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Ms. Austin is a Research Coordinator for the Office of Global Health and a Public Health Doctoral student in the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine. Ms. Austin's educational background lies in Public Health and Medical Anthropology; she obtained her Masters degree in Medical Anthropology from Stanford University and her MPH from the University of Utah.

Her formative years were spent on the Navajo reservation and these early years were the catalyst for developing a strong desire towards reducing health disparities among American Indian people. She understands health care access of American Indians from both a personal experience, as well as, scholarly analysis.

Ms. Austin's dissertation focus is cancer survival among American Indian populations. She currently is assisting the *Reducing Cancer Disparities Among American Indian Populations in the Intermountain West* Project and has a goal of expanding community based projects of the American Indian arm of the Office of Global Health.