“HISTORICAL AND LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT FOR SECTION 21 AND THE NEED FOR MINORITY RESEARCHERS”

DR. BOBBIE J. ATKINS
Winona LaDuke

“We are a part of everything that is beneath us, above us, and around us. Our past is our present, our present is our future, and our future is seven generations past and present.”
1969/ Resolution 14
Mr. Vernon Hawkins and Mr. Henry Williams plus others
National Association of Non-white Rehabilitation Workers (NANWRW)
The National Association of Multicultural Rehabilitation Concerns (NAMRC)
The first Rehabilitation Research & Training Center (RRTC) funded through the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) Focused on POC

Howard University
The late Dr. Sylvia Walker (PWD)

Two RRTCs focused on American Indians located at the University of Arizona in Tucson (UA)

Dr. Pricilla Sanderson
And
Northern Arizona University (NAU)
National Council on Disability (NCD)
Ms. Ethel Briggs
“Your voice can change the world.”

BARACK OBAMA
2009-PRESENT
Cesar Chavez

“The people united will never be defeated.”
SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATIVE MANDATES

Section 610(j) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

Section 21 of the Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1992

Atkins’ Seminal Research
Congressman Major Robert Odell Owens

Known as the Rapping Congressman
(1936-2013)
Rehabilitation Cultural Diversity Initiative (RCDI), Dr. Bobbie J. Atkins, National Coordinator

Consortia of Administrators for Native American Rehabilitation (CANAR) Dr. Ken Galea’i and Ms. Treva Roanhorse

American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation (AIVR) Programs

Capacity-Building Projects (funding ended, 2013) (Ms. Ellen Chesley, RSA, Project Officer and Mr. Dan Hopkins, National Project Coordinator)

LU RRTC and Section 21
THE 27TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) THIS YEAR!
OWN YOUR GIFTS
DON'T BE AFRAID OF YOUR GIFTS
AND
SHARE YOUR GIFTS

Needs of & for Successful Research Leaders of Color
“All the forces in the world are not so powerful as an idea whose time has come.”

Victor Hugo

OUR CURRENT POLITICAL REALITIES!

“America is in trouble, and a lot of that trouble—perhaps-most of it—has to do with race.”

Dyson (2017), p. 3
ASSET ORIENTED FOCUS
Culture
Ceremonies
Rituals
Gender
LGBTQ Community
KNOW YOURSELF

FIND YOURSELF A MENTOR

COLLABORATE/ LEARNING COMMUNITY
“Grant me courage to serve others;

For in service there is true life.”

Cesar Chavez

Do Not Be Afraid To Blow Your Own Horn!
Social Media
Immigration
Wounded Warriors
LGBTQ
Transgender
Professional Organizations
Federal Registrar

NEEDED AREAS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS
25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of NAMRC in 2018
Write & Publish
Editorial Boards
Develop Ted Talks ([www.ted.com](http://www.ted.com))
Replication of Research
Protection of Human Subjects
Be Proactive
Win-Win Perspective
IMPACT OF THE CURRENT POLITICAL CLIMATE ON POC

“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.”
WE PRAY FOR ALL LIFE: SPIRIT LIFE, HUMAN LIFE, ANIMAL LIFE, INSECT LIFE…

Mary and Carrie Dann
(Western Shoshone)
(Mankiller, 2004, p. xxxviii)
Chief Wilma Mankiller, (1945-2010)
First Woman To Serve As Chief Of The Cherokee Nation
ALL BROWN PEOPLE ARE DESERVING OF A QUALITY LIFE…

ALL PEOPLE!!