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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

University of Denver – Sturm College of Law, Denver, Colorado
Assistant Professor of Law, July 2025 – Present

- Courses: Torts, Tribal Nations and the Law
- Service: Admissions & Scholarships Committee (2025-2027)

Johns Hopkins University – Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, Maryland
Associate Faculty, Center for American Indian Health, January 2015 – Present

- Courses: Indigenous Perspectives on Environmental Health, American Indian Health Policy, An Interdisciplinary Approach to Understanding the Health of American Indians (lecturer)
- Excellence in Teaching Recognition (Indigenous Perspectives on Environmental Health, 2024-2025)

University of California – Irvine School of Law, Irvine, California
Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, July 2023 – June 2025

- Courses: Torts, Tribal Nations and the Law
- Professor of the Year (1L) Nominee
- Service: Native American Law Student Association Faculty Advisor

University of Utah – S.J. Quinney College of Law, Salt Lake City, Utah
Assistant Professor of Law (Research) & Wallace Stegner Center Fellow, June 2019 – June 2023

- Courses: Federal Indian Law, Indigenous Health Policy (undergraduate summer program)
- Service: Native American Law Student Association Faculty Advisor; Search Committee Member for Grant Development Specialist; Native American Summer Research Internship Mentor

EDUCATION

Johns Hopkins University – Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, Maryland
Master of Public Health, May 2012

- Certificate in American Indian Health
- Delta Omega Public Health Honor Society

University of Utah – S.J. Quinney College of Law, Salt Lake City, Utah
Juris Doctor, High Honors, May 2010

- Certificate in Environmental and Natural Resources Law

- Journal of Energy, Natural Resources & Environmental Law, Articles Editor
- Quinney Fellow and Research Assistant, Professor Robert Adler

Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire

Bachelor of Arts – Biology modified with Psychology, June 2004

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP

Hon. David Nuffer, Chief Judge, United States District Court for the District of Utah
May 2018 – May 2019

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Richards Brandt Miller Nelson, Salt Lake City, Utah

Shareholder, January 2016 – May 2018

Associate Attorney, June 2013 – December 2015

Mohrman & Schofield PC, Salt Lake City, Utah

Associate Attorney, April 2012 – May 2013

University of Utah – Institute for Clean & Secure Energy, Salt Lake City, Utah

Legal Research Fellow, September 2010 – October 2011

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

Navajo Nation Bar, 2014

Utah State Bar, 2010

- Led formation of Indian Law Section of the Utah State Bar in 2016 and served as inaugural Section Chair from 2016 – 2017.

U.S. District Court for the District of Utah, 2010

GRANT ACTIVITY

Universal Access to Clean Water, 2020 – Present

- Role: Initiative Lead

Water & Tribes Initiative – Indigenous Women’s Leadership Network, 2021 – 2023

- Role: Principal Investigator/Coordinator
- Funders: Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, Bonneville Environmental Foundation, Planet Women, Catena Foundation

Native American Physician Workforce, 2021 – 2023

- Role: Co-Investigator
- Funder: Health Resources and Services Administration

Reproductive Scientist Development Program, 2021 – 2023

- Role: Consultant
- Funder: University of Missouri-Columbia

Multi-Level Interventions for Increasing Tobacco Cessation at Federally Qualified Health Centers, 2021 – 2023

- Role: Co-Investigator
- Funder: Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute

Community-Academic Partnership to Address COVID-19 Among Utah Community Health Centers, 2021 – 2023

- Role: Co-Investigator
- Funder: National Institute of Health

SERVICE

DigDeep

- Advisory Board Member, 2025 – Present

Western Resource Advocates

- Board Member, 2021 – Present; Secretary, 2026 – Present

Planet Women

- Advisory Board Member, 2024 – 2025; Board Member, 2022 – 2024

Association of American Law Schools – Section on Indian Nations and Indigenous Peoples

- Executive Committee, 2025 – Present; Chair, 2023 – 2024; Chair-Elect, 2022 – 2023; Secretary, 2021 – 2022; and Treasurer, 2020 – 2021

