

F. Leah Nez

Curriculum vitae

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Education and Fellowships

Bioethics PhD Student

Case Western Reserve University

August 2024 – Present

Predoctoral Fellow, T32: Clinical and Translational Science Collaborative of Northern Ohio

Case Western Reserve University

September 2025 – Present

Justice Dialogues Scholar

Columbia Division of Ethics

January 2025 – Present

PIKE-PREP Scholar

University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus

June 2022 – June 2023

Post-Baccalaureate Fellow

National Institutes of Health, NHGRI

September 2021 – June 2022

Bachelor of Science in Biology

Metropolitan State University of Denver

December 2021

Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy

Metropolitan State University of Denver

December 2021

Health Disparities in Tribal Communities Program Participant

National Institutes of Health, NINDS

May 2021 – August 2021

Research Experience

Research Assistant

Maxwell Mehlman, JD, Case Western Reserve University

Kim Kaphingst, ScD, University of Utah

May 2025 – October 2025

Professional Research Assistant

Katrina G. Claw, PhD, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus

June 2022 – August 2024

Post-Baccalaureate Fellow

Sara Chandros Hull, PhD, NIH NHGRI, Tribal Health Research Office

May 2021 – June 2022

Student Intern

Jamie Pelzman, MS, University of Colorado Denver, BRAiN Program

Sept 2011 – Sept 2012

Undergraduate Intern

Biyu J. He, PhD, NIH NINDS, Laboratory of Molecular and Functional Imaging

May 2011 – August 2011

Student Intern

David S. Goldstein, MD, PhD, NIH NINDS, Clinical Neurocardiology Section

May 2010 – August 2010

High School Student Intern

Leslie J. Marshall, PhD, NIH NINDS, Laboratory of Molecular Medicine and Neuroscience

May 2009 – August 2009

Published Works

Nez, F. L., Nez, L. C., Hiratsuka, V. Y., Gachupin, F. C., Malhi, R. S., Begay, R. L., Bader, A. C., Ivanich, J. D., Anderson, M. Z., Indigenous Peoples Circle, Garrison, N. A., Claw, K. G. (*in progress*). Participant experiences in the Summer internship for INdigenous peoples in Genomics (SING) workshop.

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Russell, L. E., Claw, K. G., Aagaard, K. M., Glass, S. M., Dasgupta, K., **Nez, F. L.**, Haimbaugh, A., Maldonado, B. J., & Yadav, J. (2024). Insights into pharmacogenetics, drug-gene interactions, and drug-drug-gene interactions. *Drug Metabolism Reviews*, 56(3), 1–19.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/03602532.2024.2385928>

Hull, S. C., **Nez, F. L. (*Diné*)**, & Blome, J. M. (2021). Solidarity as an aspirational basis for partnership with Tribal communities. *The American Journal of Bioethics*, 21(10), 14–17.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/15265161.2021.1965258>

Honors and Awards

Nominated for Graduate Appreciation Award	March 2025
AISES Sequoyah Fellow	October 2023
Featured PIKE-PREP Scholar	October 2022
NIH Student Spotlight	July 2022
MSU Denver Philosophy Department Student Honoree	
December 2021	
NIH Student Summer Speaker	August 2021
Writing and Social Justice Presenter Award	April 2016
Gates Millennium Scholar	September 2010 – May 2013

Conferences

Session Presenter October 2025
 “Decoding “The Atlas”: Student-led Efforts to Inspire the Next Generation of Diverse Scientists”, SACNAS National Diversity in STEM conference, Columbus, OH

Panel Member October 2025
 “Reflecting on well-being within our academic community using the Two-Eyed Seeing approach (Etuaptmumk)”, AISES conference, Minneapolis, MN

Session Presenter May 2025
 “A Framework with and for the Diné”, Voices of the Diné Summit, Flagstaff, AZ

Panel Member February 2025
 “Indigenous Data Sovereignty”, Ohio State University Love Data Week, Columbus, OH

Trainee Presenter
 “Impacts and Implications of the Summer internship for INdigenous peoples in Genomics Workshop”
 Voices of the Diné Summit, AZ May 2025
 ELSI Congress, New York, NY June 2024
 SACNAS National Diversity in STEM Conference, Portland, OR (Poster) October 2023
 Summer internship for INdigenous peoples in Genomics, Flagstaff, AZ July 2023

