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### **EDUCATION**

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

- Certificate in American Indian Health

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

- Certificate in Environmental and Natural Resources Law

**Dartmouth College**, Hanover, New Hampshire  
*Bachelor of Arts – Biology modified with Psychology*, June 2004

### **ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

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

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

**University of Utah**, Salt Lake City, Utah  
**Institute of Clean & Secure Energy**  
*Legal Research Fellow*, September 2010 – October 2011

### **LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

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**U.S. District Court, District of Utah**, Salt Lake City, Utah  
*Law Clerk for U.S. District Court Judge David Nuffer*, May 2018 – June 2019

**Richards Brandt Miller Nelson**, Salt Lake City, Utah  
*Shareholder*, June 2013 – May 2018

**Mohrman & Schofield PC**, Salt Lake City, Utah  
*Associate Attorney*, April 2012 – May 2013

### **PROFESSIONAL LICENSES**

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**Navajo Nation Bar**, 2014

**Utah State Bar**, 2010

- Utah Minority Bar Association, Jimi Mitsunaga Excellence in the Law Award (2020)
- Energy, Natural Resources & Environmental Law Section Lawyer of the Year (2020)

- Led formation of Indian Law Section of the Utah State Bar in 2016 and served as Section Chair from 2016 – 2017.
- Currently serve as Chair of Indian Child Welfare Act Committee under the Indian Law Section.

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

**GRANT ACTIVITY**

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**Reproductive Scientist Development Program (RSDP) 2020-2021**

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

**Multi-Level Interventions for Increasing Tobacco Cessation at FQHCs**

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

**Community-Academic Partnership to Address COVID-19 Among Utah Community Health Centers**

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

**SERVICE**

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**Association of American Law Schools, 2021 – Present**

- Treasurer, Section on Indian Nations and Indigenous Peoples

**American Bar Association, 2020 – Present**

- Communications Co-Chair, Native American Resources Committee, Environment, Energy & Resources Section

**Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, 2020 – Present**

- Member of Diversity and Inclusion Task Force

**Urban Indian Center of Salt Lake, October 2019 – Present**

- Chair and Board member

**Utah Tribal Relief Foundation, April 2020 – Present**

- Founder and President

**University of Utah, 2021**

- Search committee member for Grant Development Specialist (Associate Director/Research Manager)

**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, 2021**

- Invited reviewer for grant proposals

## PUBLICATIONS

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- Heather Tanana and John Ruple, *Synching Science and Policy to Address Climate Change in Tribal Communities*, \_\_\_ *Natural Resources & Environment* \_\_\_ (forthcoming 2021).
- Elizabeth Warner Kronk and Heather Tanana, *Indian Country Post-McGirt: Implications for Traditional Energy Development and Beyond*, *Harvard Envtl. Law Review* (forthcoming 2021).
- Elizabeth Warner Kronk and Heather Tanana, *Tribes and Climate Change*, *ELI Climate Change* (forthcoming 2021).
- Heather Tanana, Nancy Lucero, and Alisa Lee, *ICWA Chapter, Child Welfare Compendium* (forthcoming 2021).
- Water & Tribes Initiative, *Universal Access to Clean Water for Tribes in the Colorado River Basin* (lead author) (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 Law Online Journal* (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).
- Robin Craig, John Ruple, Heather Tanana, and Connor Arrington, *Pakistan Water Management, The Legal and Institutional Framework: Lessons Learned and Opportunities for Improvement*. University of Utah (2020).
- John C. Ruple and Heather J. Tanana, *Debunking the Myths Behind the NEPA Process*, 35 *Natural Resources & Environment* 1 (2020).
- John C. Ruple and Heather J. Tanana, *Beyond the Antiquities Act: Can the BLM Reconcile Energy Dominance and National Monument Protection?* 34 *Natural Resources & Environment* 3 (2019).
- Annalise John, J. Dena Ned, and Heather Tanana, *Adoption* In J. Dena Ned, Caren J. Frost (Eds.), *Contemporary Issues in Child Welfare: American Indian and Canadian Aboriginal Contexts* (2017).
- Heather J. Tanana and John C. Ruple, *Energy Development in Indian Country: Working Within the Realm of Indian Law and Moving Towards Collaboration*, 32 *Utah Envtl. L. Rev.* 1 (2012).
- Lincoln Davies, Kirsten Uchitel, John Ruple, and Heather Tanana, *Carbon Capture and Sequestration: A Regulatory Gap Assessment*. University of Utah (2012)
- Robert B. Keiter, John Ruple, Heather Tanana, and Michelle Kline, *Land and Resource Management Issues Relevant to Deploying In-Situ Thermal Technologies*. University of Utah (2011).

