

# KUNHI-YO' "I'm Healthy" Conference 2025

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## Meet the Presenters – KUNHI-YO' 2025

### Randy Cornelius



Randy has worked with the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin for 35 years. For 25 of those years, he's been with the Oneida Cultural Heritage Department. He spent ten years as an Oneida Language and Cultural Educator with the Oneida Language Revitalization Program and then 15 years as the Oneida Language and Cultural Archivist. For the past four years, he has been semi-retired mentoring his replacement.

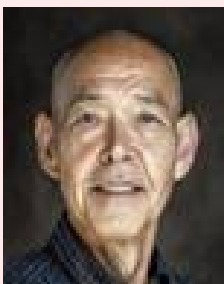
He has over 40 years of independent and academic study of the Oneida language, culture and history. He has a strong background in the interpretation of the ceremonial language, as well as the oral and contemporary history of the Oneida Nation. He's a graduate of University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. His major was Psychology with a double minor in Human Development and First Nations Studies. He's been with the love of his life, Kathe for 45 years, and they have one son and five grandchildren.

### Dr. Joan Groessl, MSW, PhD, LCSW



Dr. Groessl is Professor and Director of the Social Work Professional Programs at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. After practicing community mental health social work for 20 years, she joined the faculty and subsequently earned her doctorate, with an emphasis in leadership studies. An emphasis in her teaching, scholarship and service has been on boundaries and ethics, particularly with social work and leadership. Joan teaches across BSW & MSW curriculum and is often a presenter for continuing education trainings. She is an active volunteer in her home community of Algoma and in the National Association of Social Workers-Wisconsin Chapter, and is also a proud mother and grandmother.

### Ernest (Ernie) Allard, MA, CSAC



In the past 20 years, Ernie has garnered a variety of expertise in his profession as a Clinical Substance Abuse Counselor. He gained experience volunteering as support staff working alongside patients during their detox process, employed in residential and transitional living facilities primarily encouraging long-term behavior change using the 12-step facilitation and stages of change.

Ernie received his associate's degree from New England College, bachelor's and master's degree from Springfield College. He has been working at Oneida Behavioral Health since 2021.

Ernie is married with two sons and a rescue from Tennessee named Bingo. His family enjoys the outdoors and healthy activities that Wisconsin holds for them. He is an avid runner and his ultimate goal is to run and complete a full marathon.

## Emma White, MS, LPC



Emma is an Oglala Lakota from the Pine Ridge Reservation of South Dakota. Her Lakota name is Wanbli Wiyaka Win which means Eagle Feather Woman. Emma received her Bachelor of Science in Educational Policy & Community Studies and an Interdisciplinary Degree in American Indian Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She has previously been employed by the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin Social Services in the Domestic Violence Program as a Domestic Violence Advocate, and also by the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin Youth Enrichment Services (Y.E.S.) Program as a Youth Advocate. Emma has been happily married for 13 years and has three beautiful children.

## Elizabeth Creapeau, MAC, LPC-IT, CSAC



Liz has been working in the helping field since 2010, with experience in outpatient/inpatient substance abuse treatment. She received her Master of Arts in Counseling and Bachelor of Science in Psychology with Mental Health emphasis from the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, and her Associate of Applied Science in Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse from Fox Valley Technical College.

Liz has four beautiful children and a fur baby named Gamora. She enjoys traveling with her children and spending time with family and friends. Her hobbies include beading, reading, baking and cooking.

## Tim Lambert, MSE, LPC, CSAC



Tim is a dual diagnosis therapist. He helps people that have both a substance use and mental health diagnosis. He is trained in EMDR and Brainspotting. He has been providing counseling services since 2002 and has been working at Oneida Behavioral Health since 2013.

Tim received his Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Southwest Baptist University and his Masters of Science in Education with an emphasis in counseling from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. Tim was born and raised in Wisconsin.

## Rachel Seegers, MAC, LPC-IT, CSAC



Rachel has been working in the profession since 2015. She began her career working in a medication assisted treatment center. She wished for a change of pace and worked in a residential and intensive outpatient facility with Menominee Nation.

In 2018, she transitioned to Oneida Behavioral Health. In 2023, she completed her master's program in clinical mental health and transitioned to the position of psychotherapist.

