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EDUCATION

PhD in Social Work, University of Utah, School of Social Work, 2017
MA in Social Work, Washington University, Brown School of Social Work, 2005
BA in Social Work, University of Alaska Fairbanks, Social Work Program, 2004
AAS in Early Childhood Development, University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2000

CURRENT LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATES

State of Alaska, Licensed Master Social Worker, #CSWM1351 - 11/21/14 - Present.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

University of Alaska Fairbanks, Social Work Department

<i>Tenured Professor</i>	2022-Present
<i>Associate Professor-Tenure Track</i>	2019-2022
<i>Clinical Associate Professor</i>	2015-2019
<i>Clinical Assistant Professor</i>	2006-2015

Courses Taught

•Intro to Social Work • Social Welfare History • Rural Social Work • Human Behavior in the Social Environment I • Human Behavior in the Social Environment II • Social Work Research Methods • Child Abuse and Neglect • Social Work and Aging • Trauma and Wellness: Historical & Contemporary • Social Work Practice II •Alaska Native Studies - Cultural Knowledge of Native Elders

Curriculum Development

•Created four asynchronous courses in Canvas platform through UAF eCampus. SWK 341 Human Behavior in the Social Environment and SWK 390 Trauma and Wellness: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives (Summer/Fall 2020). SWK 375 Research Methods and SWK 463 Practice II (Spring/Summer 2022).
•Created elective SWK 390 Trauma and Wellness: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives course for UAF Social Work Program (2016) – Picked up by UAA Master in Social Work program and taught it there for 3 semesters.
•Revised and updated SWK 370 Services and Support for an Aging Society course for UAF Social Work program (2017).
•Created eCampus courses in Blackboard for SWK 103 Introduction to Social Work (2014); SWK 320 Rural Social Work (2014); and SWK 390 Trauma and Wellness: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives (2015).

Social Work Department Service

• Provide practicum supplemental supervision for BSW students yearly as needed. (2009-Present)
•Academic Advising Formally advise 20+ undergraduate social work students yearly.
•Social Work Department Chair – July 1, 2021 – Present
•Alaska Native Social Workers Association Student Club-Faculty Advisor (2006-2020)
•Organization of Student Social Workers Club Faculty Advisor (2016-2017)
•Social Work Department CSWE Accreditation Committee (2006-Present)

- Social Work Dept. Practicum Student Review Committee member (2006-Present)
- Social Work Dept. Marketing Committee (2010-Present)
- Social Work Hiring Committees (Assistant Professor 2021/22; Administrative Assistant 2022)

University Service

- UAF R1 Research Steering Committee Fall 2023/Spring 2024
- Communications Hiring Committee 2023
- Foreign Language Hiring Committee (Spanish) 2022/2023
- UAF College of Liberal Arts, Strategic Enrollment Planning Committee, Chair of Student Success and Advising group (Sept 2021 – 2022)
- Honors Faculty Advisory Council (Dec 2022-Present)
- CRCD Wellness Coordinator Hiring Committee member April 2021.
- Strategic Planning for Inclusive Excellence (SPIE) Initiative – Curricular Responsiveness - Committee Lead. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. (Aug 2020-Present)
- CRCD Indigenous Wellness Committee – CRCD – Create Traditional Wellness Coordinator position and plan for other wellness activities at UAF (2019-Present)
- UAF Strategic Planning Committee member, “Revitalize Key Academic Programs from Occupational Endorsement to PhD Team” (2018-2019)
- UA System - Behavioral Health Alliance Committee Member (2008-2019)
- External Promotion Reviewer - University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work (2018).
- UAF Provost Hiring Committee member (2017-2018)
- CLARITY Newsletter Committee member (2014-2015; 2017-2018)
- UA Alaska Native Studies Council member (2016-Present)

Graduate Committees & Graduate Field Supervision:

- Committee Member – Teresa Lowe – UAF Professional Communications Masters June 2023-Present
- Field Supervision for Tiana Teter, Masters of Social Work – Boise State University 2022-2023
- Committee Member, Muriel Brower, Indigenous Studies PhD 9/22 - Present
- Co-Chair, Sondra Shaginoff-Stuart, UAF Interdisciplinary Studies PhD 9/2022-Present
- Committee Member – Christine Davenport – Indigenous Studies PhD -5/2022-Present
- Committee Member – Sheryl Ross – Indigenous Studies PhD – 8/2022-Present
- Committee Member – Will Kronick –Rural Development 2020 - Present
- Committee Member – Eva Burk. UAF Natural Resources and Environment Masters 2021-Present
- Committee Member. - Charlene Apok. Indigenous PhD Program, 2018-2020
- M.E. UAF Masters in SWK and Public Health Administration Committee, External Reviewer, (2017-2018)
- Rachel Turner, UAF Clinical Psychology, PhD Dissertation Committee (2016-2017)
- J.S. UAF Northern Studies, Masters Graduate Committee (2014-2015)
- Melanie Lindholm, UAF Northern Studies Masters Graduate Committee (2013-2014)
- Deborah Corso, UAF Northern Studies Masters Graduate Committee (2013-2014)

