



Rosalina "Rose" James (Lummi/Duwamish), PhD, joins the Urban Indian Health Institute (UIHI) team as the new Director of Evaluation and Research, she brings 20 years of experience working with American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities to improve the health and well-being of their people. She will be directing UIHI's evaluation of the CDC Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country program. Over the past 10 years she worked with AI/AN communities and organizations to develop capacity for interdisciplinary tribal health research practices and policies. As part of these efforts, she led a number of activities that exposed AI/AN college students to health science careers, community based participatory research, and ethical, legal, and social implications related to conducting genetics research with Indigenous populations.

As director of the Training core for the NIH/NHGRI-sponsored Center for Genomics and Healthcare Equality (CGHE), Dr. James led an annual workshop that supported career development for more than 60 AI/ANs interested in health science programs or community-based research. She also directed the Indigenous Genomics Alliance core for CGHE where she co-chaired a working group which aimed to establish collaborative processes between local tribal organizations and university research divisions. Currently, she also co-directs the Community Outreach and Education Core of the NIH/NIEHS-sponsored Center for Exposures, Diseases, Genomics and Environment at the University of Washington.