



THE AILP NEWSLETTER

The American Indian Law Program at the University of Colorado Boulder

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Osiyo, Tous, Máykh, Heehe, Yá'át'ééh, Haway,

In honor of the International Decade of Indigenous Languages (2022-2032), we offer you greetings in several Indigenous languages (Cherokee, Arapaho, Ute, Cheyenne, Navajo, and Osage). This year, the American Indian Law Program at the University of Colorado continues tribal, national, and international advocacy in support of Indigenous Peoples' rights everywhere. We're thrilled to welcome Associate Clinical Professor Christina Stanton, Thomson Visiting Professor Jennifer Weddle, and our new Fellow Ellie Thurston to the AILP. This issue highlights our collaborations with the Native American Rights Fund at the United Nations and the accomplishments of our amazing students who are exercising leadership both in Colorado and on National NALSA. We would love to see alums and friends in Boulder and hope you'll visit or get in touch any time!

Take care,

Kristen Carpenter

Council Tree Professor of Law

Director, American Indian Law Program

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



KELBY WELSH

Kelby Welsh (Cherokee Nation) is a third year student and Colorado Law's NALSA President for 2022-2023. As a research assistant for Professor Wilkinson, she provides assistance on his upcoming book regarding the history of the "Boldt Decision," the 1974 ruling in *United States v. Washington* holding that the Pacific Northwest Tribes are entitled to 50% of the salmon harvest in Northwest Washington. Kelby participated in the American Indian Law Clinic in 2021-2022.

What did you do this summer?

I spent my summer participating in the Udall Native American Congressional Internship Program in Washington, DC. I completed an internship with the Department of Justice, Environment and Natural Resources Division, in the Indian Resources Section.

How was your summer experience?

It was incredible to gain practical experience with the agency, to understand firsthand the government-to-government relationship between Tribes and the United States. I gained significant insight into how the federal government prepares cases, specifically in fulfilling the trust responsibility. The Udall experience was amazing, and the highlight of my summer was visiting with Secretary of the Interior, Debra Haaland, in her office and later watching the fireworks over the scenic view of the mall, from the roof of the Department on the fourth of July! I would recommend the Udall program to all Native law students because it provides an unrivaled opportunity to network with Native students and Native leaders, and directly gain knowledge of the federal legislative processes that shape the field of federal Indian law.

Do you hope to pursue work in the American Indian law field after graduation?

Absolutely! As a citizen of Cherokee Nation, my ultimate goal is to work for my Tribe. I chose Colorado Law for its strong American Indian and environmental law programs, and I am so glad I did! I feel confident that the AILP has prepared me for a successful and rewarding career in this field, providing me with all of the tools and skills to be an informed and equipped advocate for Tribal nations.

WELCOME NEW FACULTY



CHRISTINA STANTON

The American Indian Law Program is thrilled to welcome Christina Stanton as Associate Clinical Professor and Director of the American Indian Law Clinic. Stanton previously served as an adjunct professor at the law school, Interim Director of the American Indian Law Clinic, and as Director of Operations at First Peoples Worldwide, an organization housed out of the Center for Native American and Indigenous Studies at the University of Colorado. At First Peoples, she led targeted international strategy on behalf of Indigenous partners in parallel with market-based corporate advocacy and directed the student research program, which seeks to develop early career professionals and Native leaders in the field.

Stanton is a licensed attorney who previously worked as an Associate at Wagenlander & Heisterkamp, LLC. She focused on public housing with tribally designated housing entities and some local public housing authorities. She practiced in both tribal and state courts on behalf of Native Nations.

Stanton also worked as a Fellow at the Getches-Wilkinson Center for Natural Resources, Energy and the Environment, focusing on treaty fishing rights for tribes in the Pacific Northwest, violence against Native Women, and international Indigenous issues. She is passionate about ending the epidemic of violence against all women, particularly Native women, and has trauma-informed training that has influenced her own research and writing.

Stanton holds a JD with an American Indian Law Certificate from the University of Colorado and a Bachelor of Arts from Johns Hopkins University. She is an incredible asset to the program both as a professor and a mentor to students planning to practice in Indian law.

