**Speaker Information:**

Matthew Town, PhD, MPH, is a behavioral health scientist committed to interrupting legacies of trauma that affect marginalized communities by centering culture and diversity science to the health and well-being of people. His scholarship and advocacy focuses on the HIV and substance use prevention and treatment needs of American Indian and Alaska Natives (AIAN), sexual minorities, and AIAN sexual minorities. Their on-going scholarly interests include stress coping processes, resilience, Indigenous methodologies, health and well-being, and social and cultural determinants of health.

**Talk Information:**

**Risk and Resilience:**

*Stories of Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Use Among Native LGBTQ+ People*

Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) is an oral HIV prevention medication. However, little is known about PrEP uptake among Native people broadly, and Native people at higher risk for HIV infection specifically. Using narratives of a recent qualitative research project, this presentation will acknowledge the barriers and facilitators of PrEP initiation and sustained use among LGBTQ+ people. This presentation will highlight the realities of Native people that are currently using or have recently been on PrEP, the critical aspects of evidence-based treatment as prevention among Native people in the context of the larger HIV epidemic, and discuss the harm reduction strategies being implemented by Native LGBTQ+ people.