

**Profile of
Dr. Erik R. Brodt**
**Assistant Professor, Family Medicine, University of Wisconsin-Madison
School of Medicine and Public Health
2015 Regents' Diversity Award Recipient**

Highlights from nomination materials:

- Assistant Professor, Family Medicine, UW-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health (SMPH).
- Medical School, University of Minnesota School of Medicine (2006); Residency, Swedish Medical Center (2009).
- Founded, in 2012, the Native American Center for Health Professions (NACHP), which he leads.
- Secured and serves as Principal Investigator on a \$1-million Indians into Medicine (INMED) five-year grant to the NACHP from the Indian Health Service.
- Associate Director, UW-Madison Collaborative Center for Health Equity; helped develop the Association of Native American Medical Students Chapter for UW-Madison.
- Works to forge collaborations to increase the number of Native Americans in medicine and health professions, including the SMPH Rural and Urban Scholars in Community Health Program, a pipeline program to recruit students from UW-Milwaukee, UW-Platteville, and UW-Parkside.
- Developing a series of films (“We are all healers”) that highlight the career paths and practices of Native physicians as one way to promote more Native Americans in the medicine and health professions.

In Dr. Erik R. Brodt’s own words:

- “It is my personal mission to improve health outcomes and encourage wellness for Native Americans....When I joined the UW-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health faculty in 2009, I was ready and eager to go to work in Wisconsin. Yet I was surprised by the near absence of Native voices in the UW System’s health professional programs, especially given the number of Native Americans living in Wisconsin. I recognized this challenge and immediately began working to create opportunities addressing this need, to lift us all, and to transform a weakness into a great strength.”

In the words of colleagues:

- “Dr. Brodt’s vision and leadership for outreach, recruitment, educational programming, and cultural opportunities for Native American students and faculty at the SMPH has been laudable. The results of his collaborative efforts have been remarkable. Our school has experienced a substantial increase in Native students, Native faculty, and Native affiliate-faculty since he began his efforts. Improving the diversity in our health sciences community provides enormous benefits to all.” —*Robert N. Golden, Dean, School of Medicine and Public Health, Vice Chancellor for Medical Affairs, UW-Madison*
- “The Department of Family Medicine is exceptionally proud to have Dr. Brodt as a faculty member. He is a skilled and respected clinician as a hospital-focused physician at Meriter Hospital. Additionally, he is a tireless champion for health care diversity and equity....As he has stated, ‘My vision for NACHP is to build the most successful Native American health education center in the nation.’” —*Alexandra Adams, Professor, Department of Family Medicine, Director, Collaborative Center for Health and Valerie J. Gilchrist, Millard Professor in Community Health, Chair, Department of Family Medicine, UW-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health*