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Education

Ph.D.	University of Montana	Public Health	2022
	Dissertation: <i>American Indian traditional ceremonial practices: Addressing problem substance use in a multi-tribal urban community</i>		
M.S.	University of California, San Francisco	Healthcare Administration & Interprofessional Leadership	2016
	Professional Paper: <i>Interorganizational collaboration as a method to improve access and quality in an urban Native American health center</i>		
B.A.	University of Montana	Sociology	2015
	Capstone: <i>Strengthening the Circle: Exploring equity in healthcare for American Indians experiencing homelessness</i>		

Academic and Research Appointments

2025 -	Associate Professor, Social Epidemiology & Indigenous Health School of Public and Community Health Sciences, University of Montana
2024-2025	Research Associate Professor, Social Epidemiology School of Public and Community Health Sciences, University of Montana
2024 -	Faculty Affiliate American Indian Governance & Policy Institute, University of Montana
2024-2025	Community Engagement & Outreach (CEO) Core Director Montana Clinical Translational Research Center, University of Montana
2023 -	Adjunct Instructor Native American Studies, University of Montana
2021-2024	Practitioner Faculty School of Public and Community Health Sciences, University of Montana
2017-2018	Adjunct Instructor Department of Sociology, University of Montana
2017-2018	Research Specialist Department of Mathematics, University of Montana

Professional Positions

2024 -	Principal Consultant & Chief Science Officer American Indian Health Research & Evaluation, LLC, Missoula, MT
2021-2024	City-County Health Officer Missoula Public Health, Missoula, MT
2018-2021	Executive Director All Nations Health Center, Missoula, MT
2013-2018	Principal Consultant The Kishíhene Clan, LLC, San Francisco, CA

- 2010-2013 Executive Director
National Council of Urban Indian Health, Washington, DC
- 2008-2010 Director of Planning & Policy
Native American Health Center, Oakland, CA
- 2007-2008 Director of Special Projects
Native American Health Center, Oakland, CA
- 2006-2007 Special Projects Officer
Native American Health Center, Oakland, CA
- 2005-2006 Planning Associate
Native American Health Center, Oakland, CA
- 2002-2005 Program Coordinator
Inter-Tribal Council of California, Sacramento, CA
- 2001-2002 Communications Intern
Inter-Tribal Council of California, Sacramento, CA

Current Sponsored Research Roles

National Institute on Drug Abuse – Helping End Addiction Long-term (HEAL)

1K01DA061078-01 (NIH) **07/2024-07/2029 Chase-Begay (PI) \$861,608**

A 5-year K01 career development and research grant. Using a multi-method approach, conduct a hybrid type 2 implementation-effectiveness clinical trial of a substance abuse prevention intervention for Indigenous young adults in urban, multi-tribal communities in Montana.

Role: Principal Investigator

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation – Health Equity Scholars for Action

ID No. 81522 (RWJF) **02/2024-02/2026 Chase-Begay (PI) \$259,780**

A 24-month research development grant. Using a sequential mixed-methods approach, engage nationally renowned Indigenous health scholars via focus groups and interviews to elucidate the scope, application, and structure of Indigenous Research Methodology (IRM) in Western research settings.

Role: Principal Investigator

Prior/Completed Sponsored Research Roles

National Institute of General Medical Sciences–Clinical Translational Research Development (CTR-D)

1P20GM155895-01 (NIH) **09/2024-08/2029 Ward (PI) \$10,973,983**

The Montana Clinical Translational Research Center (Montana CTCRC) will build C&T research capacity in our rural and underserved state. Aim 1) Provide mentorship and workforce professional development to enhance the capacity and infrastructure in conducting C&T research, Aim 2) Administer clinical and translational research projects, and Aim 3) Integrate translational research within community settings.

Role: Community Engagement & Outreach (CEO) Core Director (2024-2025)

AIAN Clinical & Translational Research Program – Development Award

5U54GM115371-05 (NIH) **08/20-12/21 Brown (PI) \$50,000**

The main goal of this project was to complete a sequential mixed-methods assessment of the role of American Indian traditional ceremonial practices (TCPs) in an urban, multi-tribal Native American community and explore the potential for a TCP-based prevention intervention focused on reducing problem substance use within the target population.

