

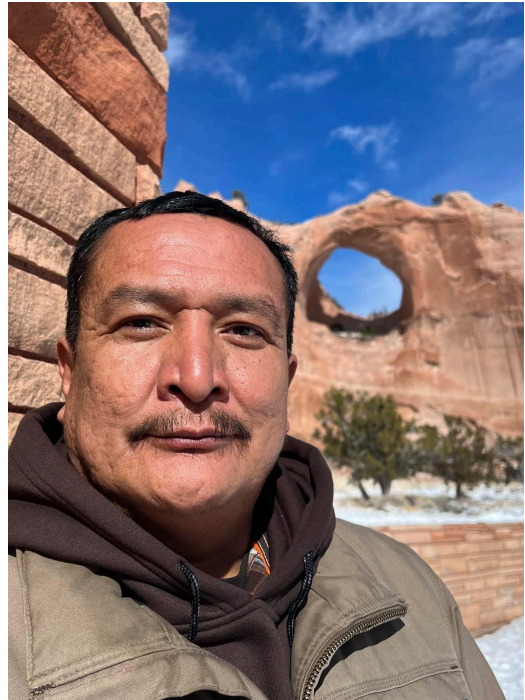
***Centering Ancestral Wisdom through the Hogan
Dialogue: Reflections on Community Engagement and
Data Sovereignty***

**March 13, 2025
10-11am Pacific / 1-2pm Eastern**

Featured Speaker Biography

Roberto Nutlouis (he/him)
Executive Director, Nihikeya

Roberto is Dine (Navajo) from the community of Pinon, AZ. He is of the Todichinii (Bitter Water) clan, born for To' Tsoni (Big Water) clan. Roberto has been active for many years on Environmental Justice, Climate Justice, Just Transition and Food Sovereignty work on the Navajo Nation. He received his Bachelor of Science in Applied Indigenous Studies from Northern Arizona University (NAU) in 2005. Roberto Nutlouis currently serves as the Executive Director for Nihikeya, an organization focused on building regenerative ecological foot print utilizing Indigenous Diné knowledge and ancestral wisdom. His role is to organize and develop appropriate programs for local Diné communities to enhance the traditional lifeways that still exist on Dzil Yijiin (Black Mesa). He also developed an Agroecology Community Farm utilizing Diné alluvial farming, rain water harvesting techniques and edible landscapes as a way to show how food and water security can be achieved while healing the landscapes and the people. The farm also serves as a learning space, community organizing, work training, ceremonies and celebration.



Ronda Alexander (Moderator)

*Director of National Partnerships
Vital Village Networks at Boston Medical
Center*

Ronda Alexander is a native Detroiter dedicated to working with communities to reach their desired goals by aligning and leveraging their resources. Ronda joins us from the United Way for Southeastern Michigan where she served as the Director of Corporate and Community Alignment on the organization's College and Career Pathways team. In her role at United Way Ronda worked to help external corporate partners find meaningful ways to engage with both students and educators; as well as worked across teams within the organization to align and leverage resources. Prior to joining United Way Ronda worked on the premier education initiative of Ford Motor Company Fund – Ford Next Generation (Ford NGL) for nine years. While at Ford Fund Ronda served a variety of roles including Professional Development/Technical Assistance Specialist and Program Manager for STEM initiatives. In all of her roles with Ford Fund Ronda worked with and supported multiple communities across the country as they worked to transform their communities through education.

