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2017-2018 Getches Fellowship

The David H. Getches Native American and Natural Resources Law Fellowship was made available as the result of a generous gift from the Wyss Foundation. The Getches Fellowship will support a recent Colorado Law School graduate in carrying out a project that addresses a significant issue or issues of importance in Native American and/or natural resources law. The fellowship will be awarded through a competitive process to an applicant who demonstrates a sincere interest in pursuing a career in the field of Native American or natural resources law. The awardee will be hired by the University of Colorado Law School to work with the Getches-Wilkinson Center, in conjunction with the faculty and staff of the Law School.

For the 2017-2018 Fellowship, applicants should expect spending approximately ½ time with the GCF program outlined below, and ½ time working with the GWC Executive Director on ongoing Center projects.

If this project is of interest, you are encouraged to contact the faculty or staff member(s) identified below before submitting an application to discuss the project in more detail.

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Advancing the GCF's Indigenous Agenda: Professors William Boyd (Law) and Colleen Scanlan Lyons (Anthropology) are looking for a fellow to assist the [Governors' Climate & Forests Task Force](#) (GCF) in our work with Indigenous and Traditional Communities. The GCF is a network of 35 states and provinces in 9 countries around the world (Brazil, Indonesia, Mexico, Nigeria, Ivory Coast, Peru, Colombia, Spain and the United States) working to reduce tropical deforestation, develop pathways to sustainable development and improve the livelihoods of forest-dependent communities. Nearly all GCF members have signed the Rio Branco Declaration (developed in 2014), which commits to substantially reducing tropical deforestation in GCF states and provinces while partnering and sharing the benefits of these actions with indigenous and traditional communities. Depending upon the interest of the fellow, this project could entail one or more of the following:

- **Research** on laws and norms governing relationships between states and indigenous peoples (FPIC and other emerging principles and norms), territorial rights recognition, indigenous and traditional participation in climate change dialogues and public processes; benefit-sharing mechanisms, governance conditions, and implementation of life plans for integrated management of indigenous lands;
- **Mapping of key relationships between GCF members and IP/TC organizations and leaders;**
- **Program planning for exchanges with indigenous leaders** in collaboration with other CU community resources (Wolf Law, International English Center, Anthropology, Environmental Studies, etc.) and GCF civil society partners;
- **Donor research and grant-writing;**
- **Helping to coordinate indigenous involvement in the GCF's IP/TC Working Group;**
- **Assistance planning international events** that bring together GCF delegates and indigenous/traditional community leaders (Climate Week, COP 23, etc.).

The Fellowship is open to graduating 3L, University of Colorado Law students. The Fellow will be required to have their terminal degree prior to starting the Fellowship. Expected start date is late July, early August.

Salary is \$4,000 per month for 12-15 months. The position is full-time, but someone who wanted to work part-time for a couple of months while studying for the Bar Exam might be accommodated. Salary would be prorated accordingly.

Applications are due by **Monday, May 1st** and should include:

- (1) Brief cover letter;
- (2) Resume;
- (3) Law school transcript.

Applicants should plan for interviews to be conducted beginning the week of May 8th, the finalist will be selected by Monday, May 15th (interview and selection schedule subject to change).

Please submit application materials by email to:

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