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Anna Kerttula de Echave is an anthropologist and is the Program Director of the Arctic Social Sciences Program at the U.S. National Science Foundation. Her research has spanned three decades of fieldwork in the Arctic, during which she has covered a diverse range of research topics, from land use patterns and subsistence economies to identity, household organization, and domestic violence. Her host populations have been equally diverse including the Yup'ik, Denai'ina, Pribiloff Aleuts, and the Siberian Yupik and Chukchi of Russia. She has also participated in archaeological research projects investigating prehistoric Athabaskan and Pacific Inuit sites. Her early research in the former Soviet Union culminated in the book, "Antler on the Sea: the Yupik and Chukchi of the Russian Far East," published by Cornell University Press in 2000.

Over the last ten years, under Anna's guidance, the Arctic Social Sciences program has increased over 300 percent both in the number and size of awards and in the diversity of awards. Currently the ASSP portfolio includes archaeology, ethnology, theoretical linguistics and endangered languages documentation, community participatory research, social psychology, social history, human geography, sociology, political science, economics, and interdisciplinary research. As Program Director, Anna has focused on ways to create partnerships between Arctic communities and academic researchers; from encouraging and funding Arctic Native PIs and organizations to a multitude of educational programs that give rural Arctic students science experience and promote their interests in the sciences. During the 2007-2008 International Polar Year the ASSP program supported 11 projects for over \$7.5 million USD, which was the first time social science researchers and Arctic communities participated in the IPY agenda. In addition, the ASSP program funded the US participation in the European Science Foundation's BOREAS Programme, funding 8 projects for a total of over \$4.0 million USD. Anna recommended for funding Arctic social science research projects totaling over \$11 million USD as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Her most recent program is on Arctic Sustainability, and interdisciplinary, international initiative to support research that promotes the long-term sustainability of Arctic ecosystems and communities.

In addition to her position in the NSF Office of Polar Program's Arctic Sciences Division, Anna is the co-Program Director of NSF's collaboration with NEH on the Documenting Endangered Languages program, and sits on the inter-directorate working groups of Science, Engineering, and Education for Sustainability; Coupled Natural and Human Systems; and ADVANCE Programs.