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Amy Stix has served as the assistant director of Designing Our Community and American Indian Research Opportunities at Montana State University since 2012. Most recently, she oversaw grant writing, fundraising initiatives and communications on behalf of sustainable housing and construction training programs on the Northern Cheyenne and Hopi reservations.

After earning her MS in Environmental Studies with an emphasis in community development from the University of Montana, she worked in the nonprofit sector as a community organizer, lobbyist and coordinator of advocacy programs on behalf of clean water, wildlife habitat, and public health issues in the Northern Rockies. She has also worked on numerous local, statewide and U.S. Senate campaigns for Montana Conservation Voters, and has served as campaign advisor to environmental leaders. She has also helped build grassroots coalitions and communication strategies.

Equally passionate about international cultural exchange and cooperation, Amy has traveled extensively overseas and worked on community development projects in Bolivia, where she lived for 14 months, and in Western Samoa, Pakistan, and Kenya. She is a fellow of the U.S. Japan Foundation Leadership Program, which promotes communication and collaboration among governmental, academic, business, and civic leaders in each country.