INTERNSHIPS AT THE SAN CARLOS APACHE TRIBE



Colorado Law students Benjamin Bonner '23 and Kelsea Suarez '23 recently worked for the San Carlos Apache Tribe's Department of Justice under the supervision of former Visiting Professor Chase Velasquez, an attorney for the tribe. Ben assisted with case prosecution on the criminal side, while Kelsea was assigned to civil matters, working on code revision and tribal council business. Velasquez reported that both students did "excellent work" while "hanging out all over the Rez attending ceremonies, camping, and riding horses" this summer. The AILP is proud of Ben and Kelsea for representing Colorado Law and excited that the San Carlos Tribe hopes to hire our students again in the future. Look out for an upcoming position announcement from Assistant Attorney General Velasquez!

WELCOME VISITING PROFESSOR JENNIFER WEDDLE

Jennifer Weddle (Northern Cheyenne) will join us in Spring 2023 as Thomson Visiting Professor, teaching American Indian Law II. Ms. Weddle is a Principal Shareholder at Greenberg Traurig in Denver where she serves Co-Chair of the firm's American Indian Law Practice. She has wide-ranging experience in regulatory and jurisdictional issues, handling a variety of matters for tribal and non-tribal clients. Much of her practice focuses in the areas of tribal economic development and natural resources development. Ms. Weddle has U.S. Supreme Court experience, including serving as one of the attorneys for the respondent in *Nevada v. Hicks* (2001) and representing the petitioners in *Ute Mountain Ute Tribe v. Padilla* (2012) and *Grand Canyon Skywalk Development, LLC v. Grand Canyon Resort Corporation* (2013) and cert stage amici in *Saginaw-Chippewa Tribe v. NLRB* (2016) and *United States v. Cooley* (2020) and amici on the merits in *Lewis v. Clarke* (2017), *U.S. v. Washington* (2018), *Carpenter v. Murphy* (2018), *McGirt v. Oklahoma* (2020); *United States v. Cooley* (2021); *Denezpi v. U.S.* (2022), and *Oklahoma v. Castro-Huerta* (2022). Ms. Weddle is a graduate of the University of Michigan and Harvard Law School. She is past President of the National Native American Bar Association and past Chair of the Federal Bar Association Indian Law Section. She currently serves as the Tenth Circuit Representative to the American Bar Association Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary.

THE IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT AT THE UN PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES

Supporting Tribal Leaders on FPIC, Language Rights, Repatriation, and Accountability for Human Rights Violations During Boarding School Era

By Kevin Miller



PICTURED (L TO R): NARF STAFF ATTORNEY SUE NOE, NCAI PRESIDENT FAWN SHARP, CHEROKEE NATION DELEGATE KIM TEEHIE, PROFESSOR KRISTEN CARPENTER, UN PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES MEMBER GEOFFREY ROTH AND SHAWNEE TRIBE CHIEF BEN BARNES

The 21st Session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

opened on Monday, April 25, 2022, with a Thanksgiving Address in the Mohawk language by Katsenhaienton Lazare. President of the General Assembly Abdulla Shahid (Maldives) and President of the Economic and Social Council Collen Vixen Kelapile (Botswana), then acknowledged Indigenous Peoples' rights as a priority for the United Nations and the entire world community.

Several agenda items followed, in which Indigenous representatives from all over the world made statements for the Permanent Forum to consider in its report to the Economic and Social Council. These statements will inform recommendations to national governments, including the United States, and to the UN General Assembly.

National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) President Fawn Sharp noted in an intervention that the United States must implement the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which recognizes Indigenous Peoples' rights to self-determination, land, and culture, among other rights.

President Sharp emphasized that American Indian and Alaska Native rights can be safeguarded, in part, when governments enter into mutual agreements regarding natural resource development, climate change, and other matters impacting them, as required by the Declaration's provisions on free, prior, and informed consent.

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THE IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT AT THE UN PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES

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In a session on language rights, Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin, Jr., emphasized the importance of the UN's International Decade of Indigenous Languages. Hoskin said, "As we launch the International Decade of Indigenous Languages ... working with other language warriors reminds us that this undertaking is truly a global effort." Chief Hoskin called on stakeholders to "set real goals for the end of this ten year span to create and inspire more speakers."

Other Indigenous leaders called on national governments to take note of the relationship between linguistic wellbeing and health as one of the reasons why the United States and other countries should realize Indigenous Peoples' language rights and participate in the International Decade of Indigenous Languages.

Permanent Forum member Aleksei Tsykarev inquired about the status of the Yaqui peoples' request for Sweden to repatriate their sacred Maaso Kova, a ceremonial deer head, held by the Swedish National Museums of World Culture. The Swedish parties agreed in principle to the repatriation in 2020. Chief Ben Barnes of the Shawnee Tribe drew attention to "the pernicious intergenerational harm of reeducation camps, boarding schools, [and] of certain missionary efforts" including the Shawnee Indian Manual Labor School.

