

Fall 2026 Symposium  
November 6, 2026

Student Union Building  
Ballroom C  
University of New Mexico

8:00 – 9:00 am

Breakfast

9:00 – 9:15 am

Welcome & Invocation

9:15 – 11:05 am

**Plenary Panel:** *Special Edition Volume 41, No. 1 & 2*  
*Indigeneity & Disability*

**Nicole Ineese-Nash & Kaitlyn Wilcox**

*Sovereign Desires: Disability, Land, and  
Indigenous Bodies as Sites for Justice*

**Melanie McKay-Cody**

*Braiding Our Indigenous Women's Contributions  
Through Tribal Sign Language: A Case Study of Turtle  
Island Hand Talk*

**Emily Charmaine Coon**

*Autistic Indigenous Constellations: Exploring the  
Value of Autistic Traits in Haudenosaunee Cultural  
Stories*

**Grant Bruno**

*Reclaiming Neurodiversity: Indigenous  
Perspectives on Autism, Relationality, and Inclusion*

**Kara Roanhorse**

*Intimacies and Aftermaths: Indigenous  
Relationalities of Care, Disability, and Healing from  
Trauma*

Moderator: **Sandra Yellowhorse**

11:05 – 11:15 am

Break

11:15 – 12:30 pm

**The Elizabeth Cook-Lynn Lecture Series Speaker:**  
**Sandra Yellowhorse**  
*Indigenous Worldbuilding and Disability:  
Diné Teachings of Female Rain*

12:30 – 1:30 pm

Luncheon

1:30 – 3:00 pm

Individual Papers Session

**Ebony Gonzalez**

*This One is For You: A Discussion of Indigenous Identity*

**Steven Sexton**

*What is Urban NDN Literature?*

**Sarah Greenwell-Scott**

*Corrective Vision: Contemporary Indigenous Photographers in Dialogue with Edward S. Curtis*

**Maia Rodriguez**

*In the Light and Shadow: (Re)Building an Indigenous Nation*

Moderator: **Lloyd L. Lee**

3:00 – 3:15 pm

Break

3:15 – 4:45 pm

Individual Papers Session

**Joannie Suina**

*Seeds of Sovereignty: Native American Studies in Practice Native American*

**Jodi L. Burshia, Jesus Chamberlain, & Rachell Tenario**

*Repaving the Fields of Social Work and Education in the 21st Century*

**Danielle Lucero**

*Braiding Indigenous Feminisms and Reproductive Justice*

Moderator: **Madeline Mendoza**

4:45 - 5:00 pm

Close out