

# PRESENTERS



**Wendy S. Greyeyes, Ph.D.** (Navajo) is an Assistant Professor of Native American Studies at the University of New Mexico. She is born for the Tódíich'íí'nii clan and is from Kayenta, Arizona. Her research focuses on political sociology, organizational analysis, American Indian education, and Nation Building.



**Michelle Hale, Ph.D.** (Diné/Laguna/Chippewa/Odawa) is from Oak Springs, Arizona. She is Assistant Professor of American Indian Studies at Arizona State University. Dr. Hale's current scholarship focuses on issues of tribal government and policy, state-tribal relations, community development and planning.



**Tennille Larzelere Marley, Ph.D. MPH** (White Mountain Apache) is an Assistant Professor of American Indian Studies at Arizona State University. In the past three years, she has been working towards establishing a research agenda, based on her prior work, investigating the social determinants of American Indian (AI) health, specifically the association of health with structural risk factors, especially place and housing, using qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methods.



**Robin Minthorn, Ph.D.** (Kiowa/Apache/Nez Perce/Umatilla/Assiniboine) is an Assistant Professor in Educational Leadership and Native American Studies at the University of New Mexico. Her research interests include Indigenous perspectives and concepts of leadership in higher education for Native American women leaders, Indigenous leaders in higher education, leadership development and models for Indigenous college students, and Native American student experiences in higher education.



**Heather Shotton, Ph.D.** (Wichita & Affiliated Tribes/Kiowa/Cheyenne) serves as an Associate Professor in Native American Studies at the University of Oklahoma. Dr. Shotton's research focuses on Indigenous students in higher education and Indigenous women, particularly in the areas of leadership and Indigenous women in academia.



**Leola Tsinnajinnie-Paquin, Ph.D.** (Filipino/Diné) is from the Navajo Torreon community as well as the Pueblo of Tamaya where she is married. She is an Assistant Professor of Native American Studies at the University of New Mexico. Her research and teaching focus is Nation Building and Decolonization through Indigenous Education. She is passionate about her service to her students, education, and social well-being for all.



**Verna Teller** (Isleta Pueblo) served as the first woman to be elected Governor of the Pueblo of Isleta. She has also served the Pueblo of Isleta as President of the Tribal Council for two terms, six years in an appointed position as Chief Judge of the Isleta Tribal Court and is currently serving her third term as a tribal council member. Governor Teller has served on numerous Boards including the New Mexico Environmental Law Center, the Native American Rights Fund, and Native Water Keepers Inc.

**Viola F. Cordova** was the first Native American woman to receive a doctorate in philosophy. Even as she became an expert on canonical works of traditional Western philosophy, she devoted herself to defining a Native American philosophy. Although she died of a brain aneurysm before she could complete her life's work, some of her colleagues organized her pioneering contributions into a book *How It Is: The Native American Philosophy of V.F. Cordova* (2007). Since 2003, the Native American Studies department has held this symposium in her honor.