American Bar Association – Section of Environment, Energy and Resources

- 2027 Environmental Justice Symposium Planning Committee Chair
- Environmental Justice Task Force, Member, 2022 – 2025
- Native American Resources Committee, At-Large Council Member, 2024 – Present; Co-Chair, 2022 – 2024; Written Content Chair, 2021 – 2022

Foundation for Natural Resources and Energy Law

- Member, Diversity and Inclusion Committee, 2020 – 2024

Utah Tribal Relief Foundation

- Founder and President, April 2020 – June 2023

Urban Indian Center of Salt Lake

- Board Member, October 2019 – October 2022; Chair, 2021 – 2022

Invited Grant Reviewer

- Sloan Foundation, 2024
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, 2021

AWARDS

- Award of Excellence, 2025, Utah State Bar – Indian Law Section
- Early Career Scholarship Award, 2024, AALS Indian Nations and Indigenous Peoples
- Native Excellence in Health Equity, 2023, University of Utah
- Distinguished Service Award, 2023, Utah Bar Association
- Distinguished Achievement in Environmental Law and Policy Award, 2021, American Bar Association – Section of Environment, Energy and Resources
- Jimi Mitsunaga Excellence in the Law Award, 2020, Utah Minority Bar Association
- Lawyer of the Year, 2020, Utah State Bar – Energy, Natural Resources & Environmental Law Section

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

Articles

- Heather Tanana, *Beyond the Headline: Media's Influence on Tribal Water Access*, TEXAS A&M J. PROPERTY L. ____ (forthcoming 2027).
- Melissa Kennedy, Heather Tanana, Ein O'Donnell, and Amy McCoy, *Care, Consent, and Curiosity: Sharing Cultural Water Knowledge Safely*, 12 UCLA INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' J. L. CULTURE & RESISTANCE ____ (forthcoming 2027).
- Heather Tanana, *Breaking Cycles of Harm: Climate Action for an Indigenous Future*, 37 FORDHAM ENVTL. L. REV. ____ (forthcoming 2026).
- Jennifer L. Murray, Heather Tanana, Torri Metz, Reham Perry, Elisabeth Kimball, Patrick Galyean, Susan Zickmund, Michael Varner, Michelle Debbink, *Native American Pregnant and Postpartum People's Experiences of Discrimination During Perinatal Care: A Qualitative Study*, 133 BJOG: INT'L J. OBSTETRICS & GYNAECOLOGY 1026 (2026).
- Heather Tanana, Cora Tso, and Crystal Tulley-Cordova, *Breaking the Cycle: New Ideas to Solve Old Problems in Colorado River Tribal Water Access*, 57 ARIZONA STATE L.J. 1503 (2025).
- Ian Smith and Heather Tanana, *The U.S. Supreme Court's Use of Historical Evidence in Recent Indian Law Cases*, 39 NATURAL RES. & ENV'T 4 (2025).
- Heather Tanana and Derrick Beetso, *Arizona v. Navajo Nation: The Fight for a Permanent Homeland*, 85 OHIO ST. L.J. 1189 (2024).
- Heather Tanana, *Interdependency of Water and Energy*, 61 FOUND. NAT. RES. & ENERGY L. 113 (2024).
- Heather Tanana, *Indigenous Science and Climate Responses*, 49 HUMAN RIGHTS 3 (2024).
- Elisabeth Parker and Heather Tanana, *Indigenous Efforts to Advance the Human Right to a Healthy Environment*, 41 PACE ENVTL. L. REV. 221 (2024).
- Heather Tanana, *Voices of the River: The Rise of Indigenous Women Leaders in the Colorado River Basin*, 34 COLORADO ENVTL. L. REV. 265 (2023); re-publication forthcoming in COMPARATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND REGULATION.

