Congratulations to Dr. Tommi Gaines for being selected as a fellow for the 2012-2013 Indigenous HIV/AIDS Research Training Program (IHART) housed in the University of Washington Indigenous Wellness Research Institute, a multidisciplinary center for American Indian and Alaskan Native health disparities research. The IHART program trains scholars in conducting culturally appropriate research to address health issues affecting Native Americans in the area of HIV/AIDS, other sexually transmitted infections, and mental health. As an enrolled tribal member of the Navajo Nation, Dr. Gaines looks forward to developing multidisciplinary partnerships in public health and community-based research for Native communities. Under the IHART program, Dr. Gaines will explore the feasibility of adopting the “risk environment” framework to the American Indian population. Her goal is to empirically capture the multiple-levels contributing to HIV/STI risk through a pilot study among American Indians.