

# Caleigh Alicyn Curley

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

**Public Health Policy · Health Equity · Community Wellness · Food Sovereignty ·  
Community Engaged Research · Decolonial Science · Indigenous Data Governance**

## CURRENT POSITION

### Research Program Administrator

Tucson, AZ

### University of Arizona

*July 2022-Present*

Collaborates with the Intertribal Council of Arizona (ITCA) and the Arizona Department of Health to improve Indigenous data governance policies throughout Arizona.

### Program Coordinator

Tucson, AZ

### University of Arizona

*January 2024-Present*

Collaborates with Northern Arizona University and representatives of the Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah State cancer registries, Indian Health Service, and the Navajo Epidemiology Center to enhance cancer observations and promote cancer prevention efforts on the Navajo Nation.

## EDUCATION

### Northern Arizona University

Flagstaff, AZ

B.S. *Biomedical Sciences. Minor: Chemistry.*

*2014-2018*

### Northern Arizona University

Flagstaff, AZ

MPH. *Health Promotion with Indigenous Health Emphasis*

*2019-2020*

### University of Arizona

Tucson, AZ

DrPH. *Public Health Policy and Management. Minor: Health Promotion.*

*2021-Present*

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### Research Technician

Flagstaff, AZ

*Northern Arizona University*

*Winter 2020-Fall 2023*

Collaborated with the Navajo Epidemiology Center, the Community Outreach Patient Empowerment program, and other Tribal entities to study the impact of the 2% tax on unhealthy foods on the Navajo Nation.

### Research Consultant

Flagstaff, AZ

*Northern Arizona University*

*Summer 2021*

Partnered with Diné Food Sovereignty Alliance to educate health champions within the Navajo Nation on developing a community wellness proposal using funds from the 2% tax on unhealthy foods.

### Graduate Research Assistant

Flagstaff, AZ

*Northern Arizona University*

*Fall 2019-Fall 2020*

Collaborated with the Navajo Epidemiology Center, the Community Outreach Patient Empowerment program, and other Tribal entities to determine the fidelity and implementation of a 2% tax on unhealthy foods on the Navajo Nation.

## Research Specialist

Northern Arizona University

Flagstaff, AZ

Fall 2018-Summer 2019

Collaborated with the Navajo Epidemiology Center to conduct community needs assessments and prepare for the second iteration of the Navajo Nation Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance Survey (NNBRFSS).

## INTERNSHIPS

### Research Intern

National Institutes of Health

Phoenix, AZ

Summer 2018

I worked under the mentorship of Dr. Leslie Baier to identify the heritable basis for type 2 diabetes and obesity. I received training in molecular biologic and molecular genetic techniques including DNA sequencing, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR), gel electrophoresis, and gene cloning.

### Research Intern

Northern Arizona University

Flagstaff, AZ

Fall 2016-Spring 2018

I worked under the mentorship of Dr. Fernando Monroy to understand the effects of binge alcohol drinking on the innate immune system. I received training in biologic and molecular genetic techniques, biosafety practices, laboratory area flow, and practices to minimize contamination.

### Research Intern

Massachusetts General Hospital

Boston, MA

Summer 2017

I worked under the mentorship of Dr. Cesar Castro to identify an early, noninvasive diagnosis of pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma (PDAC). I received training in laser-based lab techniques, such as flow cytometry, to conduct bead-based extracellular vesicle analyses.

### Public Health Intern

Tsehootsooi Medical Center

Fort Defiance, AZ

Summer 2016

Worked with the Partnership to Improve Community Health department to enhance food sovereignty within the Navajo Nation through community gardens and hydroponic systems.

### Public Health Intern

Tsehootsooi Medical Center

Fort Defiance, AZ

Summer 2015

Worked with the Health Promotion and Disease Prevention department to enhance physical activity opportunities within the Navajo Nation through weekly community walks/runs.