## Oneida Hymn Singers

Oneida Hymn Singers honor and recognize the loved ones who have traveled on to the spirit world with a moment of silence and songs. When Oneida Hymn Singers came to Wisconsin from New York in 1822, they brought Christian Hymns with them. They have been singing their Oneida Hymns as early as the mid-1600s, when they first heard early missionaries singing hymns, which are traditional to the Oneida communities. Their songs were preserved orally and later in hand-copied books, originally in the Mohawk alphabet. They have been passed on from generation to generation.

## Stephenie Muscavitch VanEvery



A member of the Oneida Nation Turtle Clan, Stephanie has been an educator of the Oneida language and culture for over 20 years. She is also a Haudenosaunee potter, silversmith, graphic/clothing designer and storyteller. Stephenie holds a Bachelor of Science in Broadfield Social Studies and a Master's in Applied Leadership for Teaching and Learning. She currently serves as the Wolf Clan Manager at Oneida Cultural Heritage.

Stephenie has received the Herb Kohl Teacher Fellowship Award in 2017 for excellence and innovation in teaching. Her work has been displayed at the Oneida Nation Museum, the Iroquois Museum, the Neville Public Museum, and the Kress Pavilion. Stephenie is a dedicated maker, focusing her talents on creating art inspired by the inherent power of family. She cherishes her husband and children, aiming to elevate love and peace for oneself and our interconnectedness with each other.

## Paul Ninham



Paul, founder of Oneida Man Clan, is Wolf Clan from the Oneida Nation in Wisconsin. He is a former elected councilman for the Nation where he served 12 years in office. He also earned his Master of Tribal Administration and Governance degree from the University of Minnesota-Duluth. Paul continues to work in Native youth development as an Indigenous games instructor, cultural wellness mentor and Uncle for the community grassroots led Rights of Passage Program. Paul also nurtures emerging Tribal leaders by advising the younger generations. He transfers knowledge and experience regarding the special set of tools and skills needed to effectively conduct business on behalf of each students' respective Nation. Paul is also a certified facilitator for White Bison's Mending Broken Hearts Program. The four-day workshops utilize a cultural approach to starting or continuing personal healing journeys. Mending Broken Hearts addresses historical trauma, intergenerational trauma, unresolved grief and incomplete relationships.

## Torland Cornelius Adkins, LCSW, BCD, SAC, CSOT, ACSW



Torland is an enrolled member of the federally recognized Chickahominy Indian tribe of Virginia. He has a Bachelor of Science in Sociology from Radford University, Master of Social Work from Virginia Commonwealth University, Ph.D. coursework from the Institute for Clinical Social work and a Ph.D. candidate at the Graduate Theological Foundation. Torland's areas of specialty include major depression, anxiety, PTSD, gay male issues and violence.

Torland is married and has a son. In his spare time, Torland enjoys weightlifting, walking, reading, going to Pow-Wows, visiting other tribal communities, swimming and traveling. He has a Yorkie-Poo named Mekah and a cat named Kessie.

## Scott Lalonde, MSW, CSAC



Scott specializes in Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drug Abuse (ATODA), anger management, as well as therapies such as aroma therapy, breathwork, Reiki, reflexology, brain spotting and LGBTQ issues. Scott has worked in the ATODA field for the past 22 years, and all of those years have been working with Native American people. He has worked both full and part time at the former United Amerindian Center, Menominee Co. in Health and Human Services and has been in his current position at Oneida Behavioral Health for 18 years. Scott lives in Green Bay with his two little Teddy Bear dogs, Sadie and Roo, and enjoys natural health, organic gardening, collecting antiques and self-care.

## Patrick Danforth



Patrick is a Certified Recovery Coach (CCAR), Oneida Two-Spirit and LGBTQ Peer Support Specialist. He received his Indian Name "Tehsahalet" at birth which is pronounced "Day-Ha-Ho-Lay" and it means "He Who Hollars" in the Oneida Language. He grew up in a Navy household with five siblings, being the youngest after losing his brother, Tom, in a car accident in 1996. He also has 16 nieces and nephews and thoroughly enjoys seeing them succeed in all of their endeavors in life.

When he first entered sobriety after flunking his freshman year of high school in 1993, he thought he was done drinking, smoking pot and partying. But after graduating college in 2006, he began drinking again, heavily for many years, and eventually found himself in rehab for the first time in 2013. At first, he wasn't fond of the sober lifestyle and, so after many more years of alcohol abuse and dabbling with drugs, he finally re-entered rehab in Appleton at the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In June of 2020, he graduated treatment at Mooring House with Apricity Treatment Center with the determination to remain clean and sober but with one difference...he wanted to become a Recovery Coach and give back what he was so freely given. He wants to live up to his Oneida name "He Who Hollars" and let the world know that Sobriety is so much more than quitting, it's about learning that Life is Good again and always has been!

