

# National Women & HIV Workshop Series Speaker Biographies

The purpose of this workshop series was to bring together community members, clinicians, and academics to discuss how to move forward research results and learnings to improve the health and wellbeing of women living with HIV in Canada. We had an amazing, diverse lineup of speakers - **read about them below!** 

# **Jasmine Cotnam**

Jasmine Cotnam is a publicly disclosed HIV-positive Indigenous woman living in Thunder Bay Ontario. Jasmine is currently employed at Women's College Research Institute as a project coordinator as well as working full-time as a caseworker at Elevate NWO where she advocates and supports people living with HIV and HepC to access care treatment and support.

## Dr. Angela Kaida

Dr. Angela Kaida is a global health epidemiologist and Associate Professor at Simon Fraser University, where she holds a Canada Research Chair in Global Perspectives on HIV and Sexual and Reproductive Health. Her global research program centres on a rights-based, evidence-informed, and community-driven approach to sexual and reproductive health among women and youth living with and affected by HIV. She is a Principal Investigator of several community-based cohort studies in South Africa, Uganda, and Canada, including the CHIWOS study.

## **Dr. Allison Carter**

Dr. Allison Carter is a Senior Lecturer at the Kirby Institute, UNSW Sydney. She is also an Associate of the Australian Human Rights Institute and an Adjunct Professor at Simon Fraser University. Her research focuses on the social determinants of sexual and reproductive health and rights, particularly for communities that are less well-represented in research. She leads, and is involved in, a number of studies in Canada and Australia with women living with HIV, young people with disability, and non-English speaking communities.

#### Juno Roche

June Roche is a writer and campaigner whose work around class, gender, sexuality and



trans lives has been funded by the likes of The Paul Hamlyn Foundation and described as 'provocative and innovative'. Juno studied Fine Art and Philosophy at Brighton and English Literature at Sussex, and writes for a wide range of publications including Bitch Magazine, Dazed, Vice, Broadly, Cosmopolitan, The i, The Independent, i-D, The Tate Magazine and Refinery29. Their first three books, *Queer Sex, Trans Power* and *Gender Explorers* were published by Jessica Kingsley Publishers. Their memoir, *A Working-Class Family Ages Badly*, will be published by Dialogue Books in 2022.

# <u>Azra Bhanji</u>

Azra Bhanji is a recent Master of Public Health graduate from Simon Fraser University. She is currently the research co-ordinator for the short film "HIV Made Me Fabulous". Azra also co-ordinates the *Life and Love with HIV* digital storytelling platform that shares experiences, disseminates scientific evidence and offers support for health and wellbeing among women living with HIV. She also has experience planning, organizing and implementing HIV and youth related programming in Kenya.

## **Carrie Martin**

Carrie Martin is a Mi'gmaq woman from Listuguj, who has spent the past 20 years working in the field of Indigenous women's health, with a particular focus on HIV. Carrie's leadership is well established; she was the Harm Reduction Coordinator at the Native Women's Shelter of Montreal for 12 years (until March 2018), and a tireless advocate for Indigenous women living with HIV. She was also a civil society member of the Government of Canada's Delegation (CANDEL) at the 2016 United Nations General Assembly High Level Meeting on Ending AIDS (HLM) and is an active member of the CIHR Canadian HIV Trials Network's Community Advisory Committee for a number of years. In 2012 she became a founding member of the Indigenous Health Centre of Tiohtià:ke and was the first President of their Board of Directors. In March 2018, she transitioned to the Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network as the Indigenous Women's Research Coordinator. She has also started her PhD at Concordia University to formalize her role as an Indigenous academic researcher. Carrie is the recipient of the CHIWOS Scholar Award, Concordia University Indigenous Graduate Scholarship, and the Faculty of Arts and Science Graduate Fellowship.

# **Angela Underhill**

Angela Underhill (she/her) is the research manager and associate for the Women and HIV Research Program in Toronto, Canada. Angela is also a PhD Candidate in the Family Relations and Human Development Program at the University of Guelph. In her various roles, Angela focuses on feminist research approaches to advance social



inclusion and equitable health and social care. She is passionate about working on transformative research projects that matter to the people they most affect. Most recently, Angela had the wonderful honour of fulfilling this passion through an invitation to join the Beyond the Data team. Join us to learn more about Beyond the Data!

