

EDITORIAL

This issue marks the completion of the first volume of *American Indian and Alaska Native Mental Health Research*. As Shore notes in the preface, it focuses on one of the most pressing concerns today in Indian and Native communities: adolescent suicide. A special thanks is extended to him for his introductory remarks, which are especially fitting given his important role in helping to recast our thinking about suicide among Indian and Native people. We also are grateful to the contributors--Neligh, Claymore, Bechtold, Forbes and Van Der Hyde, and DeBruyn, Hymbaugh, and Valdez--who represent a wide range of public and mental health interests, including psychiatry, sociology, medical anthropology, clinical psychology, social work, epidemiology, and planning. It required extra effort to find time in the midst of their demanding clinical and program responsibilities to share these experiences with us.

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