Research Mentorship:

- ISMART (Indigenous Substance Abuse, Medicine, Addictions Research Training) Mentor* - for J.U. Indigenous PhD student at UAF (Feb 2019-Sept 2020)
- S.V. Community Advisory Board for Senior Project in Community Psychology at Alaska Pacific University (2018-2019)

- Undergraduate Research Mentor for K. McKay (UAF Honors Program Capstone Project). Served as designated PI on her research project at UAF titled, *Reflecting on Colors of Change: Utilizing Art to Explore Transitions into First-Time Motherhood* (2014-2016).

Academic Affiliations:

- University of Alaska Fairbanks
Research Scientist II Aug 26, 2019-June 30, 2025
Affiliation with Institute of Arctic Biology – Center for Alaska Native Health Research
- University of Alaska Fairbanks
Team Member Affiliate June 27, 2022 - Present
Alaska Tribal Resilience Learning Network Team (AK TRLN)
- Washington University in St. Louis, Brown School of Social Work, Kathryn M. Buder Center for American Indian Studies
Adjunct Professor in MSW Program Spring 2019 & 2020
Buder Center Faculty Associate Aug 1, 2018-Present
Taught AI/AN Society, Values, & Cultures (2019) & Indigenous Mental Health (2020)
- University of Missouri St. Louis
Courtesy Appointment 9/7/21 – Present
CO-PI on grant program titled: *Ting getiy dixet'a. Xogho tr'ixitonik. (The trail is awfully rough. We'll work at it together): Alaska-Child Advocacy Studies Training (AK-CAST)*
- University of Alaska Anchorage, School of Social Work
Adjunct Professor 2017, 2018, 2019
Stacked Bachelor and graduate courses taught: Trauma and Wellness: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives
- University of the Arctic, Thematic Network Social Work, Bodo University College in Norway
Graduate Seminar - Social Policies in the High North 2011

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLICATIONS/SCHOLARSHIP

I believe that whenever we have the honor to present or share information with others, it is also an opportunity. It is an opportunity to build relationship, to practice relationality, to bring in intergenerational voices, especially Elders, to highlight our connection to nature and the environment, and build a community of care where we can learn and practice skills together.

Invited Presentations

- Demientieff, L. (5/10/23). Healing Centered Engagement Utilizing the 5 Cs in Research. 5th Annual 2023 Alaska Indigenous Research Program. ANTHC & APU, Anchorage, AK.
- Demientieff, L. & Ullrich, J. (5/5/23). Dinayetr (The breath of our people): The ethical importance of supporting Alaska Native language revitalization. NASW-AK. Virtual.
- Demientieff, L. & Black, J. & Demientieff, D. (4/28/23). Panel on Indigenous Research and Evaluation. ANDVSA, Statewide Violence Prevention Community. Virtual.
- Demientieff, L. & Black, J. (3/1/23). Connecting Wellness and Culture. Denakkanaaga and Morris Thompson Center, Our People Speak Series. (Fairbanks/MTCC).
- Demientieff, L. (2/27/23). Healing Centered Engagement Utilizing the 5Cs. Fairbanks Wellness Coalition, Annual Resiliency Conference (Fairbanks/Westmark Hotel).
- Demientieff, L. (11/29/22). *Healing Centered Engagement: Compassion, Connection, Community, Curiosity, Ceremony*. University of Alaska Anchorage - Alaska Native Community Advancement in Psychology Group (ANCAP) (Zoom).
- Demientieff, L. (10/13/22). *Healing Centered Engagement: Compassion, Connection, Community, Curiosity, Ceremony*. Native People's Action Webinar/Facebook live.