- Heather Tanana, *Protecting Tribal Health from Climate Change Impacts*, 15 NORTHEASTERN L. REV. 1 (2023).
- Heather Tanana and Elisabeth Parker, *The Unfulfilled Promise of Indian Water Rights Settlements*, 37 NATURAL RES. & ENV'T 12 (2022).
- Heather Tanana, *Securing a Permanent Homeland: The Federal Government's Responsibility to Provide Clean Water Access to Tribal Communities*, FEDERAL LAWYER (Mar./Apr. 2022).
- Heather Tanana and John Ruple, *Synching Science and Policy to Address Climate Change in Tribal Communities*, 36 NATURAL RES. & ENV'T 2 (2021).
- Heather Tanana, Julie Combs, and Aila Hoss, *Water Is Life: Law, Systemic Racism, and Water Security in Indian Country*, 19 HEALTH SECURITY S1 (2021).
- Elizabeth Kronk Warner and Heather Tanana, *Indian Country Post-McGirt: Implications for Traditional Energy Development and Beyond*, 45 HARVARD ENVTL. L. REV. 249 (2021).
- Heather Tanana and Aila Hoss, *Beyond the Pandemic: Historical Infrastructure, Funding, and Data Access Challenges in Indian Country*, PUBLIC HEALTH LAW WATCH (2021).
- John Ruple and Heather Tanana, *NEPA at 50: An Empirical Analysis of NEPA in the Courts*, 66 ROCKY MNT. MIN. L. INST. 10 (2020).
- Heather Tanana, *Learning from the Past and the Pandemic to Address Mental Health in Tribal Communities*, ARIZONA STATE ONLINE L.J. (2020).
- Aila Hoss and Heather Tanana, *Upholding Tribal Sovereignty and Promoting Tribal Public Health Capacity During the COVID-19 Pandemic*, PUBLIC HEALTH LAW WATCH (2020).
- John Ruple and Heather Tanana, *Debunking the Myths Behind the NEPA Process*, 35 NATURAL RES. & ENV'T 1 (2020).
- John Ruple and Heather Tanana, *Beyond the Antiquities Act: Can the BLM Reconcile Energy Dominance and National Monument Protection?* 34 NATURAL RES. & ENV'T 3 (2019).
- Heather Tanana and John Ruple, *Energy Development in Indian Country: Working Within the Realm of Indian Law and Moving Towards Collaboration*, 32 UTAH ENVTL. L. REV. 1 (2012).

Book Chapters

- Heather Tanana and Elisabeth Parker, *Indigenous Peoples and the Environment*, in *Comparative Environmental Law Research Handbook* (Tseming Yang, Anastasia Telesetsky, and Sara K. Phillips, 2025).
- Heather Tanana, *The Intersection of the Law and Health: Water (In)security in Indian Country*, in *COVID-19 in Indian Country* (Farina King and Wade Davies, 2024).
- Heather Tanana et al., *Understanding the Indian Child Welfare Act and its Application to Practice*, in Child Welfare League of America, *Child and Family- Serving Systems: A Compendium of Policy and Practice – Volume 1* (2022).
- Elizabeth Kronk Warner and Heather Tanana, Tribal §§ 24:26-24:30, in Environmental Law Institute, *Law of Environmental Protection* (2021).
- Dena Ned and Heather Tanana, *Adoption*, in *Contemporary Issues in Child Welfare: American Indian and Canadian Aboriginal Contexts* (Dena Ned, 2017).

Reports

- Universal Access to Clean Water Initiative, *Trust Further Undermined: The President's Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Request Impacts on Tribal Drinking Water and Colorado River Programs* (2026).
- Universal Access to Clean Water Initiative, *Broken Trust: President Trump's Proposed FY 2026 Budget and Tribal Water* (2025).
- Universal Access to Clean Water Initiative, *Tribal Handbook: IIRA and IRA Funding* (2024).
- Elizabeth Payton, et al., *Chapter 4–Water*, in FIFTH NATIONAL CLIMATE ASSESSMENT, U.S. Global Change Research Program (2023) (chapter author).
- Universal Access to Clean Water Initiative, *Universal Access to Clean Water for Tribes: Recommendations for Operational, Administrative, Policy, and Regulatory Reform* (2021) (lead author).
- Universal Access to Clean Water Initiative, *Universal Access to Clean Water for Tribes in the Colorado River Basin* (2021) (lead author).
- Robin Craig, et al., *Pakistan Water Management, The Legal and Institutional Framework: Lessons Learned and Opportunities for Improvement*. University of Utah (2020).
- Lincoln Davies, et al., *Carbon Capture and Sequestration: A Regulatory Gap Assessment*. University of Utah (2012).
- Robert Keiter, et al., *Land and Resource Management Issues Relevant to Deploying In-Situ Thermal Technologies*. University of Utah (2011).

