

Curriculum Vitae
Dr. Virginia Drywater-Whitekiller

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Professor of Social Work, Tenured, Northeastern State University
Adjunct Professor: Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Department Chair, Professional Studies (Social Work and Criminal Justice) 2006-2009.

EDUCATION

2000-2004 Oklahoma State University, Ed.D. Higher Education Leadership

Academic Honors:

2003-2004 James Leonard Prince Memorial Scholar

2002-2003 Robert B. and Maxine Kamm Distinguished Graduate Award

2001-2002 Helmer & Frances Sorenson Scholarship for Education Leadership

2009 Post-Doctoral Award: Native American Smithsonian Community Scholar

1993-1995 Washington University in St. Louis, Brown School, Master of Social Work

Academic Honors: Buder American Indian Studies Scholar

1983-1987 Northeastern State University, Bachelor of Social Work

Academic Honors: Cum Laude, Phi Alpha Honor Society Charter Member

PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

Cross, S., **Whitekiller-Drywater, V.**, Holder, L.A., Norris, D., Caringi, J., and Trautman, A. (2015). "NCWWI tribal traineeship programs: Promoting diversity in the child welfare workforce." *Journal on Social Work Education*, 51(2), S225-S238.

Whitekiller-Drywater, V. (2014). Family group conferencing an indigenous approach to compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act. *Journal of Public Child Welfare*, 1(8).
***2014 top three online most read journal articles for *Journal of Public Child Welfare*.**

Whitekiller-Drywater, V. (2010). Cultural resilience: Voices of Native American students in college retention. *The Canadian Journal of Native Studies*, 30(1), 1-19.

Whitekiller-Drywater, V. (Fall, 2006). What this dominant society can't always give me: Perceptions of Native American elders teaching Native traditions. *Journal of Baccalaureate Social Work*, 12(1), 71-86.

Fritz, G.J., **Whitekiller-Drywater, V.**, & McIntosh, J.W. (Winter, 2001). Ethnobotany of ku-nu-che: Cherokee hickory nut soup. *Journal of Ethnobiology*, 21(2), 1-27.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Whitekiller-Drywater, V., Cahn, K., Craig-Oldsen, H., & Caringi, J. (2014) "Social work education in tribal and urban Indian child welfare settings." In the Children's Bureau: Shaping a century of child welfare practices, programs, and policies. Washington, DC: NASW Press.

Whitekiller-Drywater, V. (Fall, 2011). Nancy Ward: Ghighau, Head Beloved Woman of the Cherokees. In R. Hamilton & K. Coody Cooper (Eds.). Cherokee Writers from the flint hills of Oklahoma: An anthology. Indigitronic Publishing House.

MAGAZINE PUBLICATIONS

Whitekiller-Drywater, V. (Fall, 2011). Bringing back the tobacco: Cherokee stories of cultural resilience. *Cultural Survival*, 35(3).

Whitekiller-Drywater, V. (Spring, 2010). An interview with Jack Soto: American Indian

leadership reexamined. *Winds of Change*.

Whitekiller-Drywater, V. (Winter, 2009). Cultural resilience: Putting a name to American Indian college retention. *Winds of Change*, 24(1), 79-80.

TECHNICAL REPORTS

Self-Study Accreditation Document for the Counsel on Social Work Education (CSWE).

Retrieve from academics.nsuok.edu/socialwork/CSWESelfStudy.aspx

(Co-Author) Baldwin, M., Bigfoot, D., Bigfoot, D., Deakins, B., Dufraime, N., Echohawk, L., Geary, E., Gomez, R., Hatford, C., Jones, F., LaFrance, J., Mee, M., Murray, S., Painte, D., Randall, C., Running Wolf, P., Villegas, M., Walker, J., West, E., Whitekiller-Drywater, V., & Whitesell, N. (2013). Strategic Roadmap for co-creating collaborative and strategic evaluation to improve tribal child welfare programs. U.S. Children's Bureau, Washington, DC. Retrieve from <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/tribal-workgroup>. *Product was recognized in 2015 for a platinum and honorable mention award by Hermes Creative Awards, an international competition for creative professionals involved in the concept, writing, and design of traditional materials and programs, and emerging technologies.

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CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Whitekiller-Drywater, V. (June, 2012). Family group conferencing: A treatise for compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act. *Sovereignty Symposium XXV, Conference Proceedings*.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER CURRENT REVIEW

Whitekiller-Drywater, V. "We Belong to the Land: Native Americans experiencing and coping with microaggressions."

Whitekiller-Drywater, V. "Worlds Apart: A Memoir in Diversity."

Whitekiller-Drywater, V., & Bang, E.J. "Changing Attitudes toward Older Adults in BSW Service Learning Projects."

Whitekiller-Drywater, V. Cox, C., & Hail, T. Financial Capability and Asset Building Curriculum (FCAB) with the Center for Social Development, Washington University in St. Louis.

