



**Society for Prevention Research, Diversity Network Committee**

## **DNC Speaker Series**

*Advances in Prevention Science, Diversity, and Inclusion*

### **Celebrating Native American Heritage Month**

#### **Empowering Rural Hawaiian Communities to Address Health Disparities and Pursue Health Equity: Challenges and Rewards**

**Thursday, November 17, 2022, at 3:00pm – 4:00 pm EST / 12:00 am – 1:00 pm PST**

**Join us over Zoom. Register here:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUrdOiprzwG9dgK4VdIa-RdmGA1wZasm-9>

**Speaker: Sarah Momilani Marshall, PhD, MSW**



**Dr. Sarah Momilani Marshall** is a Native Hawaiian Postdoctoral Researcher with the University of Hawai'i Cancer Center in the Population Sciences in the Pacific Program. Her program of research concentrates on understanding social and behavioral determinants of health within rural Hawaiian communities, especially those that impact substance use resistance among Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander youth. She is currently involved in research concerning the sustainability of a culturally-grounded drug abuse prevention curriculum developed for Hawai'i Island public schools and a newly funded study that focuses on the development and evaluation of an ENDS (electronic nicotine delivery system) prevention intervention for rural Hawaiian youth. In addition to substance use

prevention, she is also involved in community-engaged research projects that seek to magnify the dissemination of an innovative Native Hawaiian Health Survey and to integrate Artificial Intelligence/

Machine Learning (AI/ML) into the data collection efforts of Community Health Workers in Pacific Islander communities.

Dr. Marshall will share reflections on her background and training, as well as insights that have helped her to successfully navigate a career in academia as a Native Hawaiian scholar. She will also provide an overview of her work that seeks to empower rural Hawaiian communities to address health disparities and pursue health equity, and some of the ongoing challenges that confront scientists focused on Native Hawaiian health issues.

The aims of the *DNC Speaker Series* are to highlight research on prevention science and public health that is led by researchers from underrepresented groups and primarily conduct research with groups that are understudied (e.g., racial/ethnic minorities, individuals who identify as a sexual minority, individuals with disabilities). The presentation series will also aim to create a forum for the guest speaker(s) to share career/professional reflections as a researcher from an underrepresented group(s) and to promote discussions of diversity and inclusion in professions related to prevention science and public health.

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