Miscellaneous Materials

- Comments on Safe Drinking Water Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2026, Submitted on Behalf of Organizations, including Universal Access to Clean Water for Tribal Communities (Sept. 3, 2026).
- Comments on Rescission of Regulatory Determinants and Removal of related Provisions for Four PFAS Substances (PFHxS, PFNA, HFPO-DA (GenX), and the Mixture of These Three PFAS Plus PFBS, Submitted on Behalf of 33 Organizations, including Universal Access to Clean Water for Tribal Communities (July 20, 2026).
- Andrea K. Gerlak, Katharine L. Jacobs, Tanya Heikkila, and Heather Tanana, ARIZONA REPUBLIC Op-Ed, [Colorado River water access calls for this sensible solution](#) (May 7, 2026).
- Heather Tanana, Anne J. Castle, and Amy L. McCoy, Comments on Proposed Rule – Updated Definition of “Waters of the United States” Submitted on Behalf of Universal Access to Clean Water for Tribal Communities (Jan. 5, 2026).
- Heather Tanana and Ken Norton, ARIZONA REPUBLIC Op-Ed, [Tribal water access is at a crossroads and its urgent](#) (Dec. 18, 2025).
- Heather Tanana, Amy L. McCoy, and Anne J. Castle, Comments on Audit of the EPA's Water Infrastructure Set-Aside Grants to Tribes, Submitted on Behalf of Universal Access to Clean Water for Tribal Communities (July 16, 2025).
- Heather Tanana, Foreword, in RECENTRING THE MORE THAN HUMAN WORLD (Erin O'Donnell and Melissa Kennedy, 2025).
- Mia Montoya Hammersley, Vanessa Racehorse, Heather Tanana, Nadine Padilla and Gerald Torres. Panel. *Teaching at the Intersection of Federal Indian Law and*

Environmental Law Courses, 49 VT L. REV. 202-229 (2024).

- Heather Tanana, University of Utah – S.J. Quinney College of Law, Stegner Center Law & Policy Program Blog, [A Permanent Homeland for the Navajo Nation Requires Access to Water](#) (Aug. 3, 2023).
- Jamie Pleune, et al. Comments on Bureau of Land Management Proposed Rule, Conservation and Landscape Health Portal 1004-AE-92, Submitted on Behalf of Faculty Members of the Wallace Stegner Center for Land, Resources, and the Environment (July 3, 2023).
- Brief of DigDeep and Utah Tribal Relief Foundation as *Amici Curiae* in Support of the Navajo Nation, *State of Arizona, et al. v. Navajo Nation, et al.*, and *U.S. Dep't. of the Interior, et al. v. Navajo Nation, et al.*, Nos. 21-1484 & 22-51, (U.S. Supreme Court Feb. 8, 2023), with Prof. Elizabeth Bentley, Elisabeth Parker and Frannie Monasterio.
- Heather Tanana, et al. Comments on Allocation of Funding from the Inflation Reduction Act, Submitted on Behalf of Universal Access to Clean Water for Tribal Communities (Jan. 17, 2023).
- Robert Keiter, et al., Comments Submitted in Response to Request for Information to Inform Interagency Working Group on Mining Regulations, Laws and Permitting, Submitted on Behalf of Faculty Members of the Wallace Stegner Center for Land, Resources, and the Environment (Aug. 30, 2022).
- Heather Tanana and Ted Kowalski, SALT LAKE TRIBUNE Op-Ed, [Tribal water resilience relies on water management resources, training support](#) (Mar. 24, 2022).
- Anne Castle, et al., Comments on Proposed Allocation of Funding from the American Rescue Plan Act, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and Build Back Better Act, Submitted on Behalf of Universal Access to Clean Water for Tribal Communities (Jan. 21, 2022).
- Anne Castle, et al., Comments in Response to Identifying Barriers in USDA Programs and Services; Advancing Racial Justice and Equity and Support for Underserved Communities at USDA, Submitted on Behalf of Universal Access to Clean Water for Tribal Communities (Aug. 14, 2021).
- Elizabeth Warner Kronk and Heather Tanana, Environmental Law Institute, Vibrant Environment Blog, [Adaptation to Climate Change: Tribes Are Leading the Way \(Part 2\)](#) (Aug. 4, 2021).
- Elizabeth Warner Kronk and Heather Tanana, Environmental Law Institute, Vibrant Environment Blog, [Heating Up: Climate Change Impacts on Tribal Communities \(Part 1\)](#) (Aug. 2, 2021).
- Heather Tanana and Warigia Bowman, Brookings Institute, How We Rise Blog, [Energizing Navajo Nation: How electrification can secure a sustainable future for Indian Country](#) (July 14, 2021).