Annual Research and Creative Activities Symposium, Denver, CO	April 2023
“Ethical Concerns from Indigenous Perspectives on Ancient DNA Research”	
CO STEM Capitol Poster Day, Denver, CO (Poster)	January 2023
Session Facilitator	October 2023
Navajo Nation Human Research Review Board (NNHRRB) Conference, Flagstaff, AZ	
Member Attendee	
“Genetic Diné Cultural Framework Development”	
Navajo Nation Genetics Policy Development Working Group, Window Rock, AZ	July 2023
Student Trainee	June 2023
Precision Health and Genomics: Indigenous Mentoring and Ethics Faculty Program, San Diego, CA	
Researcher Attendee	March 2023
Indigenous Data Economics and Artificial Intelligence Summit (IDEAS), Scottsdale, AZ	
Student Attendee	October 2022
SACNAS National Diversity in STEM Conference, San Juan, PR	
Community Member Participant	August 2022
SING USA, Remote	
Institutional Review Board (IRB) Shadowing	November 2021 – June 2022
NIH Bioethics Department, Bethesda, MD	
Ethical and Regulatory Aspects of Clinical Research course	Sept 2021 – Nov 2021
NIH Bioethics Department, Bethesda, MD	
Student Presenter	
“Responsible Conduct of Research with Urban Indian Populations: Addressing Gaps in Ethical Commitments”	
NIH Poster Day, Remote (Poster),	August 2021
Student Attendee	February 2019
American Philosophical Associations Central Division, Denver, CO	
Student Presenter	
Writing and Social Justice Conference, Taylorsville, UT	April 2016
Student Presenter	
“Slow Cortical Potential and Visual Threshold”	
New England Science Symposium Biomedical Science Careers Program, Boston, MA	April
2012	
SACNAS National Diversity in STEM Conference, San Jose, CA	September 2011
NIH Poster Day, Bethesda, MD	August 2011

Leadership

Student Committee Member <i>Metropolitan State University of Denver Free Expression Task Force</i>	October 2021 – February 2022
Treasurer Metropolitan State University of Denver Philosophy Club	August 2021 – December 2021
Blood Drive Charge American Red Cross, Salt Lake Metropolitan Area	January 2017 – February 2018
Assistant Store Manager Sperry Topsider, Salt Lake City, UT	November 2015 – Sept 2016

Teaching Experience

Instructor Summer internship of Indigenous in Genomics	March 2025–Present
Guest Lectures Case Western Reserve University, Racial Justice and Medicine	March 2025
Master's Student Discussion Leader Case Western Reserve University Foundations to Bioethics and Medical Humanities	Aug 2024–Dec 2024 Aug 2025–Dec 2025
Undergraduate Courses Case Western Reserve University Perspectives on Health–Teaching Assistant	Jan 2025–May 2025
Metropolitan State University of Denver Introduction to Philosophy–Teaching Assistant	Jan 2021–May 2022
Vertebrate Zoology–Teaching Assistant	Jan 2021–Mar 2021
Symbolic Logic–Tutor	Jan 2020–Dec 2020
Professional & K-12 Instruction American Red Cross Language of Caring Program Instructor	Jan 2017–Feb 2018
On-the-Job Trainer	Jan 2017–Feb 2018
Copper Hills High School Marching Band Instructor	July 2016–Jan 2017
Riverton Music Elementary After-School Program Band Director	Feb 2014–May 2016

Memberships

Navajo Nation Genetics Policy Development Working Group	Trainee Member
American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES)	Sequoyah Fellow
Society for Advancing Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS)	Student Member

Volunteer

AISES Next50 Mentorship Post-Baccalaureate Mentor	October 2023 – December 2023
Flute and Piccolo Alto Saxophone	
Anschutz Medical Campus Orchestra	September 2022 - May 2024
Over the Hill Community Band	May 2018 – May 2024
Metropolitan State University of Denver Symphonic Band	August 2018 – December 2021
West Jordan City Band	January 2016 – December 2017