



**Kathleen (Katie) Lopez Reyes, MD, MSCR
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Kathleen (Katie) Lopez Reyes, MD, MSCR, is an associate professor in the Obstetric Anesthesiology Division and the inaugural director of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion in the UNM School of Medicine Department of Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine.

Dr. Reyes was the recipient of a LoboWings Patient Safety Guardian Award and was part of the multidisciplinary team that received the Dynamic Dyad Award for the Obstetric

Anesthesiology Division and the Center of Excellence Designation for UNMH Obstetric Anesthesia. She has served on numerous SOM and HSC committees, including the UNM Interdepartmental Women’s Health DEI Committee and the Human Research Review Committee, and co-chairs the UNM Anesthesiology Faculty Recruitment Committee.

Within her department, she started the first DEI Work Group and Committee, worked to create the DEI website, and co-created the Anesthesiology & CCM DEI Speaker Series. She was recently invited to moderate a Special Workshop on the AMA-AAMC Guide to Advancing Health Equity: A Guide to Language, Narrative and Concepts.

Dr. Reyes has a strong and enduring interest in teaching and supporting her community and is passionate about supporting other faculty members and learners and promoting DEI initiatives.

A true lobo she completed medical school, the Anesthesiology Residency Program, and her master’s degree in Clinical and Translational Research at UNM. Her current research focuses on addressing healthcare inequities in pain medicine. She is the PI on a pilot study, “Pharmacogenetics to Improve Opioid Prescribing for Native Peoples,” which aims to ultimately improve the safety and efficacy of the way pain medications are prescribed.

Dr. Reyes was born and raised in Albuquerque. She received her undergraduate degree from Dartmouth College where she majored in Studio Art, received Honors in Native American Literature and Painting, and also played Division I tennis. She studied at separate universities in Curitiba, Brazil, and Salvador, Brazil. She is a single mother to four amazing children.