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pronouns: she / her / they / them

Noel Altaha (No-well All-ta-ha) is a member of the White Mountain Apache Tribe from present-day Arizona. She lives in Canarsie territory on Paumanok land also known as Brooklyn, New York. Noel is a licensed social worker, an alumna of CSSW's Class of 2016 and a

founding member of the CSSW's Demands Group. She works with Tribes on justice systems enhancement across the country as a Senior program manager on the Tribal Justice Team at the Center for Court Innovation - a justice reform based agency in midtown Manhattan. In June 2020 at a critical time for many, the global pandemic heavily impacted the White Mountain Apache tribe and that's when Noel began working with community members in a grassroots effort to revitalize the Apache language through an online language learning Facebook group, 'Go'tis'tin'yuu'. They are the coordinator of the Apache Language Project 2020 and the host of the 'Apache Acorns & Pollen Podcast', a digital storytelling experience about the group's journey to revive an endangered language even when COVID is in the White Mountains.