Patrick hobbies include hiking, camping, kayaking, canoeing, dancing, art, Oneida Raised Beadwork and many other activities.

## Lori Elm



Lori is a CCAR Certified Recovery Coach, Warrior Down Recovery Coach Facilitator Training, Meeting Facilitator Certification, Certified Narcan Trainer. She is an enrolled member of the Oneida Nation and belong to the Bear Clan. She is a mother of five children and seven grandchildren. Her hobbies include spending time with her family, beading, crafts and learning new sober things to do with loved ones. Lori is a strong advocate of the sober community, LGBTQIA/ Two-spirit communities and MMIR (Murdered Missing Indigenous Relatives). She started her position as a Recovery Coach with Oneida Behavioral Health in January of 2024. Prior to this, she worked in Oneida Tribal Action Plan (TAP) for two years and also volunteered as a Recovery Coach in different areas of the community when needed.

Lori enjoys her role as a Recovery Coach because she gets to use her lived experiences to help others. She is not only a person in recovery, but is also a mother/loved one of addiction as well. She has three loved ones who are currently in recovery, and they did it together as a family along with the support of Oneida Nation community and Yukwatsistay, a.k.a. the Valentino family, to be a healthy support system in their journey to wellness.

When she works with her recoverees, she promotes transparency and honesty by letting them know she is there to listen with no judgement. She will be there to help them achieve a healthy lifestyle and give them the tools to work on daily barriers by encouraging them to be independent and confident. She lets them know they are not alone and that she understands their struggles. She helps them to achieve their goals and expectations in life. She brings her heart and soul into her position and is always willing to share her own personal lived experience to help others. Lori is a true believer that everyone can recover with hard work and support.

## **Jonas Hill - Oneida Recovery Nest Art/Fashion Show MC/Moderator**



*Jonas, Lanakalahawi (he carries the stick), belongs to the wolf clan and is currently serving his first term as Councilman on the Oneida Business Committee (OBC). One of his primary roles with the OBC is to develop legislation on behalf of the Nation. The Nation drafts their own laws as an exercise of their inherent sovereignty, and it is his personal goal to assist in passing laws that are reflective of the community's social and cultural values.*

*As an elected official, he is responsible to act as liaison both within and outside the community. He currently serves as liaison to the Oneida Golf Enterprise and Oneida Pardon and Forgiveness Screening Committee. Further, he serves as a member of Oneida's Finance Committee and Legislative Operating Committee. From a government-to-government perspective, he meets with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and is also a member of the Green Bay Neighborhood Association. He also serves as the Nation's contact with the Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling.*

*His experience includes serving the Nation in a variety of capacities, including roles with the Oneida Environmental, Health, Safety, Land and Agriculture division and Retail Associate at the Oneida Casino. Lastly, he used his gaming experience in the role of Oneida Gaming Commissioner. His education supports the various roles and work experience he has gained and this includes an Associate Degree in Business Management from NWTC.*

*He currently attends University of Wisconsin-Green Bay to work toward a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, which will enhance his effectiveness as an elected leader of the Oneida Nation. Finally, he earned gaming commissioner certifications from the National Tribal Gaming Commissioners and Regulators and the Indian Gaming Association. Jonas believes his education and experience throughout the Nation has prepared him with excellent customer service, an understanding of our Nations philosophy of land preservation/rehabilitation and gaming regulation. During his tenure, it is his goal to enhance economic sustainability, enhance land preservation and be a voice at the table for frontline employees as well as others who are not able to participate in the processes on a regular basis. He has prepared himself to take on this important role and serve the Oneida Nation with integrity, accountability and compassion.*

*Jonas also acknowledges his family. He enjoys spending time with his son, especially in the outdoors, where they explore and learn together about the land, including key culturally relevant activities such as plant identification and hunting. He is a known conservationist and also enjoys fishing and scouting for deer. Other relaxing activities include golfing, visiting family and friends and interacting with people during community events.*

## **Mark W. Powless - Master of Ceremonies**



*Mark W. Powless graduated from Marquette University with a degree in Economics in 1997. He later returned to Marquette and graduated with a Master's Degree in Business Administration in 2007. He has spent the past 32 years working with and for Native American people both in Oneida and Milwaukee, Wis. Currently he is the General Manager over programs and services for the Oneida Nation.*