Role: Co-Investigator

Missoula Native Connections

1H79SM082058-01 (SAMHSA) **04/19-04/24** **Barnett (PI)** **\$1,156,714**

The goal of this five-year project is the design and delivery of a culturally tailored substance abuse and suicide prevention system of care for American Indian youth (15 to 24) living in and around Missoula.

Role: Principal Investigator (2019-2021)

One With All

SP13927-01 (SAMHSA) **11/06-10/11** **Nebelkopf (PI)** **\$7,996,645**

The goal of this five-year project is to expand the capacity of Northern California tribal organizations to provide culturally appropriate, evidence-based substance abuse prevention services for American Indians and Alaska Natives in the region.

Role: Project Director (2006-2008)

Shake the Feathers

CPIMP 061029-02 (OMH) **09/06-08/09** **Saylors (PI)** **\$434,996**

The goal of this three-year project is to provide a culturally competent, integrated community-based response to HIV/AIDS through coordinated risk reduction, testing services, and evaluation to urban American Indians/Alaska Natives (AI/AN).

Role: Project Director (2006-2008)

Refereed Publications

Chase-Begay DM, Cahoon J, Peterson JC, Belcourt A, Noonan C, Brown BD. Assessing American Indian traditional ceremonial practices and substance use behaviors in an urban, multi-tribal setting: Results from a community survey. *Am Indian Alsk Native Ment Health Res*. 2026;32(4):57-82. <https://doi.org/10.5820/aian.3204.2026.57>. [CiteScore: 2.3]

Roth I, **Chase-Begay DM**, Behm V, Harris Z, Tomczak P, Owen-Smith A, La Monica M, Corbett A, Kizhakkeveettil A. A Call to Protect the Nation's Investment in Integrative, Complementary, and Traditional Health Practice Research. *Glob Adv Integr Med Health*. 2025;14:27536130251384296. <https://doi.org/10.1177/27536130251384296>. [CiteScore: 3.8]

Chase-Begay, DM. Expanding the Reach of Opioid Agonist Therapy—Lessons for Indigenous Communities. *JAMA Netw Open*. Jul 2025;8(7):e2521434. <https://doi.org/10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2025.21434>. [CiteScore 13.8]

Tsosie RL, Grant AD, Harrington J, Wu K, Chase S, Thomas A, **Chase-Begay DM**, Hill S, Belcourt A, Plenty Sweetgrass R. A Growing Willow: The Six Rs Indigenous Research Framework - Stories of the Native American Faculty Journey in STEM. *Rural Sociol*. 2024;89(S1):620-37. <http://doi.org/10.1111/ruso.12576>. [CiteScore: 4.3]

Chase-Begay DM, Adam CE, Williams E, Semmens E. Association between Caregiver-perceived Health Care Provider Cultural Sensitivity and Child Health Status in the National Survey of Children's Health: 2016–2020. *J Health Care Poor Underserved*. 2024;35(3):951-61. <https://doi.org/10.1353/hpu.2024.a934308>. [CiteScore: 2.0]

Chase-Begay DM, Peterson J, Liddell J, Belcourt A. Traditional ceremonial practices as a strategy to reduce problem substance use in American Indian communities: A systematic review. *J Integr Complement Med*. 2023;29(6-7):408-19. <http://doi.org/10.1089/jicm.2022.0655>. [CiteScore: 4.0]

Tsosie RL, Grant AD, Harrington J, Wu K, Thomas A, Chase S, **Barnett D**, Beaumont Hill S, Belcourt A, Brown BD, Plenty Sweetgrass-She Kills R. The Six Rs of Indigenous Research. *Tribal coll*. 2022;33(4). <https://tribalcollegejournal.org/the-six-rs-of-indigenous-research/>.

Other Publications, Reports, and Works in Progress

Belcourt A, **Chase-Begay DM**, Liddell J. Indigenous Research Methodology: A Journey of Resilience. In: Winter VR, Daniel CA, Walls NE, Spencer M, eds. *Decolonizing Quantitative Methods: Anti-Oppressive Approaches to Social Work Research*. Cambridge University Press; Accepted for Publication (November 2025).

The Economist. “The federal government will now pay for Native American healing.” Interview. November 27, 2025. <https://www.economist.com/united-states/2025/11/27/the-federal-government-will-now-pay-for-native-american-healing>.

