

## **Candidate for Secretary** **Amanda D. Boyd, PhD**

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### **Biography**

Dr. Amanda Boyd is an Associate Professor in the Edward R. Murrow College of Communication at Washington State University and a member of the Métis Nation (Indigenous person of Canada). She is Affiliated Faculty with the School of the Environment and the College of Medicine at Washington State University. Amanda works with Partnerships for Native Health, one of the largest research organizations in the United States devoted to the health and health care of American Indian and Alaska Native people. She has a diverse academic background, with a PhD in Communication Studies (graduate certificate in Energy and Environmental Systems), MSc in Rural Sociology, and BA in Management Studies. She completed a postdoctoral fellowship in Indigenous Studies.



Amanda has been an active member of the Society for Risk Analysis (SRA) since she attended her first meeting in 2007 as a graduate student. She has since served on the SRA Communication Committee (*2015-Present*), the Education Committee (*2010-2012*), and as a member of the 2011 Annual Meeting Planning Committee. In 2009, she co-founded the Student and Young Professionals Group of SRA. She co-chaired the Student and Young Professionals Group until 2012. During that time, she worked with society leadership to offer training or networking opportunities, host panel discussions, and organize career fairs or workshops. She is currently the Secretary/Treasurer for the Risk Communication Specialty Group. She agreed to serve as Secretary of SRA in March 2020 when an immediate need became apparent.

Amanda's research interests are in the areas of risk communication and risk perceptions. Much of her research focuses on developing the tools and theory needed to improve communication of environmental and health risks with Indigenous and rural populations. Current work includes: (1) examining risk perceptions of contaminants in traditional foods in Arctic regions; (2) determining optimal methods to communicate about Alzheimer's disease among American Indians; (3) examining risk perceptions of energy systems; and (4) facilitating Indigenous youth in developing health risk communications for their peers and community members. Amanda leads the Dissemination Cores of two Research Centers funded by the National Institutes of Health that aim to reduce cardiovascular disease and alcohol use disorders among American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders. The collaborative research efforts she works on have primarily been funded by the National Institutes of Health and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research. Her research has resulted in more than 30 publications and she has served as PI or Co-investigator on 20 awards totaling more than \$24,600,000.

### **Goal Statement**

The Society for Risk Analysis plays an important role in facilitating the dissemination of knowledge about risk, fostering collaborations and promoting research and education on risk. The society has taken great action in promoting the work of SRA members and the organization. As a member of the Executive Committee I would continue to work with society leadership and the Communication Committee to increase the visibility of the organization. This includes promoting society membership as leaders in risk research and management among interdisciplinary audiences.

SRA has been invaluable to my career and research development. I have always felt welcome at SRA, whether as a graduate student and now as a faculty member. This value and the welcoming nature was one of the primary reasons why I helped form the SRA Students and Young Professionals Group – to ensure that students and young professionals would feel empowered by the organization and to assist them in career development. As a member of the Executive Committee I will work with society leadership to develop plans and take action to grow the membership and ensure that this is a welcoming society for others.

I look forward to keeping record of meetings, serving on the Executive Committee and helping to effectively coordinate interaction among society members. It would be my honor to serve as secretary for SRA and look forward to contributing to the growth of this organization.