Robin Minthorn is an enrolled member of the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma and is also a descendant of the Apache, Nez Perce, Umatilla and Assiniboine nations. She grew up being educated in public schools in the State of Oklahoma and graduated from Elgin High School. She then went on to attend college and graduate from the University of Oklahoma completing a Bachelor’s in Psychology and minor in Native American Studies in 2002. After completing her bachelors she went on to complete and received a Masters in Human Relations in 2004. During her time on the University of Oklahoma campus she was highly active in the Native American community by helping to found two organizations that have gone on to impact many other Native students at the University of Oklahoma including Gamma Delta Pi, American Indian Sisterhood and R.A.I.N. (Retaining American Indians Now). A couple of years later Robin completed her second master’s degree, a Masters in Adult and Higher Education in 2007 while she was working at Oklahoma’s 1st tribal college, Comanche Nation College and then transitioning in her position as Coordinator of Native American Affairs at Oklahoma State University. This April she successfully defended her dissertation entitled “Indigenizing Leadership Concepts through Perspectives of Native American College Students” at Oklahoma State University in the Educational Leadership and Policy Studies with an emphasis in Higher Education and Public Policy Program and officially receiving her Ph.D. in July 2012. Dr. Minthorn currently serves as an Assistant Professor in Educational Leadership and Native American Studies at the University of New Mexico. She currently resides in Albuquerque, New Mexico with her husband Gabe Minthorn. It is important for Dr. Minthorn to acknowledge her ancestors who have come before her and fought for her continued existence and the role her grandparents played in emphasizing the value of an education and how important that would help in bettering her as well as others around her. Receiving a higher education and successfully completing a degree inherently creates a sense of responsibility for each of us to do whatever we can to see our families, friends, tribal communities and those in the background who need to know they can do the same and for us to willingly share our stories and journey. Ah-ho!