

## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Indigenous Education Research Conference: 2024

April 25, 2024 – 9 am to 3 pm – Indian Pueblo Cultural Center

April 26, 2024 – 9 am to Noon -- Virtual

Hosted by UNM's Institute for American Indian Education

It is a pleasure to invite you to the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Indigenous Education Research Conference. The conference is hosted by the Institute for American Indian Education at the University of New Mexico. The first day of the conference – April 25, 2024 -- is in-person at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center. The second day of the conference – April 26, 2024 – is virtual.

The College of Education and Human Sciences at the University of New Mexico leads the nation in the number of Native faculty that represent a diversity of Indigenous Peoples. Individually each faculty member is engaged in research that serves Indigenous Peoples and Nations. Collectively, Native faculty engage in critical dialogue on issues of scholarship/research, teaching, and service. We acknowledge and operationalize the importance of engaging in research that recognizes the integrity of cultural sovereignty as it is exercised by Indigenous Nations. As educators, scholars, and Indigenous Peoples, we are cognizant of the critical role that Western and Indigenous-centered education has on pedagogy, policy, research, and practice. It is in this spirit that the idea for this research conference emerged.

The theme of the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Indigenous Education Research Conference is **Defending Indigenous Educational Sovereignty: Putting education back in the hands of community people**. The theme acknowledges the ways in which sovereign Indigenous communities and nations have advocated for the wellbeing of their youth in contentious times. Indigenous educators, community leaders and organizers, researchers, and policy makers must work together to assert local control of their education systems by honoring Indigenous languages, core values, and ways of knowing. In doing so, we draw upon our cultural strengths to overcome challenges and re-imagine possibilities for the benefit of future generations. We must ask ourselves, “Are we prepared for what the future holds for our children?”

We invite proposals for research-based panels and papers that address:

- Exercising Indigenous educational sovereignty in the interest of our children
- Revisiting historical foundations of Indigenous educational sovereignty
- Articulating connections between pedagogy and Indigenous educational sovereignty

### **Panels**

Panel presentation proposals should include a 200–500-word narrative (excluding references) explaining how the proposed panel will address the conference theme: Defending Indigenous Educational Sovereignty: Putting education back in the hands of community people. In addition to the narrative, a 50-word bio should be submitted for each presenter. Panel presentations should be no longer than 45 minutes, allowing 15 minutes for a question-and-answer session.

**Papers**

Paper presentation proposals should include a 200–500-word narrative (excluding references) describing how the proposed paper will address the conference theme: Defending Indigenous Educational Sovereignty: Putting education back in the hands of community people. In addition to the narrative, a 50-word bio should be submitted for each author of the paper. Paper presentations should be no longer than 45 minutes, allowing 15 minutes for a question-and-answer session.

**Submission:**

Submit your panel or paper proposal as well as any inquiries you may have regarding the conference to [IERC@unm.edu](mailto:IERC@unm.edu).

**Important Dates:**

- Deadline for proposal submission: March 1, 2024
- Notification of acceptance: March 25, 2024
- Registration deadline: April 5, 2024
- Notification of confirming attendance: April 5, 2024
- Conference: April 25 and 26, 2024

There is no fee to attend the conference, but registration is required. We look forward to seeing you at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Indigenous Education Research Conference.

Sincerely,  
UNM Native Faculty & IERC Planning Committee