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LAURA R. APPELBAUM, PHD

Dr. Appelbaum is Senior Research Analyst at the School of Public Affairs, University of Colorado Denver, and Co-Principal of Alto Research. An expert in research methodology and statistical analysis, Dr. Appelbaum designs and directs research projects and program evaluations on housing and homelessness, early childhood and K-12 education, and programs and policies affecting children and families. She conducts membership surveys for professional service firms and professional and medical associations, and assesses the outcomes of clinical trials and medical procedures. For more than 30 years, Dr. Appelbaum has served diverse clients including federal, state and local governments, non-profit and professional organizations, businesses and state and local government agencies.

Since 2003, Dr. Appelbaum has been part of the team that manages the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) program for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The IHBG program funds affordable housing for American Indians and Alaska Natives. She reviews and verifies the information used in computing the annual formula allocation for approximately 585 Indian tribes, correcting and updating information, writing letters to tribes explaining what actions HUD is taking and why, verifying the accuracy of formula data files, and reviewing Census challenges. She has worked extensively with Indian tribes, making site visits to review specific issues, help tribes reconcile their unit counts and expedite accurate reporting. She provides technical assistance to tribes conducting Census challenges. She created new, consistent, user-friendly guidelines for challenging Census data; this entailed developing a rigorous methodology for identifying and sampling tribal households and for collecting data that accurately enumerates low-income households and their household characteristics.

Also in Colorado, Dr. Appelbaum co-directed an evaluation of a transformational housing program designed to help families and individuals who successfully completed a transitional housing program move toward home ownership. The evaluation included a thorough review of client files to determine their employment, education and training, family situation, and family background, as well as in-depth interviews with a sample of residents and program staff to fully understand program services, program strengths and weaknesses, and client successes and failures. She wrote a report that assessed the extent to which program participants were on track for achieving home ownership, identified resident and program characteristics that were linked to success and failure, and suggested program improvements.

Dr. Appelbaum has a PhD in sociology with a specialization in research methodology, measurement and applied statistics from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

MIRIAM JORGENSEN, PHD

Dr. Jorgensen is Research Director for the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development and its sister program, the Native Nations Institute at the University of Arizona. Dr. Jorgensen received her BA in economics from Swarthmore College, MA in human sciences from the University of Oxford, and MPP and PhD from Harvard University.

Her areas of specialty are Indigenous governance and economic development, with a particular focus on the ways communities' social and cultural characteristics affect development. Her work

has addressed issues as wide-ranging as welfare policy, policing and justice system development, enterprise management, financial education, asset building, and philanthropy.

She is a co-author of *The State of the Native Nations: Conditions under U.S. Policies of Self-Determination* (Oxford University Press, 2008) and editor and co-author of *Rebuilding Native Nations: Strategies for Governance and Development* (University of Arizona Press, 2007).

She has been a Visiting Scholar at the Washington University Schools of Law and Social Work; has served as an instructor in economics at Harvard University and Washington University; teaches in the Native Nations Institute's executive education program for tribal leaders; and is a former member of the Swarthmore College Board of Managers.

KAUILA CLARK (NATIVE HAWAIIAN)

Mr. Clark has a broad range of experience in native housing, community development and safety, and cultural preservation. He has been active in dealing with homelessness Hawaiian natives serving on the boards of organizations (City of Honolulu, Catholic Charities) addressing the needs of the homeless and of individuals with special needs such as HIV/AIDS patients. He has been the Executive Director of a homeless shelter on the "big island" (Hawaii). Currently, Kauila is the Vice Chair of the Waianae Health Center on the western shore of Oahu serving the largest homeless population on the island. The Waianae Health Center has outreach and special programs addressing the needs of homeless families and their children. These projects include coordination of services, safety, and community development.