## **Claudette Cardinal**

Claudette Cardinal is a Plains Cree Indigenous woman from Treaty Six Territory who currently resides on the Unceded Traditional Territories of the Coast Salish peoples and gives thanks for allowing to be a longtime guest of these lands. She brings twenty-five years of Living Knowledge of HIV/AIDS and works with multiple community-based research projects and is dedicated to bridging community and researchers together in a 'good way'.

## Shaz Islam

Shaz Islam is a community member who appreciates deep conversations and literature on the nature of existence. Their last involvement in academia was Humber College's Creative Writing through Correspondence Program where Shaz was supposed to submit on a weekly or bi-monthly basis their 10-page chapters to a mentor and published writer, Colin McAdam (A Beautiful Truth is a deep exploration with effortless prose of what it means to adopt a nonhuman animal and the consequences of making that decision). The program finished in August 2021. Shaz's manuscript, Letters to a Dead Girl, is being edited and revised. Shaz really enjoys staying home with their cat and deepening their understanding of the self. They have a natural urge to fulfill their hunger for all sorts of learning. With this in mind, Shaz valued the time they spent working on Beyond the Data with Angela Underhill and a small but committed group of women living with HIV who were the project's writers. Their stories in poetry and prose are exceptional masterpieces and solid contributions to the anthology. Shaz values the lessons they learned from the writers and from Angela. It was time well spent. Shaz Islam (they/them) is a CHIWOS Research Associate & KTE "Beyond the Data" Champion Coordinator with Angela Underhill, KTE Champion Coordinator & Supervisor. Shaz also works at Alliance for South Asian AIDS Prevention (ASAAP) as the CHAMPS in Action Project Coordinator.

## Dr. Notisha Massaquoi

Dr. Notisha Massaquoi is an Assistant Professor in Health Education and Promotion with the Department of Health and Society at the University of Toronto Scarborough Campus (UTSC). She also holds a graduate-level cross-appointment to the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work. In her early career, Dr. Massaquoi initiated



several organizations serving Black communities in Canada — including Africans in Partnership Against AIDS and TAIBU Community Health Centre. She also established and served for two decades as the Executive Director of Women's Health in Women's Hands Community Health Centre in Toronto — the only Community Health Centre in North America to provide specialized primary healthcare for Black and racialized women.

#### Maureen Owino

Since 2007 Maureen has been an active organizer and advocate for immigrants, refugees, women, and youth with HIV/AIDS in Toronto. She is currently a member of the Ontario Advisory Committee on HIV/AIDS (OACHA) and a Community Advisory Committee member for the CIHR Canadian HIV Trials Network (CTN). Additionally, she is the North America delegate of the NGO Delegation to the UNAIDS Program Coordinating Board (UNAIDSPCB). Maureen is the recipient of the 2017 Ontario AIDS Network's Caring Hands Award and the 2019 Women's Health in Women's Hands Community Health Centre women of resilience awards for resilient leaders. She is currently a Ph.D. student at York University and additionally is a recipient of the 2021The Canadian HIV Women's Sexual & Reproductive Health Cohort Study (CHIWOS) Scholars Award and the 2020-2021 Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships (Vanier CGS) Awards.

# **Apondi Odhiambo**

Apondi J. Odhiambo is a Ph.D. Candidate at the University of Toronto, Dalla Lana School of Public Health. Her program of research explores the relationship between laws, policies, institutional practices, life and health. Apondi's doctoral research investigated how draconian and unjust laws, policies and institutional practices organizing healthcare produce structural violence and inequities that constrain access and delivery of HIV healthcare for Black communities living with HIV, resulting in poor health outcomes and structural violation of the right to health.

## **Kath Webster**

Kath Webster has been engaged in the HIV community in many capacities for over two decades. More recently, she has been involved with CHIWOS and the Positive Leadership Development Institute. Kath believes strongly in the Greater Involvement of People Living with HIV and the tremendous value of peer-based approaches within the HIV community.



# Peggy Frank

Peggy Frank was born on Canada's east coast and started migrating west at the age of five. She has lived in four of Canada's provinces but currently prefers her Victoria home where, on stormy days, she can taste the Salish Sea. She has done many things: including building two homes, founding two societies, creating larger-than-life sculptures, writing a book, and working on the Nisga'a Land Claim. AIDS activism has been part of her adult life and, Peggy, who cannot believe she is a senior, feels lucky to be alive four decades after contracting HIV!

