

BIOGRAPHY

Dominique David-Chavez is an assistant professor of Indigenous natural resource stewardship working with Colorado State University's Department of Forest and Rangeland Stewardship, and the Native Nations Institute at the Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy at University of Arizona. She is Director of the Indigenous Land & Data Stewards interdisciplinary research lab, and leads research supporting Indigenous data stewardship, ethics, and research governance in environmental policy and decision-making; community-based climate research and resilience in the Caribbean islands and Southwest; and supports pathways for decolonizing through Indigenous regeneration in research and teaching in natural resource sciences. She received her PhD from Colorado State University's Human Dimensions of Natural Resources program, and her B.S. in Earth Sciences from Montana State University. Dr. David-Chavez draws from her experiences as a multi-cultural Caribbean Indigenous (Arawak Taíno) research scientist, mentor, learner, and mother in her scholarship and practice. In doing so, she holds an intergenerational commitment towards supporting culturally grounded community members, including youth, elders, educators, and farmers as researchers, restoring pathways for knowledge regeneration with the original stewards of Indigenous knowledge systems and lands in which they are embedded.