NPR (Shots – Health News). “Medicaid will cover traditional healing practices for Native American tribes.” Interview. October 19, 2024. <https://www.npr.org/sections/shots-health-news/2024/10/19/nx-s1-5157931/medicaid-traditional-healing-native-american-tribes>.

KQED. “To address addiction, Medi-Cal now covers Native healing practices.” Interview. January 10, 2025. <https://www.kqed.org/news/12021287/to-tackle-addiction-medi-cal-now-covers-native-healing-practices>.

KQED. “‘The medicine my ancestors prayed for’: Medi-Cal now covers Native healing practices.” Interview. January 2, 2025. <https://www.kqed.org/news/12019361/the-medicine-my-ancestors-prayed-for-medi-cal-now-covers-native-american-healing-practices>.

NPR. “Medicaid will soon cover traditional healing practices for Native Americans in 4 states.” Interview. December 22, 2024. <https://www.npr.org/2024/12/22/nx-s1-5171032/medicaid-will-soon-cover-traditional-healing-practices-for-native-americans-in-4-states>.

Barsky CS, McKeague LK, Emidy MB, Walters M, Beck A, **Chase-Begay, DM**. *Public Health Implications of 911 Calls During Heat and Smoke Events* (Natural Hazards Center Public Health Disaster Research Report Series, Report 42). 2024. Natural Hazards Center, University of Colorado Boulder. <https://hazards.colorado.edu/public-health-disaster-research/public-health-implications-of-911-calls-during-heat-and-smoke-events>

Barnett D. *American Indian traditional ceremonial practices: Addressing problem substance use in a multi-tribal urban community*. Dissertation. University of Montana ProQuest Dissertations (Publication No. 2684617732); 2022. <https://www.proquest.com/dissertations-theses/american-indian-traditional-ceremonial-practices/docview/2684617732/se-2>

Research Fellowships, Advanced Training, and Formal Mentoring

2024 - **Center for Dissemination and Implementation at Stanford (C-DIAS) Fellowship in Addiction D&I Science—Research Track**. ([Fellowship](#).) One of seven scholars accepted nationally into an NIH-funded 24-month substance abuse research fellowship featuring a combination of didactics, experiential peer group-based learning, individual mentoring in D&I (dissemination & implementation) science in addiction, and professional development.

2024 - **IHART3: Indigenous HIV/AIDS Research Training program**. ([Fellowship](#).) A 24-month NIH-funded HIV/AIDS research mentoring program administered by the University of Washington focusing on ameliorating HIV-related disparities among Indigenous populations via individualized mentorship, grant development training, and seed funding for a pilot study and academic conference travel.

- 2024 **INSPIRE: Indigenous Substance Use and Addictions Prevention Interdisciplinary Research Education program.** ([Fellowship.](#)) A 24-month NIH-funded substance abuse and addictions research mentoring program administered by the University of Washington focusing on culturally based substance use prevention via individualized mentorship, grant development training, and seed funding for a pilot study and academic conference travel. [Invited to transition to IHART3 at the end of year one of the INSPIRE fellowship.)
- 2024 **Faculty Success Program.** ([Training.](#)) Semester-long training through the National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity delivered via individual coaching and weekly small group sessions. Focus areas include development of a faculty development strategic plan addressing essential research skills, productivity in publications, time management, handling academic conflicts, and building positive relationships.
- 2024 **Modelers and Storytellers: Transdisciplinary Training to Advance Community Health Intervention Research.** ([Certificate.](#)) One of 25 scholar applicants accepted into the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health two-week virtual research education program on applying systems and data science methods to community-engaged health disparities research.
- 2017-2018 **Montana Justice Initiative Research Fellow & Program Manager.** (Fellowship.) Blewett School of Law, University of Montana. Led a multi-disciplinary team (law, sociology, economics, and history) in efforts to qualitatively study Montana codes and regulations to identify and prioritize reforms to reduce disparities among marginalized communities.