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Environment and Natural Resources

- University of California – Los Angeles (UCLA), Environmental Law Colloquium Series, Reclaiming Indigenous Water Sovereignty and Relations (Oct. 8, 2026).
- World Water Congress, Indigenous Water Forum: Towards Resilience and Shared Prosperity (panelist, Oct. 7, 2026).

- Brigham Young University Int'l Ctr. for Law and Religious Studies and UCLA Native Nations Law & Policy Center, Indigenous Ideas of Human Dignity Workshop, Water, Human Dignity, and Indigenous Self-Determination (July 22, 2026).
- Foundation for Natural Resources and Environmental Law, 2026 Natural Resources Law Teachers Institute, Water Resources Management in the Western United States: The Uncertain Future of the Rio Grande and Colorado River Basins (panelist, May 28, 2026).
- The National Judicial College, Water Judge Tribal Water Law – The Last 30 Years (May 20, 2026).
- Vessel, DigDeep and Water for People, U.S. WASH Convening, Who Decides? Building Community-Led Water Governance (moderator, May 8, 2026).
- Metropolitan State University of Denver, Raices, Resiliencia y Resistencia: Building Coalitions to Protect Mother Earth (panelist, Apr. 14, 2026).
- Water MDPI, World Water Day Webinar, Water for All People – Governance, Security, and Access (panelist, Mar. 23, 2026).
- Fordham Environmental Law Review 2026 Symposium, Environmental Law, Public Health, and the Climate Crisis: Protecting Communities in a Changing World (panelist, Feb. 26, 2026).
- Texas A&M Journal of Property Law Review Spring 2026 Symposium Day Zero: How Cities Run Out of Water (panelist, Feb. 6, 2026).
- Indigenous Women's Leadership Network, Colorado River and Tribes (Jan. 28, 2026).
- Women and Water Convening, Universal Access for Clean Water for Tribes (Nov. 6, 2025)
- Toledo Law, Water Security and the Great Lakes Region (panelist, Oct. 31, 2025).
- Colorado State University, Water Leadership Summit: Pathways to Civic Engagement & Action, Water Law 101 (panelist, Sept. 23, 2025).
- University of Denver, Water Law Review Symposium, Partnerships in Water (closing speaker, Apr. 11, 2025).
- Association of American Law Schools, Section on Natural Resources and Energy Law, Water, Woe, and Wizardly in the Era of Climate Change (panelist, Jan. 10, 2025).
- Annual Colorado River Water Users Association Conference, Sovereigns to Sovereigns (moderator, Dec. 6, 2024).
- University of Melbourne, Indigenous Survivance and Environmental Crisis: Perspectives from Australia, USA, Aotearoa, and Sámpí (Oct. 30-31, 2024).
- American Bar Association, Indigenous Environmental Law: The Effect of Arizona v. Navajo Nation on Tribal Water Rights (moderator, July 16, 2024).
- British Academy and Treated Spaces Research Group, Water Futures: Historical Perspectives from Indigenous Ecological Knowledge, Incorporating Traditional Knowledges into Colorado River Management (July 12, 2024).
- Vermont Law, Emerging Environmental Law Curriculum Conference, Teaching at the Intersection of Federal Indian Law and Environmental Law (panelist, June 21, 2024).
- Vessel, DigDeep and Water for People, U.S. WASH Convening, Expanding Tribal Access to WASH (May 8, 2024).
- Federal Bar Association, Indian Law Conference, Treaty Rights and the Trust Responsibility (panelist, Mar. 4, 2024).
- Ohio State Law Journal Symposium, Environmental Justice Future (panelist, Feb. 23, 2024).