## Dr. Priscilla Medeiros

Priscilla Medeiros is a second-year Postdoctoral Fellow at Women's College Research Institute under the supervision of Dr. Mona Loutfy. She is working on a number of short-term projects that build on data gathered from CHIWOS, including the use of concept mapping to assess experiences and related care gaps women living with HIV face in Canada.

## Amy Yu

Amy Yu is a fourth-year medical student from the University of Ottawa. She worked as a summer research student at Women's College Research Institute in 2019 under the supervision of Dr. Mona Loutfy. She is currently co-leading the concept mapping project with the goal of translating knowledge from the data gathered from CHIWOS.

## **Dr. Mona Loutfy**

Dr. Mona Loutfy is an Infectious Diseases Specialist, Clinician Scientist and Full Professor at the University of Toronto and Women's College Hospital in Toronto, Canada. Her main practice is in inner-city Toronto where she specializes in seeing women, couples, youth, and caring for reproductive health issues and HIV. She also practices in rural Saskatchewan and sees Indigenous women and couples living with or are at risk of HIV and/or hepatitis C. She founded the Women and HIV Research Program at the Women's College Research Institute in 2006 and uses community-based research in all her research working in partnership with women living with HIV to address the issues most important to them. With women living with HIV and many collaborators, she has led the Canadian HIV Pregnancy Planning Guidelines, the Canadian HIV Women's Sexual and Reproductive Health Cohort Study (CHIWOS) and developed the Women-Centred HIV Care model - all aiming for optimized healthcare for



and the wellbeing of women living with HIV and a stigma-free world.

# Dr. Carmen Logie

Dr. Carmen Logie is an <u>Associate Professor</u> at the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work, University of Toronto and the <u>Canada Research Chair</u> in *Global Health Equity and Social Justice with Marginalized Populations*. She is also an <u>Adjunct Professor</u> at the United Nations University Institute for Water, Environment & Health, <u>Research Scientist</u> at the Centre for Gender & Sexual Health Equity, and <u>Adjunct Scientist</u> at Women's College Hospital. Logie's research program advances understanding of, and develops interventions to address, intersectional stigma and other social ecological factors associated with health disparities, with a focus on HIV.

# Dr. Alexandra de Pokomandy

Dr. Alexandra de Pokomandy is a family physician, Clinician Scientist, providing primary and specialized care to people living with HIV at the Chronic Viral Illness Service of the McGill University Health Centre. She is Associate Professor and Co-Director of Research at the Family Medicine Department of McGill University. Her research focuses on preventing comorbidities for people living with HIV with particular interest in diseases related to human papillomavirus (HPV), and on integrated women's health and primary care for people living with HIV.

## Valerie Nicholson

Honouring her given names The One the Eagles watch over, NoDe WenDa {wolf eyes} and Auntie from the Torres Straight Islanders, Valerie is Mi'kmaq, Haida, gypsy and UK Islander descent. A mother of 4 boys and grandmother of 5 grandchildren. Living with HIV for 17 years, Valerie currently works at the BC Center for Excellence in HIV/AIDS as a Peer Researcher and Co-investigator, and at AIDS Vancouver as Indigenous Peer Navigator. She also works on the Canadian Coalition to Reform the Criminalization of HIV, a trainer with the Positive Leadership Development Institute and is the past board Chair of Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network. She works with youth as Elder for Camp Moomba, YouthCo, First Directions and Yuusnewas. Her new adventure is in Artivism, Valerie honors all peer voices, and ensures their words are heard and transformed into positive actions through the work she does. She is dedicated to bringing research "home". Elder Val has received many research/advocacy honours including: the 2018 recipient of CAHR Red Ribbon Research award; 2019 AIDS Vancouver Red Ribbon



Award for Outstanding Contribution to the HIV/AIDS Movement; and the 2019 CAHR-CANFAR excellence in research CBR (CHIWOS).