For more than 10 years, Kauila has been a lecturer, consultant, and advisor on Hawaiian native culture and history to a broad range of organizations including federal agencies and programs private sector companies and GMOs such as the Substance Abuse and Mental health Administration (SAMHSA) in the Department of Health and Human Services, the Smithsonian Institution, the Keck Observatory in Hawaii, Universities, and the Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

He received a MFA degree from the Puget Sound and has completed graduate courses at the University of Kansas (ABD). He is an artist and master potter with works displayed in the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian

PETER MORRIS.

Peter Morris serves as the Director of Strategy and Partnerships for the Policy Research Center of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). He has been involved in Indigenous policy, research and advocacy for over a decade – both in his home country of Australia, and in the United States. His work for NCAI includes: managing policy research projects related to economic development, rural policy, youth development, tribal governance, and an array of other issues; engaging non-Native organizations to ensure Indian Country's priorities are included in national policy proposals and research agendas; and, leading the Center's outreach to funders. Mr. Morris earned his Master's degree in American Indian Studies at the University of Arizona and completed his undergraduate work at the University of New South Wales. He has also worked as Director of Policy for First Nations Development Institute and Director of Scholar Recruitment at the University of Arizona. His research has been published in academic journals

and he has provided advice on Indigenous policy to senior policymakers in Australia and the United States.

PATRICIA NIE

Pat Nie currently serves as the Community Development Officer for the states of New Mexico and Wyoming at Wells Fargo. Ms. Nie has over 25 years in the banking industry.

Ms. Nie holds a BBA/Finance from the University of New Mexico's Robert O. Anderson Schools of Management, and is a graduate of the National Community Development Lending School, along with other professional programs in the banking and compliance field.

She serves as the chair of the City of Albuquerque's Affordable Housing committee, and also serves on the board of the following affordable housing nonprofit organizations: Sawmill Community Land Trust, Albuquerque, NM and The Housing Trust, Santa Fe, NM. She is also a board member with the New Mexico Project for Financial Literacy and the NM Chapter, Jump\$tart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy, and participates with the New Mexico Tribal Homeownership Coalition.

MARTIN JONES.

Mr. Jones is Manager of Housing Oversight for the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma. He has served on the last two NAHASDA Negotiated Rulemaking Committees on the funding formula and on other changes in the law since its passage. He has worked in Indian housing and related programs since 1985 as a tribal employee and/or consultant. He has directed the Cherokee Nation's Community Services Group supervising over 100 employees and a budget of over \$35 million.

For the past few years, he prepared the Cherokee Nation's Annual Performance Reports covering over \$200 million in housing block grant money. He also prepared the Cherokee Nation's annual Indian Housing Plans of approximately \$30 million annually.

BLAKE Y. KAZAMA

Blake Y. Kazama was born in Honolulu, Hawaii on July 16, 1951 and grew up in Waipahu on Oahu. A graduate of the prestigious Iolani School in Honolulu, Blake went on to earn a doctorate in public administration from Kennedy-Western University, a master's degree in education administration from the University of Oregon and a doctorate in counseling from Trinity College.

After college, Blake moved to Juneau where he began his career with the Juneau/Douglas School District. Early on, Blake found he had a natural gift for business development and has been involved in many entrepreneurial businesses. In the mid 1980's, Blake was hired by the Tlingit-Haida Regional Housing Authority as its Administrative Officer; a position he held for four years. In 1990, he was hired as the Executive Director but left the housing authority at the end of 1990 to develop a business/learning center.

Blake returned to the Tlingit-Haida Regional Housing Authority in 1998 as the Executive Director. Over the past 13 years, Blake has successfully directed the housing authority through new challenges; most notably, the implementation of the Native American Housing and Self-

Determination Act (NAHASDA). He has introduced a variety of private-sector strategies to the non-profit housing authority, including leveraging federal housing funds and improving customer service. He has added new in-house positions usually reserved for private, profit making businesses to better provide housing assistance and affordable housing opportunities to the residents of Southeast Alaska.

A resident of Alaska for 34 years, Blake lives in Juneau with his wife, Sue, a concert pianist. They have two adult children, Andrew and Anne.