- Demientieff, L. (8/25/22). *Keynote. Intergenerational Trauma, Indigenous Well-Being, & Collective Healing*. Fairbanks Native Association, Family Wellness Program, Protective Service Intervention Workshop (Zoom).
- Demientieff, L. (8/11/22). *Keynote. Healing Centered Engagement: Compassion, Connection, Community, Curiosity, Ceremony*. Alaska Native Women’s Resource Center Prevention Summit. Anchorage, Alaska.
- Demientieff, L. (6/24/22). *Healing Centered Engagement and Practice*. GBH Kids – Catalyst Group (virtual Zoom meeting).
- Demientieff, L. (6/7/22). *Awakening the Spirit: Elders Research Outcomes*. Denakkanaaga Annual Elders and Youth Conference. Fairbanks, Alaska.
- Demientieff, L. (6/1/22). *Indigenous Mental Health and Wellbeing: A Foundation for Understanding and Supporting Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Practice in Alaska*. AK-AIMH (Alaska-Association for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health) Webinar.
- Demientieff, L. (5/2/22). *Planting the Seeds: The Influence of Culture on Resilience, Hope, and Wellness*. Optum Alaska Behavioral Health Collaborative Conference ~ Growing Access for Alaska (virtual).
- Demientieff, L. (4/22/22). *Emotional Intelligence*. Young Professionals Council (YPC) Professional Development Summit. Fairbanks, Alaska.
- Demientieff, L. & Ullrich, J. (4/6/22). *A Relational Approach to Supporting Mental Health and Wellness in Early Childhood*. Alaska Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Institute-virtual.
- Demientieff, L. Chase, M., Gaughen, S., & DeWitt, M. (3/4/22). *Elevating Ancestral Practices: Tribal Wellness in Climate Adaptation Training Summary*. Region 10 Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit (virtual).
- Demientieff, L., Evans, Y., Johnson, P., Starbard, V., & Twitchell, L. (2/16/22). *Panel. Molly of Denali Celebrates Elizabeth Peratrovich Day*. Alaska Native Heritage Center. Anchorage, AK.
- Demientieff, L. (9/21). *My Deg Xinag Language Journey*. Doyon Foundation & Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center – Language Journeys Speakers Series - Fairbanks, AK.
- Demientieff, L. (10/21). *Healing Centered Engagement: Compassion, Connection, Community, Culture, and Curiosity*. Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Alaska Division of Public Health, Speaker Series on Health and Wellness (virtual).
- Demientieff, L. (10/21). *Healing Centered Engagement: Compassion, Connection, Community, Culture, and Curiosity*. Fairbanks North Star Borough School District, In-service (virtual).
- Demientieff, L. (08/21). *Healing Centered Engagement: Compassion, Connection, Community, Curiosity, and Ceremony*. University of Alaska Southeast Convocation (virtual).
- Demientieff, L. (08/21). *Planting Seeds: The Influence of Culture on Resilience, Hope, and Wellness*. Alaska Tribal Resilience Network. Elevating Ancestral Practices: Tribal Wellness in Climate Adaptation Planning Workshop. Aleutian Pribilof Island Association and UAF International Arctic Research Center. Anchorage, AK.
- Demientieff, L. (04/21). *Planting Seeds: The Influence of Culture on Resilience, Hope, and Wellness*. Alaska Nurses Association and the Alaska School Nurses Association, Virtual Spring Conference, 21st Century School Nursing.
- Demientieff, L. (02/21). *Planting Seeds: The Influence of Culture on Resilience, Hope, and Wellness*. Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) – Alaska Blanket Exercise Learning Community (virtual).
- Demientieff, L. (02/21). *Keynote: Sraqay ndadz dixet'a? (How are the children?): Applying ancestral knowledge to plant seeds of resilience*. Fairbanks Wellness Coalition, 2nd Annual Resiliency Conference (virtual).

