

Eva Marie Garrouette
Research/Areas of Specialization

Areas of Specialization: Native American Studies, Racial/Ethnic Relations, Health and Aging, Religion

Research: Professor Garrouette's main research interests include the areas of Native American Studies, racial/ethnic identity, health and aging, and religion. As an enrolled citizen of the Cherokee Nation, she is especially concerned with making her work in these areas responsible not only to the values and interests of the academy, but also to those of American Indian communities. Her book, *Real Indians: Identity and the Survival of Native America* (2003, University of California Press) explores ways that modern American Indian racial-ethnic identity is negotiated, modified, challenged, and revoked. It then develops the emerging intellectual perspective of "Radical Indigenism," which is presented as a new model for a distinctively American Indian scholarship.

Current Projects: A recent and ongoing project applies the perspective of Radical Indigenism by examining an urban American Indian community through the life histories of its members. Other current work, based on her own primary data collection and funded by the National Institute on Aging under a K01 mechanism, examines contributors to effective communication between health care providers and their American Indian elder patients. Still other research addresses the linkage of health and spirituality in tribal contexts.