



## Mission

To alleviate the unequal burden of cancer among Native Americans of the Southwest through research, training, and community outreach programs in collaboration with the communities we serve.

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**The Partnership for Native American Cancer Prevention (NACP) is a partnership of Native American communities, Northern Arizona University, the University of Arizona Cancer Center, and the National Cancer Institute to address cancer health disparities in Native Americans.**

## Greetings!

James Mercer Langston Hughes was a poet, social activist, novelist and playwright. He wrote, "Like a welcome summer rain, humor may suddenly cleanse and cool the earth, the air and you." Summer rains are a special treat for those of us living in the arid southwest. Perhaps summer has brought lots of humor for you, as you find time for vacations with family and friends. Please enjoy this issue of summer reading!

Jani Ingram

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## New Videos on Men's Wellness and Colorectal Cancer

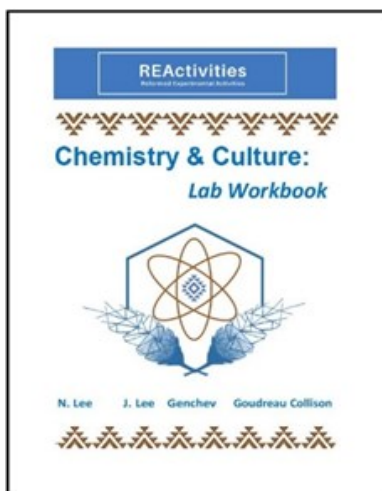


Joachim Chino, MD

NACP takes its role on community-based cancer education and outreach very seriously and to this end has created two additional videos on Men's Wellness, <https://youtu.be/yCytjkV0kZU>, and Colorectal Cancer, <https://youtu.be/oGH5jYduaxs>. The videos stress the importance of going in for regular check-ups and to follow-up with a primary care provider if something doesn't feel right. It is through early detection and screening that we can ensure the best outcomes. The videos feature Dr. Jennifer Erdrich, surgical oncologist from Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa and NACP early-stage investigator, and several Community Advisory Board members including Dr. Joaquim Chino, Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation provider and member of Acoma Pueblo, and Mr. Miguel Flores, NAU-UA CAB co-Chair and Pascua Yaqui/

Tohono O'odham tribal member. The videos have been shared with local health care centers and posted on NACP social media. The next video under development is on cervical cancer and human papillomavirus (HPV) and will include Dr. Naomi Lee, Seneca, and her students, in collaboration with the American Indian Cancer Foundation.

## Release of Chemistry and Culture Workbook



Dr. Naomi Lee (NAU – Seneca) and her colleagues recently released the Chemistry and Culture Workbook curriculum developed for historically excluded students from Science, Technology, Engineering, and Technology (STEM) fields. The curriculum is currently used by three summer programs at NAU, Pacific Northwest University – Health Sciences, and the new program through Aaniiih Nakoda College/Johns Hopkins. The Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) Seventh Generation philosophy states, "In our every deliberation, we must consider the impact of our decisions on the next seven generations." As such, the team's decisions and actions today are meant to cause change, not only to the current generation, but the next seven generations. To follow these teachings, their collective expertise in traditional knowledge and chemistry are meant to promote belonging for all students in the field of chemistry. The website for the curriculum is:

<https://www.reactivities.org/general-chemistry>



# NACP at the AACR Cancer Health Disparities Conference



Dr. Francine Gachupin (Pueblo of Jemez) will co-Chair a plenary session on American Indian/ Alaska Native Populations and Cancer Health Disparities at the 15th American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) Conference on The Science of Cancer Health Disparities in Racial/ Ethnic Minorities and the Medically Underserved. The plenary will be on Saturday, September 17, 2022, 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. EST. The AACR conference will be in Philadelphia, PA, from September 16-19, 2022. We encourage as many NACP team members as possible to submit to present, <https://www.aacr.org/meeting/15th-aacr-conference-on-the-science-of-cancer-health-disparities-in-racial-ethnic-minorities-and-the-medically-underserved/>.



## Congratulations Dr. Merchant



The University of Arizona and the Arizona Board of Regents have recognized Dr. Juanita Merchant for her outstanding achievements by selecting her as a Regents' Professor. This title is the highest academic honor conferred within the university system. Recipients must be full professors whose exceptional achievements are recognized nationally and internationally. The number of Regents' Professors at a university at any one time cannot exceed 3% of the total number of tenured and tenure-track faculty. Dr. Merchant was recognized for her pioneering research on stomach cancer and for her contributions as a dedicated physician, teacher, and mentor. NACP is honored to have Dr. Merchant as part of our team.

## Dr. Ingram Presents as Part of a Cancer Speaker Series



Dr. Jani Ingram (Navajo) gave a virtual presentation at the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Tribal Collaborative on Cancer Speaker Series on June 21, 2022. The Speaker Series provides webinars on cancer issues of interest to Arizona tribal communities. The Arizona Department of Health Services Comprehensive Cancer Control program sponsors the speaker series. Dr. Ingram provided a broad overview of NACP including a description of the Partnership's Cores and Research Projects. This monthly series will be highlighting some of the NACP supported research projects in the future; NACP will send flyers for these presentations to our NACP family.

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