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Biosystems Engineering

# Native Voices in STEM

## Spring 2023 Seminar Series



**Chantel Harrison (Diné)**

*Indigeponics: Indigenizing Controlled Environment Agriculture*

**Jaymus Lee (Diné)**

*Off-Grid CEA Greenhouse for Food Production: A Collaborative Pilot Project between Diné College and the University of Arizona*

**Date: May 3, 2023**

**Time: 12:00 - 1:00 MST (Same as PDT)**

**Location: ENR2 - N604 & online**

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Chantel Harrison, (Diné), is a graduate student at the University of Arizona's Controlled Environment Agriculture PSM program. She is a UArizona IndigeFEWSS Fellow, UArizona Sloan Scholar, and Native Pathways Fellow. Her current work focuses on sustainable food systems in Indigenous communities utilizing controlled environment agriculture (CEA) from an indigenous perspective. She is currently leading an Indigenous greenhouse research project which aims to respectfully cultivate indigenous plants in partnership with indigenous growers and organizations. Additionally, her work with Indige Planted LLC aims to empower tribal communities to reconnect with plant relatives through garden education and indigenizing STEM curriculum. Long-term, her interests include contributing solutions that address food sovereignty and food accessibility in urban and rural Indigenous communities.

Jaymus Lee is a graduate student at the University of Arizona's Applied Biosciences PSM program in Controlled Environment Agriculture within the Department of Biosystems Engineering. He is Diné, a member of the Navajo Nation whose family comes from the Four Corners area. He completed the IndigeFEWSS NSF Fellowship and most recently worked as a Sustainable Agriculture & Water Futures Intern with the Babbitt Center. He is finalizing a pilot project between UArizona and Diné College to develop a novel and sustainable solution for off-grid food production within controlled environment agriculture (CEA) systems. His current scope of work focuses on off-grid greenhouse and hydroponic system design, indigenizing STEM curriculum, and would like to further study the role of CEA systems on tribal lands to address issues in the food-energy-water nexus and food sovereignty.



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