Selected Oral and Poster Presentations

- Chase-Begay DM. *Ceremony Assisted Treatment: Approaches and Challenges.* Invited presentation. APHA Intersectional Opioid Workgroup. Virtual. July 2025.
- Chase-Begay DM. *Reducing Opioid Misuse Among Urban Indigenous Young Adults in Montana Using a Culturally Centered Intervention.* In D. Brown (Chair), *Adapting Substance Use and Trauma-Informed Interventions with Equity in Mind: Lessons from Early Career Researchers.* Panel presentation. College on Problems of Drug Dependence. New Orleans, LA. June 2025.
- Chase-Begay DM. *Culturally responsive healing in Indigenous and First Nation communities.* Invited presentation. Addiction Medicine Network and Pain Conference. Helena, MT. June 2025.
- Chase-Begay DM. *The intersection of stigma, social factors, and individual health.* Invited plenary presentation. Montana Syndemic Symposium 2025. Billings, MT. May 2025.
- Chase-Begay DM. *Traditional medicine and healing in reservation and urban, multitribal Indigenous communities: Approaches and challenges.* Selected presentation. International Network for Indigenous Health Knowledge and Development (INIKHD) Annual Conference. Santa Ana Pueblo, NM. April 2025.
- Chase-Begay DM. *Traditional ceremonial practices as a strategy to reduce problem substance use in American Indian communities.* Invited seminar presentation. NYU Center for Opioid Epidemiology & Policy. Online. April 2025.
- Chase-Begay DM. *Child Health Status by Perception of Provider Cultural Sensitivity among Respondents of the National Survey of Children's Health: 2016-2020.* Selected poster presentation. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting. Minneapolis. October 2024.

- Chase-Begay DM, Caringi J, Applegate B. *Opportunities for research-practice linkage to address houselessness and community health: A case study from the Missoula Academic Health Department*. Selected roundtable presentation. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting. Minneapolis. October 2024.
- Chase-Begay DM. *Traditional ceremonial practices as a strategy to reduce problem substance use in American Indian communities: A systematic review*. Selected oral presentation. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting. Atlanta. November 2023.
- Barnett D. *Ceremony as Prevention: A culturally tailored approach to prevent problem substance use in an urban American Indian community*. Selected roundtable presentation. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting. Boston. November 2022.
Invited keynote. Montana Perinatal Mental Health Conference. Online. November 2021.
- Barnett D. *American Indian traditional ceremonial practices as an integrative approach to physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual healing*. Selected presentation. Integrative Healthcare Conference at Utica University. Online. September 2022.
- Barnett D. *American Indian Worldview: Gender Norms in Health and Wellness*. Invited keynote. Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) Pride Month Series. Online. June 2022.
- Barnett D. *The Importance of Traditional Ceremonial Practices in American Indian Health Systems in Montana*. Invited presentation. Montana Breastfeeding Learning Collaborative Conference. Online. May 2022.
- Barnett D. *American Indian Historical Trauma: Understanding Health Impacts*. Invited presentation. Montana Obstetrics & Maternal Support, Maternal Health Leadership Council. Online. April 2022.
- Barnett D, Cahoon J, Peterson JC, Brown BD. *American Indian Traditional Ceremonial Practices as a Potential Community-Informed Intervention Against Problem Substance Use*. Selected presentation. Montana Public Health Association Annual Conference. Helena, MT. April 2022.
- Barnett D. *Smudging: A Native American Perspective on the Use of Medicinal Smoke to Support Holistic Wellness*. Invited keynote. Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) AIAN Heritage Month Series. Online. November 2021.
- Barnett D. *The Role of Traditional Medicine & Ceremony in Modern Healthcare Delivery to Urban & Reservation-based American Indian Communities*. Invited presentation. University of Montana Global Public Health Lecture Series. Missoula, MT. January 2020.
- Barnett D. *Interorganizational Collaboration as a Method to Improve Access in an Urban Native American Health Center*. Poster presentation. UCSF Graduate Conference. San Francisco, CA. June 2016.
- Barnett D. *A Brief History of the Bay Area Native American Health Delivery System*. Invited keynote. Stanford University Minority Medical Alliance (SUMMA) 2016 Conference. Palo Alto, CA. February 2016.
- Barnett D. *Preventing HIV Among Injection Drug Users (IDUs) in Native Communities*. Workshop Moderator. National Indian Health Board's 3rd Annual National Tribal Public Health Summit. Tulsa, OK. May 2012.
- Barnett D. *An Overview of the Urban Indian Health System*. Invited keynote. NIH Trans-National AI/AN Health Communications Workshop. Bethesda, MD. November 2011.
- Barnett D. *Urban Indian Health: Transforming Challenges into Opportunities*. Invited keynote. Urban Indian Healthcare Reform Symposium. Washington, DC. January 2011.