GRANTS AWARDED

2013-2018 Child Welfare Traineeship Title IV-B (one of 11 awarded in the nation), Total Award: \$735,000.00

2013-2014 NSU FRC Research Award for "What about us normal people? Native Americans experiencing and coping with micro aggressions." Amount of award: \$5,700.00

2010-2013 Child Welfare Traineeship Title IV-B (one of 12 awarded in the nation), Total Award: \$505,805.00

2012 Child Welfare Traineeship Title-IV-B, Supplemental Funding Award, Total Award: \$60,805.00

2009-2010 NSU Faculty Research Committee Award, "Cherokee myths and legends as

- viewed through cultural resilience.” Total Award: \$7,081.00
- 2009** Smithsonian Native Community Scholar, Total Award: \$2,500.00
- 2007** Title IV-E received funding for the NSU Methamphetamine and Child Conference: \$16,500.00.
- 2003-2004** NSU Faculty Research Grant, Cultural resilience: Factors that influence the graduation of Native American college students. (Doctoral Dissertation)
Total Award: \$1,157.00
- 2002** OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine: HRSA, \$1,000,000.00
- 1998** Avon Breast Health Access Fund: \$20,000.00

RECENT SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) 62nd Annual Meeting, (Accepted Proposal), “We belong to the land: Native Americans Experiencing and Coping with Microaggressions” Atlanta, GA, November 4-6, 2016.
- National Indian Child Welfare Association Conference (Panel Moderator), “Preparing a highly-qualified child welfare workforce: Recruiting, educating, and launching students for service to tribal children and families” St. Paul Minnesota, April 3-6, 2016.
- Oklahoma Indian Child Welfare Conference, “Family group conferencing: An indigenous practice to compliance with ICWA” Norman, OK, November 5, 2015.
- Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) 61st Annual Meeting, “Attitudes toward aging: Can a service learning project make a positive difference? October 15-18, 2015, Denver, CO.
- Financial Capabilities and Asset Building Convening Session Leadership (Panel Representative) “FCAB and Social Work Research, Education, and Practice” April 16, 2015, Washington University, St. Louis, MO.
- “Cross Cultural Training in Child Welfare Services to Native Families” October 31, 2014, Oklahoma Therapeutic Foster Care Association, Tulsa, OK.
- The Society for Social Work and Research (SWWR) 2014 Annual Conference, “Special Issues for American Indian/Alaskan Native Trainees” January 16, 2014, San Antonio, TX.
- National Child Welfare Workforce Institute panel representative, “Traineeship legacies and lessons learned” National Webinar April 22, 2014.
- “Women and resiliency” for Women’s History Month Program at the Veteran’s Medical Center, March 15, 2013, Muskogee, OK.
- Michigan State University, Social Work Continuing Education, “Cultural resilience: A strengths perspective” at Michigan Indian Day, September 28, 2012, Lansing, Michigan.
- Saginaw Chippewa Behavioral Health Department, “Cultural resilience: A strengths perspective” Mount Pleasant, Michigan, September 27, 2012.
- Sovereignty Symposium XXV, “The ICWA and family group decision making” June 13, 2012, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
- Promoting Undergraduate Research Conference, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, “Faculty panel: Benefits and challenges” April 13, 2012, Midwest City, Oklahoma.
- National Indian Child Welfare Association Conference, “Preparing American Indian social work students for child welfare services in Indian country: National Child Welfare Workforce Institute (NCWWI) Traineeship Programs” April 24, 2012, Scottsdale, Arizona.
- Oklahoma Indian Child Welfare Conference, “Family group conferencing: An indigenous perspective” November 15, 2011, Midwest City, Oklahoma.

Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, “Attitudes toward the aged: Can one community education assignment make a difference?” October 29, 2011, Atlanta, Georgia.

With Steve Wahnee (Creek Nation), Dawn Yahola (Creek Nation), and Kara Whitworth (Cherokee Nation), “The Indian Child Welfare Act: Successes and Challenges” at the 2010 NSU American Indian Symposium.

National Indian Education Association, 39th Annual Convention, “Cultural Resilience: Voices of American Indian Students in College Retention”, October 23-26, 2008, Seattle, Washington.

Oklahoma Chapter National Association of Social Workers Annual Meeting. “Cultural Resilience: A Strengths Perspective.” Fall 2007, Norman, Oklahoma.

RECENT UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Principle Investigator, NSU Child Welfare Traineeship and Specialization 2010-Current.

Bio Ethics and Hazardous Materials Committee 2015-Current

Library Committee Member 2015-Current

Liberal Arts Dean’s Council Fall 2013-Current

Historical Authenticator/Consultant for Nanyehi, NSU Performing Arts Production, Spring 2013

Served as a facilitator for the NSU Regional Summit, October 2010 and March 2011.

Member of the NSU American Heritage Committee (current).

Member of the NSU Faculty Grievance Committee (current).

Member of the Faculty Research Committee (2005-2008).

OTHER RECENT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

2014-2015	External program evaluator for Cherokee Nation Bright Futures Program
Fall 2014	External tenure reviewer for a social work faculty member at Rutgers University
2013 to Current	National Child Welfare Workforce Institute Advisory Committee Member
2012 to 2013	National Child Welfare Tribal Evaluation Work Group Member
2012	CSWE Site Visitor Lamar University, Beaumont, TX, February 8, 2012
2010-2012	Directed and wrote BSW self-study for CSWE program reaffirmation
2005 to 2016	Child Welfare Clinical Consultant for Oklahoma DHS
2011 to 2013	External Evaluator for Cherokee Nation Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court
2007-2010	External Program Evaluator, Alzheimer’s Program, NEO Health Center, Tahlequah, OK
2008	Curriculum Reviewer “Understanding Infant Adoption,” Heritage Family Services, Tulsa, OK.
2007	Bureau of Indian Affairs, Muskogee Regional Office, Independent Program Evaluator, Five ICWA Oklahoma Tribal Programs
2006-2008	External Stakeholder, Program Reviewer, DHS Child Welfare
2005	Peer Grant Reviewer, HRSA, Centers of Excellence, DHHS
2005	Executive Board Member, CASA of Cherokee Country
2004	Peer Grant Reviewer, FIPSE, U.S. Department of Education
2002, 2001	Peer Grant Reviewer, HCOP, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

