

MAPX SPEAKER PANEL SERIES:

CENTERING INDIGENOUS PERSPECTIVES

a conversation for unlearning and relearning

TUESDAY, FEB. 23RD at 3:00–4:30 pm

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Alexis Atsilvsgi is a passionate Cherokee and Chicana activist in Higher Education, having served on multiple boards during the entirety of her college career. First as a Board Member on the California Community College's Board of Governors and currently as the 2020-22 Student Regent for the University of California Board of Regents. Atsilvsgi's priorities are primarily diversity in admissions and in faculty, as well as transfer reform, taking away barriers in Cal Grant, and bettering the campus climate. She also wants to work with Indigenous students in the UC system to create a more cohesive network for advocacy and cares about issues such as Mauna Kea protection and establishing better tribal relations at each UC campus.



Naelyn Pike is a 21 year old Chiricahua Apache. As a lifelong fighter, she continues to follow the footsteps of her grandfather, the founder of the Apache Stronghold in the protection of Apache holy sites, sacred sites, and Indigenous rights. Pike is the youngest Indigenous girl to testify in front of Congress. Today she continues to fight for environmental sustainability, and Indigenous rights at the local, state, and national levels battling corporations and political leaders through Indigenous spirituality.



Clarene Davis is from the Navajo Nation (Many Farms, Arizona). As a college student studying environmental science and Native American studies, Clarene is currently doing water quality research to benefit the long term health of my community.



Meghanlata Gupta (South Asian/Bahweting Anishinaabe) is a current senior at Yale University from Ann Arbor, Michigan. A citizen of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, her work and research interests lie at the intersections of Native American history, law and policy, journalism, and education. Meghanlata was the 2020 President of the Association of Native Americans at Yale. She is also the founder and lead editor of Indigenizing the News, a digital news source dedicated to Native American news. Most recently, she co-founded the Mishigamiing Journalism Project, a news partnership with Traverse City Record-Eagle that provides stipends, training, and writing opportunities for Indigenous journalists in Michigan.



Evan Roberts (she/her) is a sophomore Ethnicity, Race, and Migration major at Yale. She is the current president of the Association of Native Americans at Yale and a Peer Liaison, a mentor for first-years, at the Native American Cultural Center. She is also involved with the Yale Democrats and the Yale Women's Leadership Initiative at Yale, and is Tlingit, but from Colorado.