## Renata (Renee) Hall

Renata (Renee) Hall lives all things social justice! With an educational background in Psychology and Biology from Dalhousie University and Social Work from McMaster University, Renata looks to shake the room through her love of building community connections, challenging the status quo, and amplifying the voices of the margins. Seasoned in racialized peer support, counselling and teaching through McMaster University, housing and homelessness support with the YWCA Hamilton, as well as food equity and community network building through her grassroots initiative StreetEatzHamOnt, Renata brings passion and a sharp Black Feminist and Critical Race lens to every conversation and every table. As she is presently situated in the social services and mental health sector within St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton, Renata looks to bring a liberating, empowering, and critically conscious force to the Hamilton community at large.

## Dr. Melanie Murray

Dr. Melanie Murray is a Clinical Associate Professor and Michael Smith Health Professional Investigator at the University of British Columbia. She is also an Infectious Disease specialist caring for persons living with HIV at the Oak Tree Clinic at BC Women's hospital in Vancouver. Her research focuses on hormonal dysregulation and comorbidities of ageing among women living with HIV. She is one of the principal investigators of the British Columbia CARMA: CHIWOS collaboration – a CIHR funded study investigating healthy ageing among women living with HIV using a cell to society approach to factors influencing their health.

#### Dr. Saara Greene

Saara Greene is a Settler, Professor and Graduate Chair in the McMaster School of Social Work. She lives on the traditional territories of the Mississaugas of the Credit, Anishiniabeg, Chippewa, Haudenosaunee and Wendat peoples. Saara has a long history of engaging in community-based and arts-based participatory research with and for women living with HIV, with a focus on maternal and reproductive justice, socially just health and social care practices, and the criminalization of HIV non-disclosure.



# Winnie Murombedzi

Winnie Murombedzi works as a Developmental Support Worker at a Bethesda Services Inc in Niagara since May of this year. Prior to that, Winnie worked at an ASO as a Support and Education Coordinator at Positive Living Niagara for 8 years. Overall, Winnie has 20 yrs lived experience and has served as either a volunteer or paid staff on numerous HIV service organizations' boards.

## Dr. Hélène Côté

Dr. Hélène Côté is a Professor in Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the University of British Columbia. Her research focuses on the effects of HIV and other chronic/latent viral infections on cellular ageing and comorbidities, particularly among women living with HIV, including during pregnancy. She also studies children living with HIV or uninfected but exposed to antiretrovirals perinatally. She has led the CARMA cohort study since 2007 and is one of the principal investigators of the British Columbia CARMA:CHIWOS collaboration – a CIHR funded study investigating healthy ageing among women living with HIV using a cell to society approach to factors influencing their health.

#### Dr. Laura Warren

Laura Warren completed her doctoral degree in epidemiology at the University of Toronto Dalla Lana School of Public Health. Her doctoral research focused on ageing among Indigenous populations in Canada. In addition to her training in epidemiology, Laura also holds an MA degree in statistics from York University. Laura has worked in pharmaceutical research and HIV research at the Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network as a contract epidemiologist, at the Ontario HIV Treatment Network as a research coordinator for the "The Current State of the HIV Epidemic Among Indigenous People in Ontario" and currently works at Women's College Hospital as a research coordinator.

# Mary Ndung'u

Mary Ndung'u (BA, MSW Candidate) is a research assistant for the Women-Centred HIV Care project at the Women and HIV Research Program, Women's College Hospital. Supporting people living with HIV since 2002, Mary collaborates with a range of service providers in both her frontline and research capacities. She now is pursuing her Master of Social Work at the Factor Inwentash Faculty of Social Work University of Toronto. Motivated by a commitment to pursue social justice and build healthy Black



communities, Mary's leadership has inspired newcomers, immigrants, and African, Caribbean, and Black women affected by HIV.

# Dr. Wangari Tharao

Dr. Wangari Tharao is the Director of Research and Programs at Women's Health in Women's Hands Community Health Centre (WHIWH CHC). WHIWH CHC provides primary healthcare to racialized women from the African, Black, Caribbean, Latin American and South Asian communities in Toronto and surrounding municipalities. Wangari is also a recognized community-based researcher, focusing on sexual and reproductive health issues relevant to racialized women living in Canada. She utilizes knowledge generated through research to develop evidence-based interventions and works collaboratively with service delivery organizations to support their integration into services targeted to diverse women and their communities. She recently completed her tenure as the North American Co-Chair of the UNAIDS NGO Delegation Program Coordinating Board (PCB) and is a co-founder of several local, provincial, national and international networks including, the African and Caribbean Council on HIV/AIDS in Ontario (ACCHO), the Canadian HIV/AIDS Black, African and Caribbean Network (CHABAC) and the African and Black Diaspora Global Network on HIV and AIDS (ABDGN).