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. Carson, W. O., **Curley, C.**, Goldtooth-Halwood, R., McClelland, D. J., Carroll, S. R., Yuan, N. P., Carvajal, S., & Cordova-Marks, F. M. (2024). Examining Indigenous identity as a protective factor in mental well-being research in the United States: A scoping review. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 21(11), 1404. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph21111404>
2. Garba, I., Sterling, R., Plevel, R., Carson, W., Cordova-Marks, F. M., Cummins, J., **Curley, C.**, David-Chavez, D., Fernandez, A., Hiraldo, D., Hiratsuka, V., Hudson, M., Jäger, M. B., Jennings, L. L., Martinez, A., Yracheta, J., Garrison, N. A., & Carroll, S. R. (2023). Indigenous Peoples and research: Self-determination in research governance. *Frontiers in Research Metrics and Analytics*, 8, 1272318. <https://doi.org/10.3389/frma.2023.1272318>
3. **Curley C.**, Eddie R, Tallis K, Lane TS, Yazzie D, Sanderson PR, Lorts C, Shin S, Behrens TK, George C, Antone-Nez R, Ashley C, de Heer HD. The Navajo Nation Healthy Diné Nation Act: Community

Support of a 2% Tax on Unhealthy Foods. *J Public Health Manag Pract.* 2023 Sep-Oct 01;29(5):622-632. <https://doi.org/10.1097/PHH.0000000000001753>

4. Eddie, R., **Curley, C.**, Yazzie, D., Francisco, S., Antone-Nez, R., Begay, G. A., Sanderson, P., George, C., Shin, S. S., Jumbo-Rintila, S., Teufel-Shone, N., Baldwin, J. A., de Heer, H. D. (2022). Practicing Tribal Sovereignty through a Tribal Health Policy: Implementation of the Healthy Diné Nation Act on the Navajo Nation. *Preventing Chronic Disease*, 19, 220106. <https://doi.org/10.5888/pcd19.220106>
5. Sean, E. O., S., John, B., Greenfeld, A., Alsbury, R., Egge, M., Sandman, S., George, C., Curley, C., **Curley, C.A.**, de Heer, H. D., Begay, G.A., Jumbo-Rintila, S., Ashley, M.E., Yazzie, D., Antone-Nez, R. & Shin, S. (2022). Implementation of Indigenous Food Tax Policies in Stores on the Navajo Nation. *Health Promotion Practice*, 23(1\_suppl), 76S-85S. <https://doi.org/10.1177/15248399221112964>
6. John, B., Etsitty, S., Greenfeld, A., Alsbury, R., Egge, M., Sandman, S., George, C., Curley, C., **Curley, C.A.**, de Heer, H. D., Begay, G., Jumbo-Rintila, S., Ashley, M.E., Yazzie, D., Antone-Nez, R., & Shin, S. (2022). Navajo Nation Stores Show Resilience During COVID-19 Pandemic. *Health Promotion Practice*, 23(1\_suppl), 86S-95S. <https://doi.org/10.1177/15248399221118393>
7. Trujillo Lalla, A., George, C., Bancroft, C., Edison, T., Ricks, A., Tabb, K., Sandman, S., Salt, S., Curley, C., de Heer, H. D., **Curley, C. A.**, Yazzie, D., Shin, S. S. (2022). Shopper purchasing trends at small stores on Navajo Nation since the passage of Healthy Diné Nation Act Tax: A multi-year cross-sectional survey. *Current Developments in Nutrition*, 6(5), 6005009. <https://doi.org/10.1093/cdn/nzac040>
8. Yazzie, D., Tallis, K., Curley, C., Sanderson, P. R., Eddie, R., Shin, S., Behrens, T. K., George, C., Antone-Nez, R., Jumbo-Rintila, S., Begay, G. A., & de Heer, H. D. (2022). The Navajo Nation Healthy Diné Nation Act: A description of community wellness projects funded by a 2% tax on minimal-to-no-nutritious-value foods. *Journal of Public Health Management and Practice*, 28(2), E471–E479. <https://doi.org/10.1097/PHH.0000000000001371>
9. George, C., Bancroft, C., Salt, S., Curley, C., **Curley, C.A.**, Eddie, R., Edison, T., de Heer, H., Sanderson, P.R., Yazzie, D., & Antone-Nez R. (2021). Successful implementation of the Healthy Diné Nation Act in stores on the Navajo Nation. *Preventive Medicine Reports*, 24, 101573. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pmedr.2021.101573>
10. George, C., Bancroft, C., Salt, S. K., Curley, C., **Curley, C.A.**, de Heer, H. D., Yazzie, D., Eddie, R., Antone-Nez, R., & Shin, S. S. (2021). Changes in food pricing and availability on the Navajo Nation following a 2% tax on unhealthy foods: The Healthy Diné Nation Act of 2014. *PLOS ONE*, 16(9), e0256683. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0256683>
11. Yang, K. S., Lin, H., **Curley, C.**, Welch, M. W., Wolpin, B. M., Lee, H., Weissleder, R., Im, H., & Castro, C. M. (2020). Bead-Based Extracellular Vesicle Analysis Using Flow Cytometry. *Advanced Biosystems*, 2000203. <https://doi.org/10.1002/adbi.202000203>
12. Yazzie, D., Tallis, K., **Curley, C.**, Sanderson, P. R., Eddie, R., Behrens, T. K., Antone-Nez, R., Ashley, M., Benally, H. J., Begay, G. A., Jumbo-Rintila, MA, S., & de Heer, H. D. (2020). The Navajo Nation Healthy Diné Nation Act: A Two Percent Tax on Foods of Minimal-to-No Nutritious Value, 2015–2019. *Preventing Chronic Disease*, 17, 200038. <https://doi.org/10.5888/pcd17.200038>