- Demientieff, L. (1/20). *Planting Seeds: The Influence of Culture on Resilience, Hope, and Wellness*. Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association – Building Resilience Today Conference on Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience. UAF, IARC. Fairbanks, Alaska.
- Demientieff, L. (11/19). *Planting the Seeds: The Influence of Culture on Resilience, Hope, and Wellness*. Eastern Aleutian Tribes Presentation to Board of Directors and staff. Anchorage, AK.
- Demientieff, L. (11/19). Keynote: *The Influence of Culture on Resilience, Hope, and Wellness*. History & Hope “Into Action” Trauma-Informed Care & Organizational Capacity – Building for Public Health Nursing Training. Anchorage, Alaska.
- Demientieff, L. (11/19). Keynote Speaker: *What’s in Your Basket? Trauma and Trauma Informed Care*. Behavioral Health Aide Forum. Anchorage, Alaska.
- Demientieff, L. (09/19). *Planting the Seeds: The Influence of Culture on Resiliency, Hope, and Wellness*. Guest Speaker for course, Indigenous Women: Leadership and Self-Determination in North America (taught by Amy Den-Ouden). Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Department. University of Massachusetts, Boston (virtual).
- Demientieff, L. (06/19). *Planting the Seeds: The Influence of Culture on Resiliency, Hope, and Wellness*. Plenary Presentation. 7th Annual Advanced Trauma Training Institute, The Science of Traumatic Stress. Anchorage, Alaska.
- Demientieff, L. (2019). *What’s in Your Basket? Trauma and Trauma Informed Care*. Tanana Chiefs Conference, All Staff Meeting, Keynote Speaker. Fairbanks, Alaska.
- Demientieff, L., Black, J., Ullrich, J., Apok, C., Gordon, H. (03/19). *Gaining Light: Alaska Native Research Panel*. 2nd Annual ANCHRR (Alaska Native Collaborative Hub for Research and Resilience) Gathering, Celebrating Our Community-Driven Cultural Strengths. Nome, AK.
- Demientieff, L. (12/18). *I Remember Who I Am: The Influence of Culture on Resilience, Hope, and Wellness*. Residential Centers for Children and Youth (RCCY) Summit. Anchorage, Alaska.
- Ullrich, J., Demientieff, L., & Ferguson, G. (10/18). Panel Dialogue- *History and Hope for Our Collective Wellbeing*. First Alaskans Institute, Elders and Youth Conference –Anchorage, Alaska.
- Demientieff, L. (09/18). *I Wonder – What’s in Your Basket? (Trauma Informed Care)*. Northern Interior Alaska Association for the Education of Young Children Conference. Fairbanks, Alaska.
- Demientieff, L. (04/18). Closing Keynote: *Planting the Seeds: The Influence of Culture on Resiliency, Hope, and Wellness*. National Indian Child Welfare Association 36th Annual Protecting Our Children Conference. Anchorage, Alaska.
- Demientieff, L. (03/18). University of Guelph Humber Indigenous Mental Health Symposium International Panel. Published chapter book on Indigenous Mental Health. Toronto, Canada.

Peer Reviewed Presentations

- Klar, D., Demientieff, L., Ireton, C., Sutton, S., & Pook, C. (12/22). *Building workforce resilience: Using problem-based learning to manage secondary traumatic stress*. 17th National Indian Nations Conference. Palm Springs, CA.
- Demientieff, L. & Klar, D. (4/22) Implementing Mentoring for an Innovative Partnership: Alaska-Child Advocacy Studies. National Indian Child Welfare Association Conference-Virtual.
 - Brocius, H. & Demientieff, L. (1/22). *Managed Alcohol: Juneau's Innovative Harm Reduction Response during a COVID-19 Outbreak*. Alaska Health Summit Conference (Accepted/Virtual).
 - Demientieff, L. & Moses, T. (06/21). *Transforming the Academy Through Healing Centered Engagement*. Northern Arizona University, College of Education – Virtual American Indian Indigenous Teacher Education Conference (Virtual).
 - Demientieff, L, Haskell, D., Ireton, C., & Klar, D. (04/21). *Ting getiy dixet’a. Xogho tr’ixitonik. (The trail is awfully rough. We’ll work at it together): Alaska-Child Advocacy Studies Training (AK-CAST)*. National Indian Child Welfare Association Annual Conference (Virtual).

- Day, A., Demientieff, L., Squirrel, N., & Ullrich, J. (4/21). *Relational identity: The importance of knowing who you are and where you come from*. National Indian Child Welfare Association Conference (Virtual).
- Demientieff, L., Griffith, M., & Moses, T. (03/21). *Transforming the Academy Through Healing Centered Engagement*. Association of American Colleges and University – Diversity, Equity, and Student Success Virtual Conference.
- Demientieff, L. (11/20). *Planting the Seeds: The Influence of Culture on Resilience, Hope, and Wellness*. Rural Behavioral Health Practice Series, Webinar-Minnesota Psychological Assoc.
- Demientieff, L. (11/19). *Planting the Seeds: The Influence of Culture on Resilience, Hope, and Wellness*. Alaska Tribal Conference on Environmental Management. Anchorage, Alaska.
- Demientieff, L. (02/19). *History and Hope*. Fairbanks Wellness Coalition Conference-Weaving Our Strengths. Fairbanks, Alaska.
- Demientieff, L. (April 2018). *Planting the Seeds: The Influence of Culture on Resilience, Hope, and Wellness*. Alaska Native Studies Conference. Juneau, Alaska.
- Ullrich, J., Demientieff, L., & Ferguson, G. (2018). *History and Hope for a Collective Wellbeing*. First Alaskans Institute, Elders and Youth Conference, Community Engagement Workshop. Anchorage, Alaska.
- Demientieff, L. (10/17). *A Deg Xit'an, Athabascan Approach to Wellness: A Qualitative Study Exploring the Radical Possibilities of Relationships*. Poster Presentation. 5th Alaska Native Health Research Conference. Anchorage, Alaska.
- Demientieff, L. (11/17). *I Remember Who I Am: The Influence of Culture on Resilience, Hope and Wellness*. National Association of Social Workers-AK Chapter Conference. Anchorage, AK.
- Demientieff, L. (10/17). Poster Presentation. *A Deg Xit'an, Athabascan Approach to Wellness: A Qualitative Study Exploring the Radical Possibilities of Relationships*. 9th Annual Behavioral Health Practice Conference. Minnesota Psychological Association (virtual). Awarded Best Poster Certificate.

