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A native of Lame Deer has been appointed the first director of the Indian Studies Program on the University of Montana campus.

Alonzo Spang, a 37-year-old Northern Cheyenne Indian, will begin his duties next fall. He is now the provost -- or the "on-site" president -- of Navaho Community College, Many Farms, Ariz.

As director of the UM Indian Studies Program, Spang will set up the entire program and curriculum and hire staff members. He is completing work toward a doctor's degree in education, specializing in counseling psychology.

Spang received a bachelor of science degree in education, with a major in biological sciences and a minor in social science at Eastern Montana College, Billings. Arizona State University, Tempe, Ariz., awarded him a master's degree in education, with specialization in guidance and counseling.

His former experience includes employment as director of the Indian Community Action Project for Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Mississippi, New Mexico and North Carolina; director of Cook Christian Training School, Tempe, Ariz., and various positions with the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

He is a member of many community and service organizations. His awards include chief of the Northern Cheyenne tribe, John Hay Whitney Foundation Fellowship, Scottsdale All Indian Days award for outstanding contribution to the Indian community, Arizona State University assistantship instructor at the first National Indian Leaders Workshop on School Affairs.

He has worked with Indians in the Southwest, Northwest, Southeast and Plains areas, where the majority of American Indians live.