Forthcoming:

13. Halmai, N. B., Taitingfong, R., Jennings, L. L., Yracheta, J., Garba, I., Lund, J. R., **Curley, C. A.**, Claw, K. G., Taulii, M., Garrison, N. A., & Carroll, S. R. (2024). Indigenous data sovereignty in genomics and human genetics: Genomic equity and justice for Indigenous peoples. *Annual Review of Genomics and Human Genetics*. Manuscript in review.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

1. Carroll, S. R., Small-Rodriguez, D., Suina, M., Taitingfong, R., **Curley, C.**, Yracheta, J., Frias, H., Jennings, L., Ore, C., David-Chavez, D., Ellenwood, C., Martinez, A., Garba, I., & Akee, R. (2024). *Indigenous data governance brief*. United States Indigenous Data Sovereignty Network. <https://doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.2653081>

## ACADEMIC CONFERENCES & SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

1. **Curley, C.** The Navajo Nation Healthy Diné Nation Act: Community Support of a 2% Tax on Unhealthy Foods. Oral Presentation. Navajo Nation Human Research Review Board Conference. Flagstaff, AZ. **October 2023.**
2. **Curley, C.,** and DeHeer, H. Physical Activity and Nutrition Behaviors among Navajo Nation residents: Data from the Navajo Nation Health Survey. Poster presentation. Northern Arizona University Health Sciences Poster Symposium, Flagstaff, AZ. **November 2020**
3. **Curley, C.,** Yazzie, D., Tallis, K., DeHeer, H., Sanderson, P., Francisco, S., and Antone-Nez, R. Navajo Nation Healthy Diné Nation Act: Compliance, Distribution, Implementation, and Community Support of 2% Tax on Unhealthy Foods. Poster presentation. American Public Health Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA. **November 2019**
4. **Curley, C.,** Yazzie, D., Tallis, K., DeHeer, H., Sanderson, P., Francisco, S., and Antone-Nez, R. Navajo Nation Healthy Diné Nation Act: Compliance, Distribution, Implementation, and Community Support of 2% Tax on Unhealthy Foods. Oral presentation. Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists Annual Conference, Raleigh, NC. **June 2019**
5. **Curley, C.,** Sutherland, J., Nair, A., Piaggi, P., and Baier, L. Functional assessment of a predicted stop-gain variant in D-amino acid oxidase (*DAO*) that associates with energy expenditure and insulin secretion. Poster presentation. National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD. **August 2018**
6. **Curley, C.,** Jimenez, V., and Monroy, F. The effects of binge alcohol and *B. thailandensis* epithelial invasion. Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ. **April 2018**
7. **Curley, C.,** Yang, K., Im, H., Weissleder, R., and Castro, C. High-throughput plasma extracellular vesicle analysis for detection of pancreatic cancer. Oral presentation. Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA. **August 2017**

