

Western Region Consortium Meeting

Wednesday, September 28th 1 pm to 3 pm

Jessica S. Kruger, PhD, MCHES

Dr Kruger is a health educator whose research focuses on consumption and addictive behaviors, health behavior decision-making and pedagogy in public health. She collaborates with a wide variety of community-based organizations and advises students at the Lighthouse Free Medical Clinic and the Seneca-Babcock Community Center, both in the Western New York area. Kruger is the vice-chair of the board of directors for the Society of Student-Run Clinics and focuses on increasing the interprofessional collaboration in free clinics around the U.S. She also serves as a member of the leadership team of **Interprofessional Education and Collaborative** Practice at UB. Most recently, Kruger has been named a 2021 SUNY Online Ambassador for her enthusiastic, effective virtual teaching and advocacy of online education in the SUNY community.

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Dejia Marie James

Ms James is Manager of Member Engagement for Western New York with the New York Immigration Coalition. She is dedicated to advocating for underrepresented communities and creating autonomous spaces for constructive support of minorities, immigrants and refugee populations from developing countries. She received her Bachelor of Arts in International Relations and Spanish from SUNY Geneseo, where she completed her Spanish studies in Quito, Ecuador. Prior to the NYIC, Dejia worked closely on refugee resettlement and child care small business training through a program developed by Childcare Resource Network and Journey's End Refugee Services as well as coordinated racial equity initiatives at a local foundation.