- University of Arizona, Navigating the Rapids: Colorado River Governance in the 21st Century (panelist, Feb. 15, 2024).
- UCLA Law Review Symposium, Indigenous Water Rights and the Trust Responsibility, (Feb. 4, 2024).
- Villanova Environmental Law Journal Symposium, Indigenous Leadership (panelist, Feb. 4, 2024).
- ABA, Section of Civil Rights and Social Justice, Native Americans Rights and Issues (panelist, Dec. 14, 2023).
- EPA Office of Land and Emergency Mgmt, Tribal Nations and Environmental Justice (Dec. 14, 2023) (agency training).
- Foundation for Natural Resources and Energy Law, Natural Resources and Energy Development in Indian Country Conference, Interdependency of Water and Energy (Nov. 3, 2023).
- University of Michigan, Env'tl and Energy Law Program Lecture Series, Securing Tribal Water Rights after *Arizona v. Navajo Nation* (Oct. 11, 2023).
- Taproot Earth, Unravel and Weave: Recent SCOTUS Decisions (panelist, Oct. 3, 2023).
- Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, Water as a Trust Resource: Examining Access in Native Communities (Congressional testimony, Sept. 27, 2023).
- Foundation for Natural Resources and Energy Law, Natural Resources Teacher Lunch (featured speaker, July 20, 2023).
- UCLA, Debrief of the Ruling in *Arizona v. Navajo Nation* (panelist, June 26, 2023).
- American Bar Association Community Conversation, *Arizona v. Navajo Nation* (moderator, Apr. 20, 2023).
- Society of Environmental Journalists Annual Conference, Public Trust and Water Rights in the West (April 21, 2023).
- University of Utah, Reframing the Conversation: Turning the Tide, Water Rights and Indigenous Communities (Apr. 19, 2023).
- Annual Colorado River Water Users Association Conference, Funding the Future of Water (panelist, Dec. 15, 2022).
- University of Arizona Symposium, Confluence: The Colorado River at the Compact's Centennial, Tribal water Rights in an Era of Climate Change (panelist, Dec. 6, 2022).
- Pace Environmental Law Review Symposium, Environmental Constitutionalism, Environmental Rights: Development and Design (Oct. 28, 2022).
- CLE International Utah Water Law Conference, Colorado River Panel: State and Tribal Perspectives (with Amy Haas, Oct. 3, 2022).
- CLE International Tribal Water Law Conference, Tribal Water Quality and Shortage Initiatives: Environmental Justice and Human Rights to Water (with Bidtah Becker Sept. 20, 2022).
- Western Resource Advocates webinar, Colorado River Basin Interim Guidelines Negotiations: A Historic Moment for the Colorado River (panelist, July 28, 2022).
- Law & Society Association Global Meeting, Securing Indigenous Futures (panelist, July 16, 2022).
- NorCal Environmental Justice Network for University Community Partnerships, Securing the Human Right to Water in Tribal Communities (with Bidtah Becker, May 11, 2022).
- American Association of Retired Persons and Water Education for Latino Leaders Water Symposium, Systemic Inequities and its impacts on Vulnerable Populations and the