Non-Peer Reviewed Conference and Training Presentations

- Demientieff, L. & John-Shields, A. (4/13/23). Overview of Working with Indigenous People by Indigenous Researchers. UAF Faculty Accelerator. Virtual.
- Demientieff, L. (4/7/23). Healing Centered Engagement Utilizing the 5Cs. Journal Club. Behavioral and Social Health Sciences, Brown University School of Public Health. Virtual.
- Alaska Tribal Resilience Learning Network - Tribal Climate Adaptation 101 Training (10/4/22-10/6/22) –Healing Centered Engagement – UAF IARC (10/6/22)
- ACCAP – Building Healthy and Thriving Alaskan Communities, Economies, and Ecosystems in a Changing Climate **Speakers:** Sarah Trainor, Nathan Kettle, John Walsh, Adelheid Herrmann, LaVerne Demientieff, Margaret Rudolf, Rick Thoman, Danielle Meeker (Alaska Center for Climate Assessment & Policy) – Webinar – 11/23/21
- Presented to Fairbanks North Star Borough School District In-Service: Healing Centered Engagement: Compassion, Connection, Community, Culture, and Curiosity (10/1/21)
- Guest Speaking in UA courses: UAF PSY 430 Rural and AK Native Psychology (4/13/23); UAF HUMS 125 Addictive Processes (3/21/23); UAF NRM/BIOL 668 Interdisciplinary Research Methods (2/28/23); UAF RAHI Indigenous Cultures (6/30/22); UAF ACNS 484/600 Perspectives of the North (10/13/21; 10/19/22); UAF ANS 465 Community Healing and Wellness (9/22/21); UAF SWK 103 Introduction to Social Work (11/5/20); UAF RD 600 Circumpolar Indigenous Leadership Symposium (11/6/20; 10/17/22); UAA SWK 643 Diversity in Social Work Practice (10/27/20); UAA SWK 429 Trauma & Crisis Intervention in SWK Practice (11/11/20); UAA SWK 690 Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction for Behavioral/Healthcare Providers (4/5/21)

- Alaska Resilience Initiative – Statewide presenter on the History and Hope Curriculum – (UAF, SWK 341 HBSE I –9/4-6/18); (Fairbanks NorthStar Borough School District -Federal Program, 10/26/18); (TCC-Headstart and Home Visitors, 8/7/18); (FNA Headstart, 8/10/18); (UAA, SWK 690, 1/22/19 & 1/29/19); (UAF SWK 341 HBSE I – 9/3/19 & 9/5/19); (Fairbanks North Star Borough School District – In-Service Day. 9/27/19)
- American Philosophical Society, 3rd Annual Digital Knowledge Sharing Workshop. Presentation titled: *Language Connects Us*. July/August 2019, Philadelphia Pennsylvania.
- Alaska Training Cooperative, Fairbanks, AK – Co-Presenter– Planting the Seeds: The Influence of Culture on Resilience, Hope, and Wellness (11/17); Historic Trauma, Historic Strengths: Navigating Wellness (2/14); Evidence Based Practice with Alaska Natives (05/14); Advanced Behavioral Health Ethics with Alaska’s Indigenous Peoples (02/15)