#### TEACHING/MENTORSHIP EXPERIENCE

<b>Mo's Policy Scholar Mentor</b>	Tucson, AZ
University of Arizona	Fall 2024
<b>Co-Instructor: Indigenous Research and Ethics</b>	Tucson, AZ
University of Arizona	Fall 2023

#### CERTIFICATIONS

<b>CITI Program</b>	<i>Expiration: 06/2026</i>
Social and Behavioral Research Investigators	
<b>CITI Program</b>	<i>Expiration: 06/2026</i>
Native American Research	
<b>Certified Health Education Specialist</b>	<i>Expiration: 04/2026</i>
National Commission for Health Education Credentialing	
<b>Grant Writing Certification</b>	<i>Completion: 06/2022</i>
Northwest Native American Research Center for Health	
<b>Indian Health Policy Certification</b>	<i>Completion: 06/2022</i>
Northwest Native American Research Center for Health	

#### HONORS & REWARDS

▪ Pima Indian Health Care Award	<i>Fall 2022-Spring 2024</i>
▪ Native Nations Institute Doctoral Scholar	<i>Fall 2022-Fall 2024</i>

▪ Tribal Nations Scholarship	<i>Fall 2022-Spring 2024</i>
▪ Marion R. and Hazel I. Olson Memorial Scholarship	<i>Fall 2022-Spring 2023</i>
▪ Bill and Donita Sherman Scholarship	<i>Fall 2022-Spring 2023</i>
▪ Robert and Roberta Dawson Scholarship	<i>Fall 2020</i>
▪ Avalon Daggett Scholarship	<i>Fall 2020</i>
▪ Kollis and Opal King Scholarship	<i>Fall 2020</i>
▪ Margaret Kimpton Native American Scholarship	<i>Fall 2020</i>
▪ Jim Troxell Foundation Scholarship	<i>Fall 2020</i>
▪ Guinn B. Burton Medical Scholarship Fund	<i>Fall 2019-Spring 2020</i>
▪ Dean's List	<i>Fall 2014-Spring 2018</i>
▪ Chief Manuelito Scholarship	<i>Fall 2014-Spring 2018</i>
▪ Sally Flemming Scholarship	<i>Fall 2014-Spring 2018</i>
▪ Northern Arizona Lumberjack Scholarship	<i>Fall 2014-Spring 2018</i>

#### ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

<b>Roots for Resilience Data Science Fellow</b>	Tucson, AZ
<i>University of Arizona</i>	<i>Fall 2024</i>
<b>Writing Research Indigenous Team Expanding Scholar</b>	Tucson, AZ
<i>University of Arizona</i>	<i>Fall 2023-Present</i>

#### MEMBERSHIP

<b>Arizona Public Health Association</b> (member)	<i>2022-Present</i>
<b>Collaboratory for Indigenous Data Governance</b> (member)	<i>2020-Present</i>
<b>American Public Health Association</b> (member)	<i>2018-Present</i>

#### AMBASSADOR

<b>Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health Ambassador</b>	Tucson, AZ
<i>University of Arizona</i>	<i>2022-2024</i>

#### REFERENCES

**Upon Request**