

TRACK 3: VIOLENCE

COMBATING THE VIOLENCE OUR COMMUNITIES FACE

Violence committed against Indigenous communities comes in various forms. From physical and psychological abuse to the inherent brutality of colonial systems, Indigenous Peoples experience disproportionately high rates of violence.

In this series of conversation sessions, we will:

- 1) identify the root causes of violence committed against our communities, including the MMIP, ICWA, VAWA, and other issues;
- 2) dive into current research and studies regarding violence against Indigenous Peoples; and
- 3) demonstrate the vast need for more data in order to fight systems of oppression and bias against our people.

Attendees will leave the conference armed with easy-to-digest data and talking points needed to effectively advocate for the end of violence against our communities.

Invited Speakers include

- *Julissa Lopez*
- *Jamie Yellowtail*
- *Alana Smutz*
- *Jade Begay*
- *Deb Lekanoff*
- *Diana Cournoyer*
- *Sarah Kastelic*

