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Biographical sketch

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Dr. Yvette Roubideaux is an Assistant Professor in the Zuckerman College of Public Health and College of Medicine at The University of Arizona. Her work includes teaching and research on Indian health issues, with a focus on the quality of diabetes care for American Indians/Alaska Natives and Indian health policy. She is a consultant for the Indian Health Service Diabetes Program on research and evaluation projects, and is currently faculty in the University of Colorado Native Elder Resource Center Native Investigator Program. She is also the Co-Director of the Coordinating Center for the Special Diabetes Program for Indians Diabetes and CVD Risk Reduction Demonstration Projects. Dr. Roubideaux previously worked in the Indian Health Service as a Medical Officer and Clinical Director on the San Carlos Indian Reservation and in the Gila River Indian Community.

She has worked on a number of national committees related to diabetes, including the National Diabetes Program (NDEP) Steering Committee, the NDEP American Indian Subcommittee (Chair), and the American Diabetes Association Awakening the Spirit Native American Team (Chair). She was also the President of the Association of American Indian Physicians for 1999-2000 and was appointed to the Department of Health and Human Services Advisory Committee on Minority Health in 2000. She is co-editor of the APHA book entitled "Promises to Keep: Public Health Policy for American Indians and Alaska Natives in the 21st Century."

Dr. Roubideaux's work also involves recruiting American Indian and Alaska Native students into health professional and research careers. She is the Director of the University of Arizona/Inter Tribal Council of Arizona Indians Into Medicine (INMED) Program and Director of the Training Program of the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona/University of Arizona American Indian Research Center for Health. Dr. Roubideaux is one of the founders and past co-chairs of the Native Research Network, Inc., and recently received the *2004 Indian Physician of the Year Award* from the Association of American Indian Physicians. She also received the *2002 Outstanding American Indian Faculty Award* at the University of Arizona.

Dr. Roubideaux received her MD from Harvard Medical School and her MPH from Harvard School of Public Health. She completed the Primary Care Internal Medicine Residency Program at Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston, MA and was Board

Certified in Internal Medicine. She completed the Commonwealth Fund/Harvard University Fellowship in Minority Health Policy in 1997.