Indian Blood: HIV and Colonial Trauma
Towards a Sacred Methodology of Healing
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“Indian Blood: HIV and Colonial Trauma—Towards a Sacred Methodology of Healing,” maps the interstices of health, trauma, settler colonialism and decolonization. Critical mapping in “Indian Blood” uncovers mixed-blood, Indigenous methodologies of healing that reveal themselves through an interrogation of post-traumatic invasion syndrome (PTIS) and a commitment to theoretically and materially grounded methods of Collective Ceremonial Research Responsiveness (CCRR). CCRR anchors itself within traditional urban Indian cultural knowledge systems and spaces. Using surveys, focus groups, and community discussions to examine experiences with HIV among members of San Francisco's Two-Spirit community, “Indian Blood” provides empirical data to understand how colonization continues to affect American Indian communities and opens up a series of crucial interdisciplinary dialogues in the fields of Native American studies, public health, queer studies, and critical mixed-race studies. The presentation concludes with discussion of the Indian Blood Psycho-Social Nexus of Risk Model (IBPN) and the Inter-Generational Healing and Cultural Leadership intervention that grew out of a community partnership with the Native American AIDS Project.

Dr. Andrew Jolivette, professor and former chair of the American Indian Studies Department at San Francisco State University, currently serves as the Interim Executive Director of the American Indian Community Cultural Center for the Arts in San Francisco, California. He is the author of Louisiana Creoles: Cultural Recovery and Mixed-Race Native American Identity (Lexington Books, 2007), and Indian Blood: HIV and Colonial Trauma in San Francisco's Two-Spirit Community (University of Washington Press, 2016). Dr. Jolivette recently served as scholar in residence in Native Sexualities and Public Health at the University of California, Santa Cruz in fall 2013. He was the Indigenous Peoples' Representative at the United Nations Forum on HIV and the Law in 2011. He recently served as the co-chair for the National Association for Ethnic Studies 2014 Conference, "Research As Ceremony: Decolonizing Ethnic Studies" which was held at Mills College in April 2014. He delivered a keynote address at the 2014 International Indigenous HIV/AIDS Conference in Sydney, Australia and at the Australasian HIV/AIDS Conference in Brisbane, Australia in September, 2015. Dr. Jolivette is also the former tribal historian for the Atakapa-Ishak Nation located between southwest Louisiana and southeast Texas.