Peer Reviewed Publications

- Demientieff, L., Black, J., Rasmus, S., Presley, J., Jauregui-Dusseau, A., Clyma, K., & Jernigan, V. B. (2023). Supporting Traditional Foodways Knowledge and Practices in Alaska Native Communities: The Elders Mentoring Elders Camp. Practice Note. Health Promotion Practice. Accepted and forth coming.
- Jernigan, V. B., Maunakeah, A., & Demientieff, L. (2023) Food Sovereignty as a Path to Health Equity for Indigenous Communities: Introduction to the Focus Issue. Health Promotion Practice. Submitted and in-review.
- Jernigan, V. B., Nguyen, C., Maudrie, T. L., Demientieff, L., Black, J., Wark, K., Trainor, J., Mortenson, R., Wilbur, R., Clyma, K., Ferguson, G. & Lewis, M. (2023). Food Sovereignty and Health: A Conceptual Framework for Research and Practice. Health Promotion Practice. Submitted and in-review.
- Ullrich, J., Demientieff, L. & Elliot-Groves, E. (2022). Storying and re-storying: Co-creating Indigenous wellbeing through relational knowledge exchange. *American Review of Canadian Studies Journal*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02722011.2022.2095498>
- Brocius, H., Demientieff, L. X., & Erisman, M. (2021). Thawing Out: Understanding Adjustment to Housing First Through an Ecological and Trauma-Informed Lens. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/10911359.2020.1846652>
- Demientieff, L., Klar, D., & Haskell, D. (2021). Implementing Mentoring for An Innovative Partnership: Alaska-Child Advocacy Studies. *The Chronicle of Mentoring and Coaching*, 5(14), pp. 81-86. <https://www.mentor-cmc.com/cmc/cmc2021/MobilePagedReplica.action?pm=2&folio=Cover#pg1>
- Brocius, H., Demientieff, L., Renfro, C. & George Bettisworth, R. (2019). A Grow Your Own Approach in Social Work: Shaping Alaska’s Workforce. *Journal of Baccalaureate Social Work*, 24 (1), pp. 211-228. https://www.researchgate.net/publication/338870813_A_Grow-Your-Own_Approach_in_Social_Work_Shaping_Alaska's_Workforce
- Salmon, V., Brocius, H., & Demientieff, L. X. (2022). When Delivery Means Departure: Describing the Practice and Impacts of Mandated Maternal Transport in Alaska. *Journal of Rural Mental Health*. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/rmh0000203>
- Brocius, H., Trawver, K., & Demientieff, L. X. (2021). Managed Alcohol: One community’s innovative response to risk management during COVID-19. *Journal of Harm Reduction*, 18(125). <https://harmreductionjournal.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12954-021-00574-5>.

Book Chapter Publications

- Demientieff, L. & Frank, P. (2022). *I Remember Who I Am: Deg Xit’an, Athabascan Perspectives on Wellness*. In D. Danto & M. Zangeneh (Ed.), *Indigenous Knowledge and Mental*

Health: A Global Perspective (1st ed.). Springer Nature Switzerland. <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-71346-1>

Non-Peer Reviewed Publications

- Young, R. & Demientieff, L. (2023). Healing centered engagement, A relational pathway for advocates walking alongside Alaska Native people healing from violence. *Restoration Magazine*. June 2023 Issue. <https://www.niwrc.org/restoration-magazine/june-2023/healing-centered-engagement-relational-pathway-advocates-walking>
- Brocius, H., Erisman, M. & Demientieff, L. (August 2022). Forget-Me-Not Manor Final Outcomes Report & Five-Year Data Summary. UAA School of Social Work.
- Demientieff, L. (April 24, 2018). Cultural Strengths and Resilience. *Commentary*, Newsletter of the Association of Alaska School Boards. <https://aasb.org/cultural-strength-and-resilience/>.
- Demientieff, L. (2017). *Deg Xit'an Athabascan Conversations on Wellness: A Qualitative Study Exploring the Radical Possibilities of Relationships*. ProQuest Dissertations & Theses Global. (2180107801).
<https://www.proquest.com/docview/2180107801?pqorigsite=gscholar&fromopenview=true>

Research & Grants

Research includes uplifting cultural and traditional practices contributing to individual, family, group, organization, and community resilience, health, healing, and wellness. Other interests include Indigenous language revitalization and the connection between language, health, and well-being. As well as organizational evaluation and organizational and community level trauma, healing, and wellness.

Funded Grants

- CIIHE (Center for Indigenous Innovative and Health Equity) – US. Dept. of Health and Human Services, Office of Minority Health funding through the UAF Center for Alaska Native Health Research to address health disparities and advance health equity among AI/AN populations. Project Name: Denakkanaaga Elders Mentoring Elders Camp, Grant # G14839, Role: PI, Grant Amount \$200,000, Funding Period: 22/24
- Resilient Alaskan Youth (RAY) Program Evaluation* grant funded by RurAL CAP
Role: Co-PI, Grant Amount: \$35,802, Funding Period: FY 21/22
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) 5-year grant* through Adelphi University titled, Complex Trauma Training Consortium (CTTC), National Child Traumatic Stress Network – Complex Trauma Training Consortium I am included in this 5-year grant to provide culturally responsive training and consultation nationally with a specific focus on Indigenous health and well-being. Role: National Trainer, Funding Period: 2021-2026
- Bureau of Indian Affairs, Tribal Resilience Program (BIA TRP) 5-year grant* received by the UAF Alaska Center for Climate Assessment and Policy (ACCAP) titled, Building Healthy and Thriving Alaskan Communities, Economies, and Ecosystems in A Changing Climate. I am included in this grant to provide training on trauma and wellness and resilience to Alaskan communities. Role: Statewide Trainer, Funding Period: 2021-2026
- Office of Justice Programs*
OVC Developing Future Victim Specialists
Recruiting interns/residents to serve Tribal Victims in Alaska. Workforce development. Growing a network of individuals across the state to support work in victim's serving agencies. #2020-41139-MO-V3, Grant # G13934, Role: Co-PI, Amount: \$449,919, Funding Period: 2020/23 – Re-applying June 2023 for the next grant cycle.