Barnett D. *Mandan Cosmology*. Invited presentation. Understanding Native Spirituality Conference, Dominican University. Santa Rosa, CA. March 2009.

Courses Taught

- PUBH 491 ST: Academic Health Department
Co-teach a mixed undergraduate- and graduate-level special topics course focused on research-practice linkages between UM and Missoula Public Health via the Missoula Academic Health Department.
- PUBH 591/ ST: Social Epidemiology
PUBH 691 Graduate-level special topics course designed to introduce students to the field of social epidemiology, with an emphasis on identifying and applying research methods to the social determinants of health and exploring policy concepts related to the association between social conditions and health.
- NASX 391 ST: American Indian Public Health
Undergraduate-level special topics course exploring public health, the Indian Health system, and traditional ceremonial practices among reservation-based and urban Native American populations.
- SOCI 491 ST: Sociology of Health and Illness
Undergraduate-level special topics course exploring the application of classical and contemporary sociological theories to health and illness in the United States.
- SOCI 325 Social Stratification
Undergraduate-level course exploring the distribution of power and resources with society, drawing on classical and contemporary sociological theory.
- SOCI 318 Sociological Research Methods
Undergraduate-level methodology course providing students with background and training related to basic social science investigatory methods.
- SOCI 202 Social Statistics
Undergraduate-level introductory course to basic statistical concepts and computations used in social science research studies.

Study Sections and Other Research Review

- 2025 NIH Organization and Delivery of Health Services (ODHS) Study Section. Review R01, R03, and R21 grant proposal applications under various NOFOs related to organization, configuration, and reporting protocols of healthcare delivery systems.
- 2026 NIH Special Emphasis Panel/Scientific Review Group 2026/05 ZRG1 HSS-J (50) R. Review R01 and R61/R33 clinical trial grant proposals focused on non-communicable diseases in Low- and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs) and US tribal populations.

Research, Ethics, and Good Clinical Practice Trainings

- 2025 NIDA Good Clinical Practices
- 2025 Mitigating Unfairness in Peer Review, NIH
- 2025 Review Integrity, NIH
- 2025 rETHICS: Research Ethics Training for Health in Indigenous Communities, UW
- 2025 UMT PI Training, CITI

- 2024 Good Clinical Practice: Social and Behavioral Research Best Practices for Clinical Research, CITI
- 2024 Responsible Conduct of Research, CITI
- 2024 Conflicts of Interest, CITI
- 2024 Social & Behavioral Research: Refresher Course, CITI
- 2017 Social & Behavioral Research: Basic Course, CITI

Honors and Professional Awards

- 2023 Emerging Leader Award, American Public Health Association, ICTHP Section
- 2022 Delta Omega Public Health Honor Society, Member Induction
- 2022 Best of UM GradCon Winner for Oral Presentation: Humanities and Social Sciences
- 2022 University of Montana-School of Public & Community Health Sciences Ellen Leahy Public Health Leadership Award (Faculty-elected)
- 2021 Special Student Contribution Award, American Public Health Association, ICTHP Section
- 2016 UCSF MS-HAIL Program Commencement Speaker, (Class-elected)
- 2016 Best Evidence-Based Capstone Project, UCSF (Faculty-elected)
- 2015 UM President’s Award, Outstanding Senior in Sociology (Faculty-nominated)
- 2015 Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociological Honor Society, Member Induction
- 2015 Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society, Member Induction
- 2015 University of Montana Dean’s List (Spring 2015)
- 2014 University of Montana Dean’s List (Spring and Fall 2014)

