

Biography of Panelist from Johns Hopkins Center for Indigenous Health

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Dr. Mary F. Cwik is a Licensed Psychologist, Associate Director and Senior Scientist at the Center for Indigenous Health in the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health. She has a joint appointment in Psychiatry at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. Dr. Cwik completed a B.A. in Psychology and Philosophy from Johns Hopkins University, Ph.D. in Child Clinical Psychology from Southern Illinois University, and postdoctoral fellowship in the Johns Hopkins Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. Dr. Cwik has conducted research in the areas of suicide, substance use and trauma for over 15 years, with a focus on preventing Native American mental health disparities. In collaboration with the White Mountain Apache Tribe, her research has helped identify unique risk factors impacting these disparities, the importance of protective factors including cultural identity, and promising interventions associated with a reduction in the Apache suicide rate.