and Research*
2011-Present Representative: Indigenous Studies Interdepartmental Committee
2011-Present Mentor: Kathryn M. Buder Center for American Indian Studies Scholars

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

2014 *Resource Coordinator Volunteer*, St. Anthony of Padua Food Pantry
2009-2010 *Volunteer*, Foundation for Sustainable Development
2005-2011 *Volunteer*, Disaster Mental Health Counselor
2004-2011 *Election Volunteer*, Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee
2004-2006 *Co-Director*, Venus Envy Women's Festival
2004-2005 *Local Station Volunteer*, National Public Radio Pledge Drive
1999-2002 *President*, Airmen Against Drunk Driving

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

American Public Health Association
American Society of Adaptation Professionals
Council on Social Work Education
Society for Social Work and Research
National Association of Social Workers