- American Indian/Alaska Native Clinical and Translational Research Program*. Partnership between the Center for Alaska Native Health Research (UAF), University of Montana, and National Institute of Health. Development Renewal Award
Project name: Re-Awakening the Spirit: Engaging in Cultural Values and Traditional Practices in the Modern Alaskan Context. National Institutes of Health IDeA CTRP grant #GM115371-05, Role: PI, Grant Amount: \$50,000, Funding Period – 2020/21
- American Indian/Alaska Native Clinical and Translational Research Program*. Partnership between the Center for Alaska Native Health Research (UAF), University of Montana, and National Institute of Health. Development Award Project name: Re-Awakening the Spirit: Engaging in Cultural Values and Traditional Practices in the Modern Alaskan Context. National Institutes of Health IDeA CTRP grant GM115371, Role: PI, Grant Amount: \$49,500, Funding Period – 2019/20

Current and On-Going Research

- Center for Indigenous and Innovative Health Equity (CIIHE) research through Office of Minority Health through Oklahoma State University and UAF Center for Alaska Native Health Research (CANHR). Elders Mentoring Elders. LaVerne Xilegg Demientieff (PI) and Jessica Black (Co-PI). (2021-Present)
- Phase 2: Impacts of Housing First on Service Use and Individual Well-Being in Juneau, Alaska. Principle Investigator: Heidi Brocious, PhD. Co-investigators: LaVerne Xilegg Demientieff, Kathi Trawver, & Travis Hedwig. (July 2021-Present)

LANGUAGE REVITALIZATION AND PREVENTION WORK

- Doyon Foundation & Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center – Language Journeys Speakers Series – Video interview 9/17/21 by Allan Hayton
- Language Mentor for Rebekah Gidinatiy Hartman –BFA in Art, thesis exhibition titled, Dinayetr “Our Breath”, A Deg Xinag Language Revitalization 9/ 7-17/21 at the UAF Fine Arts Gallery.
- Facilitate weekly Deg Xinag Language Learning Group (October 2018-Present)
- Doyon Languages Online teacher training participant – Ling F593 Teaching Athabascan Languages through Computer and Person-to-Person Interaction. (2020-2021)
- Deg Xinag language website development project (March 2020-Present)
- Community language work – Shageluk, Alaska, Doyon Foundation Languages Online Program presentation and recording work (November 20-26, 2019).
- Doyon Foundation Alaska Native Language Revitalization Committee (11/16-9/20) (Chaired committee 2018-2020)
- Participant in the Doyon Foundation Languages Online Program creating lessons for the Deg Xinag online curriculum to go live September 2021 (2018-Present).
- Alaska Native Language Revitalization Institute, UAF Campus, 5/21-24/18
- 2019-2020 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Native American Scholars Initiative, Digital Knowledge Sharing Fellowship at American Philosophical Society. Awarded \$3000

PROFESSIONAL & PUBLIC SERVICE

- Advisory member of Child and Family Advisory Council for Alaska Behavioral Health Organization (January 2021-Present)
- Journal Review Invitation - Journal of Comparative Social Work –6/15/21.
- Book Reviews -Invitation to participate in a survey reviewing the 3rd edition of Principles of Trauma Therapy by John N. Briere and Catherine Scott. Sage Publishing (April 2019).
- Program Evaluation - Alaska Resilience Initiative through Alaska Children’s Trust. History and Hope Training Evaluation Research. IRB approved. Evaluation 2019-2020.