## **Kelendria Nation**

Kelendria is a Black woman of Trans experience of Caribbean descent who uses her perspective and unique experience to bring awareness to the various issues surrounding trans people; especially trans women of colour. She has dedicated herself to using her voice to impact change and bridge understanding across all communities. She provides advocacy, resolutions and transitions for Trans identified peoples. Through her work in community space through advocacy, she strives to allow folks to see that Trans, Non-binary, and 2spirit identified folks because of their multiple intersections are oftentimes left out in conversations. With collaboration and standing in solidarity with other community members, she has been given the tools of being able to communicate her experience which has allowed her to tell her own story in her own voice. It is her hope that in time there will be more opportunities to empower other BIMPOC identified folks in the same which she has been.



# **Breklyn Bertozzi**

My name is Breklyn Bertozzi and I have been HIV positive for 11 years. I am from Hamilton Ontario and have lived here my whole life. These last 11 years have been life-changing for myself and my family. In fact, I have added to this family with a little girl who is now 2 years old and HIV negative. I also have an amazing 16-year-old son. I started my work for the HIV community as an administrative volunteer for my local ASO. Myself and a peer started a women's peer-led support group about 6 years ago here in Hamilton. We still run the support group today. It was about that time 6 years ago, that I began my journey in community-based research. I started on a study called e-WHEALTH through St. Michael's Hospital. It was a peer support online study. My next endeavour in CBR was as a Peer Research Assistant for CHIWOS. I remained in that role until the end of the study, and still contribute to KTE projects for this amazing Women's reproductive health study. Currently, I have two roles in two different CBR studies. I am a Focus Group Facilitator/PRA for a study called TVAC through Women's Health in Women's Hands. It is a study aimed at creating programs, services and support to women who are living with HIV and have experienced trauma and violence. Its focus is to support women who have experienced trauma and violence in a holistic way. My other role is as a Peer Engagement Coordinator for a study called HEADS UP 2. The study's focus is on HAND (HIV Acquired Neurocognitive Disorder). HIV research is something that I have become very passionate about. I am happy to be a part of something so meaningful. Working in community-based research has built my capacity in many ways. I am proud, grateful and honoured to be a part of this work.

# **Marvelous Muchenje**

Marvelous is a Ph.D. Student at the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work at the University of Toronto. She is employed by ViiV Healthcare Canada as the Community Relations Manager. With a professional and activist background in sexual and reproductive rights, Marvelous is passionate about seeking social justice in all its forms - not just by improving the lives of individuals, but by changing systems of oppression through collective action.



# **Laverne Gervais**

Laverne Gervais is an Anishnabekwe from Treaty 1 Territory. She is a sexual health facilitator whose passion is Indigenous women and youth health particularly as it relates to HIV & STBBIs. Laverne is currently a project manager with Ka Ni Kanichihk Inc ("those who lead"), an Indigenous-led not-for-profit and community-based collaborator for the Manitoba CHIWOS project.

# Nkeiruka Osagie

Nkeiruka (she/her) is the Women's Community Development Coordinator at ACT. ACT works to reduce new HIV infections in Toronto and promotes the independence, dignity, health and well-being of people living with HIV and AIDS, and those at increased risk of acquiring HIV. Nkeiruka works in the program, the Women and HIV /AIDS Initiative (WHAI), a coordinated, province-wide Initiative to address women and HIV and AIDS in Ontario. The goal of the initiative is to reduce new HIV infections among women at systemic risk of acquiring HIV and improve access to services for women living with HIV. In her role she works with community partners across Toronto such as settlement agencies, shelters, community health centres and other organizations where women receive services, to build their capacity to respond to women and HIV and AIDS-related issues and enhance the overall wellbeing of women living with HIV. Nkeiruka has been working in the HIV sector for more than a decade, advocating for changes that reduce HIV stigma and promote optimal health for women living with HIV. Nkeiruka has a Master of Science degree in Psychology and also in Clinical Counselling.

