

## **Mike Patterson, MA, PhD**

**D**r. Patterson completed his studies in Sociology at Carleton University in 2003. His thesis focuses on the meeting of two worlds: First Nations in Cyberspace.

He is primarily a Qualitative researcher, using principles embodied in Participatory Action and Community Based Research.

Mike has worked with many First Nations communities and NGOs and has taught in fields as diverse as Native music, prophecies (Seventh Fire and Seven Generations), HIV/AIDS prevention, falls prevention, and the syncretic weaving of Western and Aboriginal worldviews (Where the Forest Meets the Highway; Kahswenhtha). He is involved in a number of research projects at CHRU, including the development of a Western/Indigenous wellness model; multiple interventions toward falls prevention in Aboriginal communities; alcohol harm reduction on reserves; and preliminary investigations of Post Polio Syndrome (PPS) among Aboriginal people. Mike is a research consultant to the Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network (CAAN).

His hobbies include tinkering, gardening, fishing, and walking the dog.