- Environment (panelist, Apr. 27, 2022).
- Northeastern Law, Annual Health Law conference, Climate Change: Challenges for Health, Equity, and the Law (Apr. 14, 2022).
- University of Utah – S.J. Quinney College of Law, Stegner Center Symposium, The Colorado River Compact: Navigating the Future, Envisioning the Next 100 Years (moderator, Mar. 18, 2022).
- Stanford University, Environmental Justice Visiting-Speakers Seminar (guest lecturer, Nov. 4, 2021).
- University of Colorado – Boulder, 41st Annual Colorado Law Conference on Natural Resources, Equity in the Colorado River Basin: How to Sustainably Manage a Shrinking Resource, Universal Access to Clean Water on Tribal Lands (panelist, Sept. 30, 2021).
- Colorado Water Conservation Board, Equity in Water Conference & Workshop, (keynote, Sept. 30, 2021).
- Western States Water Council & Native American Rights Fund, Symposium on the Settlement of Indian Reserved Water Rights Claims, Colorado River Water & Tribes Initiative (with Bidtah Becker, Aug. 25, 2021).
- Colorado Water Congress, Universal Access to Clean Water (with Jaime Garcia, Aug. 24, 2021).
- American Planners Association, Tribal Access to Clean Water: Public Health Emergency (panelist, May 5, 2021).
- American Bar Association, Environmental Law Conference, Wildfire and Other Disasters: Lessons and Opportunities from Tribal Resource Management (moderator, Apr. 29, 2021).
- Harvard Environmental Law Review Environmental Justice Symposium, Indian Country Post-McGirt: Implications for Traditional Energy Development and Beyond (with Elizabeth Kronk Warner, Apr. 15, 2021).
- Northeastern State University, Symposium of the American Indian, NEPA: What Is It and Why Should I Care? (Apr. 13, 2021).
- University of Denver – Sturm College of Law, Environmental Justice & Water (panelist, Mar. 5, 2021).

Public Health

- Mitchell Hamline Law Journal of Public Policy and Practice, Understanding Health Disparities in the United States (Mar. 21, 2025).
- University of Utah and Primary Children’s Hospital, Pediatric Health Equity Symposium (keynote, Feb. 7, 2025).
- University of Wisconsin, Center for Native American Health Professionals Distinguished Lecture Series, Native American Health Policy: Law as a Determinant of Health (Nov. 7, 2024).
- National Indian Health Board, National Tribal Health Conference, Universal Access to Clean Water for Tribes (May 22, 2024).
- Boston University School of Public Health, Environmental Health Science and Policy (guest lecturer, Mar. 7, 2024).
- Nature and Human Health Alliance Conference, Drawing upon Indigenous Perspectives (May 15, 2023).
- State of Utah, 16th Annual Governor's Native American Summit, Hearing the Voices of

- Native Mothers (with Michelle Debbink, July 28, 2022).
- Annual Health Law Professors Conference, Tribal Public Health Law (panelist, June 2, 2022).
- University of Utah, Symposium for Underserved, Rural, and Global Health Education, Culturally Informed Care: Addressing Native American Women's Health Issues (moderator, Apr. 29, 2022).
- Organization of American Historians, Historicizing COVID-19 in Navajo Nation (with Farina King, Mar. 31, 2022).
- Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Annual Annals of Health Law and Sciences Symposium (Nov. 5, 2021).
- Utah State Historical Society, Historicizing COVID-19 in Navajo Nation (with Farina King, Sept. 20, 2021).
- University of Maryland & Johns Hopkins University, Charm City Colloquium of Law and Bioethics (Sept. 9-10, 2021).
- University of Utah, Symposium for Underserved, Rural, and Global Health Education, Leaders in Rural & Native Health (panelist, Apr. 9, 2021).
- University of Utah – S.J. Quinney College of Law, COVID-19 and its Impacts in Indian Country (Sept. 24, 2020).
- State of Reform, COVID through a Health Equity Lens (panelist, Sept. 15, 2020)
- The Network for Public Health Law, COVID-19 in Indian Country: Past Policy, Current Responses, and Future Implications (panelist, Aug. 18, 2020).
- Arizona State University, Academy for Justice Symposium: COVID-19 and Vulnerable Populations (panelist, Dec. 14, 2020).
- University of Utah – S.J. Quinney College of Law, Law Review Symposium: The Law & Ethics of Medical Research, Medical Research as Public Health Initiative (panelist, Nov. 20, 2020).

