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**KEYNOTE: GILDA YAZZIE, NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN
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Women's and Gender Studies

Gilda Yazzie, NOW Vice President



Gilda Yazzie joined NOW when she realized that working with a national grassroots and feminist organization was essential to moving a progressive agenda forward. She has been active with NOW since 1996 as a Lifetime Member.

First elected to the national NOW board in the early 2000s, Yazzie's strong leadership skills took her to positions on both the Budget and National Conference Committees. Other NOW roles include Chair of the Structure and Modernization Committee, part of NOW's Modernization Campaign, and as principal organizer of the 2005 **Women of Color and Allies Summit**.

An enrolled member of the **Navajo Nation**, Yazzie is a longtime **advocate for racial justice and civil rights**. She continues her activism as **an advocate for tribal and indigenous issues** by keeping well informed about federal and state issues as they relate to native concerns.

Yazzie holds a bachelor's degree in business administration, and has been self-employed in various business enterprises throughout her professional life. As an entrepreneur, she has worked with local, state, and federal government agencies as well as with native sovereign native nations.

THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN (NOW)

As the grassroots arm of the women's movement, the National Organization for Women is dedicated to its multi-issue and multi-strategy approach to women's rights, and is the largest organization of feminist grassroots activists in the United States. NOW has hundreds of chapters and hundreds of thousands of members and activists in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Since our founding in 1966, NOW's purpose is to take action through intersectional grassroots activism to promote feminist ideals, lead societal change, eliminate discrimination, and achieve and protect the equal rights of all women and girls in all aspects of social, political, and economic life.

NOW is a multi-issue, multi-strategy organization that takes a holistic approach to women's rights. Our priorities are winning economic equality and securing it with an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that will guarantee equal rights for women; championing abortion rights, reproductive freedom and other women's health issues; opposing racism; fighting bigotry against the LGBTQIA community; and ending violence against women.

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