

## 2019 DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE & ABUSE CONFERENCE PRESENTERS

**Lisa Bomley** is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker for the State of Idaho. She currently works as the Elementary School Social Worker for Lewiston's seven elementary schools. Bomley has been in the social services field since 1999 and has experience in Child Welfare, Developmental Disabilities, Mental Health, Medical Social Work and School Social Work. During her career she has provided guidance and support to many agencies regarding compassion fatigue, suicide awareness, crisis team response, as well as grief and loss. She currently sits on the Region 2 Behavioral Health Board as well as the REACH Committee through Lewis Clark State College. One of her professional accomplishments was the planning and implementation of the Behavioral Health Crisis Team at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center. Bomley is currently the co-leader for the Lewiston School District's Crisis Assistance and Support Team.

**Claudia J. Bayliff** is an attorney and educator with 31 years of experience working on issues related to sexual assault. For 17 years, she served as Legal Momentum's Project Attorney, where she provided technical assistance and created educational curricula about sexual assault for judges, prosecutors, law enforcement, and other criminal justice professionals. Bayliff helped to implement a nationwide, comprehensive plan for judicial education about sexual assault; provided national technical assistance to judges, prosecutors, and other criminal justice professionals; and served as expert faculty for educational programs across the country. She worked on developing a national curriculum for victim advocates to help them provide legal advocacy for sexual assault victims navigating the criminal justice system. Bayliff was the first Chief of the United States Air Force's worldwide Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program. She was responsible for administering the new Air Force program, including developing and implementing the Air Force's sexual assault prevention and response policy. She has consulted with all military services to help them develop their sexual assault prevention and response strategies. In addition, Bayliff served as the Assistant Director of the Boulder County Rape Crisis Team from 1989 to 1993. She has taught classes on women and the law for eleven years at the University of Colorado in Boulder and Denver.

**Bryan Lyda** is an activist and a rebel who believes that everyone should be able to be who they want to be and live the life they choose without limits. Through the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence, he works to connect people and communities, and challenge them to show up for justice and freedom. Lyda strives to use compassion and courage to speak up for any community who has been silenced, harmed, or oppressed. He chooses to take many paths in life and hopes at least a few of them are made of dirt. Lyda has a B.A. in Anthropology and 15 years of experience in social change work.

**Shelly Meisner, MSHB** has worked in the domestic violence and sexual assault field for over 16 years at the YWCA Lewiston, ID-Clarkston, WA where she is currently an Advocate Coordinator. Meisner has specialized in providing advocacy and support to survivors of abuse, and has facilitated support groups for survivors for over 10 years. She holds a B.S. degree in Psychology from Lewis Clark State College and a Masters degree in Human Behavior.

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**Tai Simpson** is “The Storyteller” in the indigenous language of the Nimiipuu nation (Nez Perce Tribe of Idaho). She lives and works in Boise, Idaho. Her insight into politics and social justice work are used regularly in many public and private organizations. She is a direct descendant of Chief Timina Ilp Ilp (“Red Heart”) of the Nez Perce tribe. Simpson’s academic background is in Political Philosophy & Public Law at Boise State University. In the community, she serves as an organizer for the Indigenous Idaho Alliance and works as Social Change Advocate with the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence. Simpson believes indigenous “old ways” need to come back in style. The old ways are principles on which many indigenous communities build their social and political narratives. As an antiracism activist and community leader, she uses contemporary and traditional Indigenous storytelling to depict the lens of “old ways” and how it is used to protect the sacred, build strength in the community, and keep nature in balance.

**Karrie Smith, MSW** is the Associate Director at the YWCA of Lewiston, ID-Clarkston, WA. She has been a community-based advocate providing advocacy and support to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking for the past 20 years. Smith received her Masters of Social Work degree from Boise State University.