# Alexandra de Kiewit

Alexandra de Kiewit is a woman living with HIV, a drug user, activist and frontline harm reduction worker. She co-founded the Canadian Association of People Who Use Drugs (CAPUD). She is currently working at the Dispensaire in St-Jérôme.

## **Nathalie**

I am a 57-year old woman. I have been living with HIV for 37 years. I'm a social worker for elderly persons. I love to connect with other women living with HIV. I always have good spirits. I'm really proud to be a member of the CHIWOS team!



# **Doris Peltier**

Doris Peltier is a 65-year-old publicly disclosed HIV+ Anishinaabe grandmother and great grandmother from Wikwemikoong, a First Nations community located on the unceded territory of the Odawa, Ojibway and Pottawatomi peoples on Manitoulin Island in Ontario. Doris is currently in the role of Community Engagement Coordinator with the Feast Centre for Indigenous STBBI Research, which is a partnership between McMaster University and CAAN; as an Indigenous woman living with HIV since 2000, she is the co-creator of Visioning Health I & II, a research project by and for HIV-positive Indigenous women that focused on the strengths-based stories of her peers who tell their stories of health. Doris is also a Community Advisory Council member with the Waakebiness-Bryce Institute for Indigenous Health at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health (University of Toronto); she is also one of two North American members of the Women Living with HIV Advisory Group with World Health Organization (WHO). Doris has worked (both volunteer and in paid roles) for almost two decades within the Indigenous HIV movement in Canada, inclusive of more than a decade in Indigenous Community-based Health Research. Notably, Doris was recently recognized and awarded an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Ottawa's Faculty of Social Sciences for her contributions to Indigenous health and wellness in Canada. She is fluent in Anishinaabemowin across many dialects, which frames her worldview in Indigenous health research. Doris strongly advocates for Indigenous researchers to take a deeper dive into Indigenous languages, to find those strengths and gifts that the Creator has given each of us.

# **Brittany Cameron**

Brittany Cameron is an HIV Positive Mother from Nogojiwanong/Peterborough, Ontario and she wears many hats in the HIV sector; she is the current Co-Chair of the Canadian Positive People Network (CPPN), part of the Ontario Positive Leadership Development (PLDI) Facilitation Team, a North American #UequalsU Steering Committee Member, and works full-time at her local ASO as the Peer Engagement Program Coordinator.

In addition to her lived experiences of HIV, Brittany has an educational background in Social Service Work; bringing to the work and ultimately to the community a deep sense of connection and willingness to meaningfully engage, enable and empower women living with HIV to find their passion(s) and become active agents of change in their lives, the lives of others and in their communities.



# **Carey Sinclair**

Carey Sinclair, mother of a son, grandmother of star, and a spiritual individual. I have lived most of my life in Winnipeg, grew up in the system. Has overcome addictions, self-harm in many aspects, and abuses throughout my life. Involved in the group for Manitoba Indigenous women, my heart was in the project and keep in touch with most of the women. Love research and hearing people's stories. Knowledge keeper for project, ceremony has saved my life.

## Shelly T.

Shelly T is currently a Peer Research Associate with the BCC3 Study, a guest writer for www.lifeandlovewithhiv.ca and is part of a feasibility study for women living with HIV in B.C. entitled "Positively Dance" with Dr. Eli Puterman at the University of British Columbia.

# **Davi Pang**

Davi has worked in the activist community in Metro Vancouver advocating for women and children for 15 years. Davi has facilitated peer support groups at the Oak Tree Clinic, Positive Haven, and Women's Health Collective. She is a Research Associate with the BCC3 team and has worked on the Women's Health Project and Asian Society for the Intervention of AIDS (ASIA), and was instrumental in forming the non-profit society SWAN (Supporting Women's Alternatives Network). Davi enjoys hiking, yoga, cooking, and spending time with her fur baby Riley.

# **Jacqueline Flett**

Jacqueline Flett is a Metis woman from Winnipeg Manitoba. She is a proud mother of 2 boys, aged 5 and 9. Jackie is an agency consultant within Manitoba and Canada where she is involved in the HIV movement. She has worked with many people from different walks of life and is an advocate and spokesperson for those who live positive with HIV. Jacqueline is a co-chair of Sisters Of Fire which is a support group for Indigenous women who lead positive lives with HIV. She has also done peer research and advocacy within her community and has been actively involved with CHIWOS for 2 years.

