

# F. Leah Nez

*Curriculum vitae*

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## **Education and Fellowships**

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<b>Bioethics PhD Student</b> Case Western Reserve University	August 2024 – Present
<b>Predoctoral Fellow, T32: Clinical and Translational Science Collaborative of Northern Ohio</b> Case Western Reserve University	September 2025 – Present
<b>Justice Dialogues Scholar</b> 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**

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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

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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

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 <a href="#"><u>Metropolitan State University of Denver Free Expression Task Force</u></a>	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**

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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**

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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