

## Bio - Dr. Natalie Clark, M.S.W., PhD.



Natalie's practice, teaching, activism and research over the last 25 years have focused on violence against children, youth and their families including colonial policies and practices and the coping responses and resistance to this violence. Natalie's work is informed and mobilized through her interconnected identities including her metis and settler ancestry; as a solo-parent of three Secwepemc children and part of the Secwepemc community; an academic; activist and sexual abuse counsellor. The work draws on Natalie's over 25 years of research and practice in the area of trauma and violence with a focus on healing and resistance to violence and trauma, including the impact of policy and intersecting policies on Indigenous families and communities. Natalie's work on Indigenous Intersectionality is recognized Nationally and Internationally – and has been applied by the Secwepemc Nation and the First Nations Health Authority policy team most recently.

In addition to her role as an Associate Professor and Chair at Thompson Rivers University in the School of Social Work, Natalie continues to practice including her ongoing work as a violence counsellor, and Indigenous girls group facilitator. Natalie has just been awarded the President's Merit Award for Excellence in Research and Scholarship. This award recognized the positive impacts of Natalie's research and scholarship at TRU, and Nationally and Internationally. She has previously been awarded the Ashoka Foundation as a Changemaker: Inspiring Approaches to First Nations, Metis and Inuit Learning, for her work with Indigenous girls' groups.