Journal Review Work

- 2026 *Implementation Science Communications* (CiteScore: 5.1)
- 2026 *Harm Reduction Journal* (CiteScore: 5.4)
- 2025 *Implementation Science Communications* (CiteScore: 5.1)
- 2025 *Drug and Alcohol Dependence* (CiteScore: 7.9)
- 2025 *American Journal of Community Psychology* (CiteScore: 6.4)
- 2024 *Pediatrics* (CiteScore: 10.5)
- 2024 *Journal of Substance Use and Addiction Treatment* (CiteScore: 6.6)
- 2024 *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved* (CiteScore: 2.0)
- 2023 *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved* (CiteScore: 2.0)
- 2023 *Health Affairs* (CiteScore: 12.6)
- 2021 *Global Public Health* (CiteScore: 5.6)

University Service

- 2025-2026 UM Truman Nomination Committee
- 2025 University of Montana, Flagship Fund Advisory Group
- 2024 - UM President's Native American Advisory Council
- 2024 - University of Montana, Skaggs School of Pharmacy, Inter-professional Education Workgroup
- 2024 - Montana Undergraduate Research Journal Advisory Board
- 2024-2026 Montana Summit on Inclusive Nutrition and Health, Planning Co-Chair
- 2024-2025 School of Public and Community Health Sciences Faculty Evaluation Committee
- 2023-2025 School of Public and Community Health Sciences Seminar Series, Co-Organizer

Extramural Service

- 2024 - Utica University Institute for the Study of Integrative Healthcare, Advisory Council Member
- 2024 Rocky Mountain Public Health Training Center
 - Subject Matter Expert, Evidence-based Public Health (09/2024)*
 - Subject Matter Expert, Social Determinants of Health (10/2024)*
- 2022 - All Nations Health Center Research Review Committee
 - Chair (2024-)*
 - Vice Chair (2022-2023)*

Professional Memberships

- 2024 - American College of Epidemiology
- 2024 - Society for Prevention Research
- 2018 - American Public Health Association
 - ICTHP Section Chair-Elect (Elected position, 2024-)*
 - ICTHP Section Councilor (Elected position, 2022-2024)*
 - ICTHP Section Student Liaison (Elected position, 2020-2021)*
- 2018 - Society for Epidemiological Research
- 2017 - Montana Public Health Association
 - Board Member, Tribal Liaison (2024-)*
- 2017 - Native Research Network
 - Co-Chair Elect (2025-)*

Community Service Leadership

- 2024 - Community Health Alliance, Board Member
 - Chair, Development Committee*
- 2023 - Providence Eastern Washington/Montana Regional Board, Member
 - Chair, Community Health & Health Equity Committee (2024-)*

- 2022 - Confluence Public Health Alliance, Board Member
Vice President (2024-)
Chair, Governance Committee (2023-)
- 2022 - United Way of Missoula, Board Member
- 2019 - Providence Health & Services Montana Service Area Community Mission Board
Member, Quality & Safety Committee (2020-)
- 2011-2017 National Native American AIDS Prevention Center, Board Member
Board Chair (2012-2013)
- 2005-2010 California Consortium for Urban Indian Health, Founding President
President (2005-2010)
- 2005-2009 Sacramento Native American Health Center, Board Member
Treasurer (2005-2009)

Thesis, Dissertation Advisor; Committee Member or Chair

- 2026 - L. Walsh, M.A. in Communications, Committee Member
- 2025 - P. Boise, PhD in Public Health, Dissertation Committee Member
- 2025 - K. Dudik, PhD in Public Health, Dissertation Committee Member
- 2025 - L. Williamson, PhD in Public Health, Dissertation Committee Member
- 2024 - N. Brown, M.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies, Committee Chair
- 2024 - L. Jordan, Applied Practice Experience, Faculty Mentor
- 2024-2025 E. Fenoff, Integrative Learning Experience, Second Reader

NOTE:

My grandmother, June Chase Nickelson, was extremely proud of her status as an alumna of the University of Montana, and I was proud to follow in her footsteps. Unfortunately, she passed before I was able to complete my doctoral studies. My grandmother's sister was able to travel from our reservation to attend my PhD graduation in my grandmother's stead. As part of a family gathering following graduation, she gifted me with my grandmother's family name to carry forward. I made the decision to honor my father's family by replacing my middle name (Shane) with his maternal family name (McCrackin). And I chose to hyphenate my new last name with my husband's surname (Begay). This is why my prior work used the name D'Shane Barnett and, beginning in May 2023, I now use the name Damian M. Chase-Begay.