

# F. Leah Nez

*Curriculum vitae*

## **Education and Fellowships**

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| <b>Bioethics PhD Student</b><br>Case Western Reserve University  | August 2024 – Present      |
| <b>Predoctoral Fellow, T32: Clinical and Translational Science Collaborative of Northern Ohio</b><br>Case Western Reserve University | September 2025 – Present   |
| <b>Justice Dialogues Scholar</b><br>Columbia Division of Ethics  | January 2025 – Present     |
| <b>PIKE-PREP Scholar</b><br>University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus   | June 2022 – June 2023      |
| <b>Post-Baccalaureate Fellow</b><br>National Institutes of Health, NHGRI   | September 2021 – June 2022 |
| <b>Bachelor of Science in Biology</b><br>Metropolitan State University of Denver   | December 2021              |
| <b>Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy</b><br>Metropolitan State University of Denver   | December 2021              |
| <b>Health Disparities in Tribal Communities Program Participant</b><br>National Institutes of Health, NINDS                          | May 2021 – August 2021     |

## **Research Experience**

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| <b>Research Assistant</b><br>Maxwell Mehlman, JD, Case Western Reserve University<br>Kim Kaphingst, ScD, University of Utah | May 2025 – October 2025 |
| <b>Professional Research Assistant</b><br>Katrina G. Claw, PhD, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus              | June 2022 – August 2024 |
| <b>Post-Baccalaureate Fellow</b><br>Sara Chandros Hull, PhD, NIH NHGRI, Tribal Health Research Office                       | May 2021 – June 2022    |
| <b>Student Intern</b><br>Jamie Pelzman, MS, University of Colorado Denver, BRAiN Program                                    | Sept 2011 – Sept 2012   |
| <b>Undergraduate Intern</b><br>Biyu J. He, PhD, NIH NINDS, Laboratory of Molecular and Functional Imaging                   | May 2011 – August 2011  |
| <b>Student Intern</b><br>David S. Goldstein, MD, PhD, NIH NINDS, Clinical Neurocardiology Section                           | May 2010 – August 2010  |
| <b>High School Student Intern</b><br>Leslie J. Marshall, PhD, NIH NINDS, Laboratory of Molecular Medicine and Neuroscience  | May 2009 – August 2009  |

## Published Works

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**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.

Sherman, C. A. (*Diné*), Nez, L. C. (*Diné*), Aagaard, K. M., Livingston, D. (*Diné*), Blacksher, E., Reedy, J., Hiratsuka, V. Y. (*Diné, Winnemem Wintu*), Phelps, W. (*Diné*), Blanchard, J., Lund, J. (*Diné*), Beans, J. A. (*Yup'ik, Oneida*), **Nez, F. L. (*Diné*)**, Garrison, N. A. (*Diné*), & Claw, K. G. (*Diné*). (*in review*). *Virtual deliberation on genetics research: Report-out from Diné (Navajo) research & healthcare professionals*.

Russell, L. E., Claw, K. G., Aagaard, K. M., Glass, S. M., Dasgupta, K., **Nez, F. L.**, Haimbaugh, A., Maldonato, 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

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| 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

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| 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     |

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| 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**

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

## **Teaching Experience**

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| Instructor<br>Summer internship of INdigenous in Genomics  | March 2025–Present                     |
| Guest Lectures<br>Case Western Reserve University, Racial Justice and Medicine   | March 2025                             |
| Master's Student Discussion Leader<br>Case Western Reserve University<br>Foundations to Bioethics and Medical Humanities | Aug 2024–Dec 2024<br>Aug 2025–Dec 2025 |
| Undergraduate Courses<br>Case Western Reserve University<br>Perspectives on Health–Teaching Assistant                    | Jan 2025–May 2025                      |
| Metropolitan State University of Denver<br>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<br>American Red Cross<br>Language of Caring Program Instructor                           | Jan 2017–Feb 2018                      |
| On-the-Job Trainer   | Jan 2017–Feb 2018                      |
| Copper Hills High School<br>Marching Band Instructor   | July 2016–Jan 2017                     |
| Riverton Music Elementary After-School Program<br>Band Director  | Feb 2014–May 2016                      |

## **Memberships**

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| 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**

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AISES Next50 Mentorship  
Post-Baccalaureate Mentor

October 2023 – December 2023

Flute and Piccolo | Alto Saxophone

Anschutz Medical Campus Orchestra  
Over the Hill Community Band  
Metropolitan State University of Denver Symphonic Band  
West Jordan City Band

September 2022 - May 2024

May 2018 – May 2024

August 2018 – December 2021

January 2016 – December 2017