



It is a pleasure to announce the 5th Annual Indigenous Education Research Conference. The conference, which is organized by the Institute of American Indian Education at the University of New Mexico, will take place virtually on **April 22nd, 2021**.

The theme of the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Indigenous Education Research Conference is **Strengthening Educational Sovereignty: Challenges to and possibilities for addressing critical Native education issues in contentious times**

Affirming and asserting educational sovereignty and rights is a priority for Native Nations of New Mexico. This priority is constrained by the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and delays of the *Yazzie/Martinez v. State of New Mexico* remedies. Simultaneously, Indigenous Peoples are engaged in important work as educators, community organizers, leaders, researchers, and policy actors to reaffirm and implement educational initiatives that address the issues and challenges of instructional delivery and educational reform.

We invite proposals for panels, papers, and workshops that address challenges to and possibilities for addressing critical Native education issues in contentious times. The audience for this conference includes students, educators, researchers, scholars, policy makers and community members. [For information on proposal guidelines and the submission link, please click here.](#)

**Important Dates:**

Deadline for proposal submission: February 28, 2021

Notification of acceptance: March 12, 2021

Notification of confirming attendance: April 2, 2021

For more information, please visit our website at [\[iaie.unm.edu/ierc\]](http://iaie.unm.edu/ierc) or send an email to [ierc@unm.edu](mailto:ierc@unm.edu). We will follow up with another email soon on how to register for the virtual conference. Keep a look out and help us spread the word!

Sincerely,  
IERC Planning Committee