## PRESENTATIONS

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- American Planners Association, *Tribal Access to Clean Water: Public Health Emergency* (May 5, 2021)

- American Bar Association, Environmental Law Conference, Wildfire and Other Disasters: Lessons and Opportunities from Tribal Resource Management (moderator) (April 29, 2021).
- Northeastern State University, Symposium of the American Indian, NEPA: What is it and why should I care? (April 13, 2021).
- University of Utah, SURGE, Leaders in Rural & Native Health Panel (April 9, 2021).
- University of Denver – Sturm College of Law, Environmental Justice & Water Panel (March 5, 2021).
- Arizona State University, Academy for Justice Symposium: COVID-19 and Vulnerable Populations (December 14, 2020).
- S.J. Quinney College of Law, Law Review Symposium: The Law & Ethics of Medical Research, Medical Research as Public Health Initiative (November 20, 2020).
- U.S. District Court for the District of Utah, The POWER Act: How You Can Make a Difference (September 29, 2020).
- S.J. Quinney College of Law, COVID-19 and its Impacts in Indian Country (September 24, 2020).
- State of Reform, COVID through a Health Equity Lens (September 15, 2020)
- The Network for Public Health Law, COVID-19 in Indian Country: Past Policy, Current Responses, and Future Implications (August 18, 2020)
- U.S. District Court for the District of Utah, Five Things You Need to Know When Dealing with a Member of the Navajo Nation (November 22, 2019).
- Utah State Bar, Indian Law Section CLE, Domestic Violence in Native Communities (November 18, 2019).
- U.S. Attorney’s Offices for the Districts of Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, and Utah, 27th Annual Four Corners Indian Country Conference, The Pro Bono Work to Empower and Represent Act of 2018 (September 24, 2019).
- University of Utah, School of Social Work, SW 6301: Advance Social Work Practice in Child Welfare, Guest Lecturer (Fall 2018; Fall 2019).
- Navajo Nation Bar Association, Bar Review Course, Domestic Relations (July 2019).
- Utah State Bar, Special Considerations When Divorcing Tribal Members (January 29, 2019).
- Navajo Nation Bar Association, Bar Review Course, Indian Child Welfare Act and Alchíní Bi Beehaz’áannii Act (August 2018).
- National Business Institute, Handling Divorce Cases from Start to Finish (October 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 (May 6, 2015).
- Richards Brandt Miller Nelson, Understanding the Indian Child Welfare Act (October 8, 2015).
- National Business Institute, Negotiating Contracts on Tribal Lands (May 6, 2015).

- U.S. E.P.A., Strengthening Environmental Justice and Decision Making: A Symposium on the Science of Disproportionate Environmental Health Impacts, The Breakdown of Federal Protections: How Environmental Health Policy Set at the National Level Can Be Derailed at the State Level (March 18, 2010).

## **MEDIA**

- Arizona Public Media, New report looks into water insecurity in tribal lands across Colorado River Basin (Apr. 30, 2021), available at <https://news.azpm.org/p/news-articles/2021/4/30/193923-new-report-looks-into-water-insecurity-in-tribal-lands-across-colorado-river-basin/>.
- Albuquerque Journal, Clean water access urgent for Indigenous tribes (Apr. 29, 2021), available at <https://www.abqjournal.com/2385440/clean-water-access-urgent-for-indigenous-tribes-ex-limits-to-such-access-can-double-or-triple-covid-infection-rates.html>.
- Inside Climate News, The pandemic exposed the severe water insecurity faced by southwestern tribes (Apr. 29, 2021), available at <https://insideclimatenews.org/news/29042021/the-pandemic-exposed-the-severe-water-insecurity-faced-by-southwestern-tribes/>.
- Boulder Weekly, Tribal leaders engage Colorado Senator Bennet to ensure universal access to clean water on reservations (Jan. 14, 2021), available at <https://www.boulderweekly.com/news/tribal-leaders-engage-colorado-senator-bennet-to-ensure-universal-access-to-clean-water-on-reservations/>.
- ABC4 News, Dozens of Volunteer Pilots Help Deliver 19,000 lbs of Essential Supplies to Navajo Nation (June 3, 2020), available at <https://www.abc4.com/news/community-over-crisis/dozens-of-volunteer-pilots-help-deliver-19000-lbs-of-essential-supplies-to-navajo-nation/>.
- STAT News, As Covid-19 Tears through Navajo Nation, Young People Step Up to Protect Their Elders (May 26, 2020), available at <https://www.statnews.com/2020/05/26/navajo-nation-covid-19-youth-response-elders-health/>.
- Deseret News Utah Lawyers Rally Help for Hard-Hit Navajo Nation, (May 17, 2020), available at <https://www.deseret.com/utah/2020/5/17/21258809/pandemic-coronavirus-covid-19-aid-navajo-nation-utah-reservations-lawyers>.
- KUER NPR Utah, Bears Ears and Grand Staircase Management Plans Likely Illegal, Legal Researchers Say, (Feb. 14, 2020), available at <https://www.kuer.org/post/bears-ears-and-grand-staircase-management-plans-likely-illegal-legal-researchers-say#stream/0>.