

## **The Sixth Annual Native Gathering**

**Mamata (Mini) Datta** is Vice President, Knowledge Sharing, Native Initiatives at Opportunity Finance Network. Mamata was the Manager for the Native Communities Financing Initiative program which provides technical assistance and training for Native communities interested in starting up a Native CDFI and/or a Native Credit Union. She continues to work directly with Native CDFIs as a Project Manager through Oweesta. With Opportunity Finance for approximately 9 years, Mamata provides CDFI start-up consulting services and assists in rolling out CDFIs which include Board development, organizational assessments, program design and implementation, product development, loan policies and customized trainings. Prior to joining Opportunity Finance, Mamata worked with community development organizations in the City of Chicago on issues ranging from affordable housing development, welfare to work, education, health and human services. She holds a Master of Social Work: Community and Economic Development degree from Washington University in St. Louis.

**William Guevara** is the Director of Institution Development for First Nations Oweesta Corporation (Oweesta) He is an integral part of Oweesta's Training, Technical Assistance and Consulting Program. He provides Native Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) development training and technical assistance, including all aspects of our market research services, to Native communities. He manages the technical assistance component of the Native Communities Financing Initiative for emerging Native CDFIs, including the Native Credit Union program. With over 30 years experience as a Real Estate/Mortgage Broker and a General Contractor, William has extensive experience in the housing development field in addition to his significant Native CDFI experience. He is an accomplished presenter, trainer, researcher and technical assistance provider and is the former executive director of an Indian Housing Authority, seeing the organization through its early stages of Native CDFI development.