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Dr. Heather Sauyaq Jean Gordon is Iñupiaq and an enrolled Tribal member of the Nome Eskimo Community. She lives to honor her ancestors while building bridges for future generations. She owns and is the principal consultant at Sauyaq Solutions, an Indigenous minority and female owned business. Dr. Gordon researcher, evaluation, and technical assistance provider offering support on projects as well as providing talks and workshops. She has 13+ years of experience in participatory research, working with Indigenous Peoples/Tribes, building community capacity, and emphasizing the role of self-determination in community sustainability and wellbeing. She strives for all her work to have impact and address policy that needs changing.

She is happy to discuss her work on the radio, in podcasts, in presentations, or through partnering in research projects, please just reach out. Dr Gordon enjoys giving keynotes, interviews, and engaging with the media and other scholars as well as giving workshops on relationship building and participatory research.

See her publications [here](#).

Dr. Gordon's current work looks at: Indigenous Knowledge and Methodologies, Historical Trauma, Futures Research, Indigenous Self-determination, Sustainability, and Health and Wellbeing, Arctic Migration, Missing and Murdered Indigenous People, Social Inequality and Stratification, Restorative Justice, Youth development, Climate Change, Food Security



and Sovereignty, Indigenous data sovereignty, and Indigenous Culture as a Preventative and Protective Factor.

Heather will be speaking in the Bahamas during the MOMENTUM convening on July 15, 2026.

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