Family Law

- Utah State Bar, Indian Law Section CLE, Domestic Violence in Native Communities (Nov. 18, 2019).
- Navajo Nation Bar Association, Bar Review Course, Domestic Relations and Indian Child Welfare Act (Aug. 9, 2019).
- Utah State Bar, Special Considerations When Divorcing Tribal Members (panelist, Jan. 29, 2019).
- Navajo Nation Bar Association, Bar Review Course, Indian Child Welfare Act and Áłchíní Bi Beehaz'áannii Act (Aug. 9, 2018).
- National Business Institute, Handling Divorce Cases from Start to Finish (Oct. 17, 2017).
- Navajo Nation Bar Association, Annual Conference, Indian Child Welfare Act: The New Regulations (June 8, 2017).
- National Business Institute, Advanced Issues in Family and Divorce Law (June 9- 10, 2016).
- State of Utah, 4th Annual Indian Child Welfare Act Conference, ICWA & Private Adoptions (with Angilee Dakic, May 6, 2015).
- Richards Brandt Miller Nelson, Understanding the Indian Child Welfare Act (Oct. 8, 2015).

MEDIA

- Colorado Public Radio, [If Colorado River compact heads to Supreme Court, ‘everybody loses,’ experts say](#) (Sept. 9, 2026).
- Your Wyoming Link, [No single fix can balance the Colorado River](#) (Aug. 24, 2026).
- Your Wyoming Link, [Shrinking reservoirs could reshape Colorado River use, Wyoming avoids immediate cuts](#) (Aug. 9, 2026).
- KNAU (NPR Arizona), [New Colorado River plan causes concern and uncertainty for some tribal nations in Arizona](#) (Aug. 4, 2026).
- NPR, [New federal law could bring running water to tribal homes, but states have concerns](#) (July 20, 2026).
- KUNM (NPR New Mexico), [Tribes, states, and the federal government battle for Colorado River water rights](#) (July 16, 2026).
- KJZZ (NPR Phoenix), [Some homes in AZ tribal communities don’t have running water. 4 states are blocking deal to help](#) (July 2, 2026).
- Dystopie Fleurs Podcast, [Water is Life, Language as Relation, Matrilineal Societies](#) (Feb. 17, 2026).
- High Country News, [An EPA proposal would make it harder for tribes to protect their water](#) (Jan. 28, 2026).
- Grist, [The EPA wants to eliminate one of the few ways that tribes can protect their water](#) (Jan. 27, 2026).
- Native American Calling, [Dwindling water adds pressure for including tribal voices in future Colorado River water plans](#) (Sept. 10, 2025).
- KUNC (NPR Northern Colorado), [The Colorado River is this tribe’s ‘lifeblood’, now they want to give it the same legal rights as a person](#) (Aug. 20, 2025).
- Native Circles Podcast, [Work for Universal Water Access in Tribal Communities](#) (Aug. 15, 2025).
- Native American Calling, [Bureaucracy, funding uncertainty delay solutions for clean drinking water](#) (Aug. 11, 2025).
- PBS Origins, [How America Decided Who Gets Water and Who Doesn’t](#) (April 30, 2025).
- Grist, [How Trump’s funding freeze for Indigenous food programs may violate treaty law](#), (Mar. 31, 2025).
- KUER (NPR Utah), [With water rights in hand, Navajo still hope to restore farms on Utah’s San Juan](#) (Oct. 30, 2024).
- The Salt Lake Tribune, [After a glitch in child abuse referrals, Utah, Navajo Nation making changes in how they communicate](#) (Oct. 24, 2024).
- PBS News Hour, [Tipping Point: Colorado River Reckoning](#) (July 24, 2024).
- KUER, [Federal Energy Regulators Deny Permits for a Controversial Project on the Navajo Nation](#) (Feb. 16, 2024).
- KCUR (NPR Kansas), [After no clean drinking water for 4 years, this Native American tribe wants more than sympathy](#) (Oct. 23, 2023).
- Cronkite News, [Senators urged to step up after Supreme Court ruling on Navajo water rights](#) (Sept. 27, 2023).
- High Country News, [How private interests benefit from tribal water settlements](#) (July 6, 2023).

- Spectrum News 1, Your Morning, Supreme Court Rules Against Navajo Nation (June 23, 2023).
- KUNC, [Supreme Court rules against Navajo Nation in Colorado River case](#) (June 22, 2023).
- Fox 13 News, [US not required to help Navajo Nation access water, Supreme Court says](#) (June 22, 2023).
- Deseret News, [Supreme Court rejects Navajo Nation argument for federal assistance in Colorado River Basin](#) (June 22, 2023).
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