- ACE’s/Trauma CHIP Team Meeting – Foundation Health Partners – Community Health Improvement Planning Committee Member (Jan 2020-Present)
- Alaska Resilience Initiative – Statewide Trainer on History and Hope curriculum (Aug 2018-Present). Consultant on creating the History and Hope Curriculum for the Alaska Resilience Initiative Statewide Organization (2017-2018). The curriculum focuses on trauma (adverse childhood experiences) and resilience, as well as ancestral knowledge, cultural healing and wellness, and social justice aspects of trauma and healing. =
- Doyon Foundations Board of Directors (11/16-9/20)
- Alaska Resilience Initiative – Statewide Communications Committee (2017 – 2019); Co-Chair of Statewide Communications Committee (October 2018-2019)
- Alaska Resilience Initiative – Statewide Steering Committee (October 2018-May 2020)
- Alaska Community Resilience Coach Master Trainer Program- Statewide Trainer on Adverse Childhood Experience Research and Resilience and Wellness (June 2014-2017)
- Alaska Center for Children and Adults (ACCA) Board of Directors – Board Member (Sept 2014-June 2015) – ACCA Resource Development Committee (Sept 2014-June 2015)
- Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living - Board of Directors – Member At Large 2013-15

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT & CONTRACTING

- Consultant - *Doyon Foundation*. Decompression Space facilitation during Mentor-Apprentice Language Gathering. 8/13/22, 11/19/22, & 6/23/23
- Consultant - *Alaska Association for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health* – Diversity, equity, and inclusion training and support for Board of Directors. 03/22-Present
- Curriculum Developer and Trainer - *Adelphi University Complex Trauma and Training Consortium*– Ancestral Trauma, Indigenous Well-Being, & Collective Healing 2021-Present
- Youth Facilitator - *Galena Interior Learning Academy* –Cultural Resilience. 3/26-27/22
- Evaluator - *RurAL CAP Resilient Alaskan Youth (RAY) Program Evaluation* 2022-Present
- Curriculum Development and Trainer - *Association of Alaska School Boards* – Create Alaska bite-sized trauma engaged video series called, *The 5 C’s for Healing Centered Engagement - Transforming School: A Framework and Toolkit for Trauma Engaged Practice in Alaska*. 6/21
- Trainer - *Aleutian Pribilof Island Association* - Reviewer, professional resource, and training facilitator on climate adaptation and community health and wellness. 05/21-08/21
- Contributor - *Molly of Denali* - (PBS) Script Review for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. 20-21
- Deg Xinag Content Creator - *Doyon Foundation Doyon Languages Online Program* 2018-2021
- Grant Panel Reviewer - *Administration for Native Americans* 06/19 & 07/21
- Consultant - *Association of Interior Native Educators* - 2015 Signs of the Land: Reaching Arctic Communities Facing Climate Change Camp. 05/15 – 07/15
- Consultant and Trainer - *Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium – Healthy Healers Program* – Provided consultation on curriculum, resources, and participated in a video for specific sections on Indigenous wellness and healing. 09/14-10/14

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

- UAF, Alaska Tribal Resilience Learning Network Team (Affiliate) 2022 – Present
- UAF Affiliation with Institute of Arctic Biology – Center for Alaska Native Health Research (2019-2023)
- Buder Center Faculty Associate – Washington U in St. Louis – 8/1/18-Present
- National Association of Social Workers Member 2006-2010, 2019-Present
- NASW-Alaska, BOD – President and President Elect (2007-2010)
- NICWA (National Indian Child Welfare Association) Sept 2017-Present
- Society for Prevention Research – 2017-2018

- Council on Social Work Education – 2006-2010, 2013, 2014, 2021-Present

HONORS/AWARDS/FELLOWSHIPS

- Awarded UAF Center for Cross Cultural Studies - Angayuqaq Oscar Kawagley Award for Contributions to Native Ways of Knowing, April 27, 2023.
- Recognized - Doyon Foundation Language Champion - 10-28-21
<https://doyonfoundation.com/category/language-and-culture/language-champions/>
- Awarded - Dennis Demmert Award - UAF Rural Student Services. 2020-21
- Recognized - Staff and Faculty Appreciation - UAF Women's Basketball game 2/1/20.
- Awarded - Robert Piacenza Excellence in Teaching Award. UAF Honors Program. 2/26/19
- Awarded - Best Poster Certificate –Rural Behavior Health Practice Conference – 10/6/17
- Nominated for Robert Piacenza Excellence in Teaching Award – UAF Honors Program – 04/15

Fellowships

- Accepted into Promoting Indigenous Research Leadership (PIRL) Program. 2021
- Awarded the 2019-2020 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Native American Scholars Initiative, Digital Knowledge Sharing Fellowship, American Philosophical Society. Title: Digitizing Deg Xinag: Inspiring Connections Between Language.
- Awarded a 2019-2020 National Resource Network for Alaska Native Elders Fellowship. University of Alaska Anchorage. Fellowship Amount: \$10,000.
- ISMART Fellowship, Indigenous Wellness Research Institute, University of Washington 16-17
- Accepted into Alaska Geriatric Interdisciplinary Leadership Development program - Southcentral Foundation's Nuka System of Care and UAA, School of Allied Health. 05/16-09/16