Chief Barnes called specifically for the assignment of a Special Rapporteur to "monitor, document, and provide a report ... on the status of remedy and consultation between member states and indigenous peoples," and for states to engage in "substantive consultation that comports with FPIC principles ... so we may achieve full remedy, reconciliation and truth-telling."

Several meetings were held in the margins of the Forum. At a meeting hosted by NCAI, members of the Mexican and Canadian missions met with tribal leaders. The United States mission was invited but did not attend. Mohawk representative Kenneth Deer and UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues Member Geoffrey Roth held a meeting of Indigenous Peoples from both the United States and Canada.

The Implementation Project was represented at the United Nations by its Co-Directors Sue Noe, Senior Staff Attorney at the Native American Rights Fund, and Kristen Carpenter, Professor at the University of Colorado, along with Kevin Miller, American Indian Law Program Fellow at the University of Colorado. The team held virtual webinars in conjunction with the Forum on May 3 and May 5, 2022.

The Implementation Project is a joint initiative of the Native American Rights Fund and the University of Colorado Law School to advance education and advocacy regarding the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Events Snapshot



Indigenous Peoples' Rights in the Global Context

Kristen Carpenter, Council Tree Professor of Law

Wednesday, September 28, 6-7:30

Wolf Law Building, Wittemyer Courtroom

Sponsored by Mini Law School

2022 Ruth Wright Distinguished Lecture in Natural Resources

Fawn Sharp, President, National Congress of American Indians

Thursday, October 13, 2022, 5:00 p.m.

Wolf Law Building, Wittemyer Courtroom

Sponsored by the Getches-Wilkinson Center



Annual John Paul Stevens Lecture

Angela R. Riley, Chief Justice, Citizen Potawatomi Nation

Supreme Court

Tuesday, October 18, 2022, 5:30 pm

Wolf Law Building, Wittemyer Courtroom

Sponsored by the Byron R. White Center and the American Indian Law Program

The 54th Algonquian Conference: Launching the International Decade of Indigenous Languages (2022-2032)

Opening Address: **Aleksei Tsykarev**, United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (left);

Keynotes: **Paul John Murdoch**, Cree Nation (Canada) (middle) & **Ben Barnes**, Shawnee Tribe (USA) (right)

October 20-23, 2022 (for agenda and registration see final page of newsletter)

Sponsored by the American Indian Law Program, the Department of Linguistics, and the Center for Native American and Indigenous Studies



AILP Students Visit Oklahoma Tribes

BY ELLIE THURSTON ('22)



Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin, Jr., with students from Professor Carpenter's Advanced American Indian Law Seminar (Pictured from left: William Raley '22 (Cherokee Nation), Kevin Miller '20, Matthew Vondrasek, Jennifer Goodman '22 (Wyandotte Nation), Chief Hoskin, Elizabeth Truitt '22, Ellie Thurston '22, and Amanda Cranston '22)

In November of 2021, Professor Carpenter's Advanced American Indian Law Seminar had the incredible opportunity to travel to the Cherokee and Pawnee Reservations to participate in workshops about the implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in tribal law. These events were organized through The Implementation Project (TIP) sponsored by the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) and Colorado Law. The main purposes of these workshops were to listen to the needs of the tribes and to provide information about how the Declaration can aid in achieving these goals. Tribal leaders and community members expressed priorities including: (1) protection of natural resources, (2) revitalization and promotion of their languages, (3) self-determination through free, prior, and informed consent (FPIC).

Students from the seminar had the chance to present their own research on potential uses of the Declaration in the United States through the courts and through legislation. The topic I chose was how FPIC can improve the current process for environmental reviews of projects involving federal agencies. I argued that striving toward FPIC can help to ensure that tribal concerns surrounding sacred sites and pollution are adequately addressed before projects can begin. I used the Dakota Access Pipeline controversy as an example of how the FPIC process would work in practice to promote tribal sovereignty.

In addition to the time we spent at the workshops, we were given guided site visits on the Cherokee Nation's reservation. We were able to visit Sequoyah's Cabin, the historical home of the inventor of the written Cherokee language, the beautiful, new Cherokee Nation Health Services hospital, and one of the stomp grounds central to the tribe's religious practices. The most meaningful moment of the trip was meeting Crosslin Smith, a tribal elder who spoke to us about his experiences and the importance of the tribe's spiritual practices. We were also lucky enough to receive a water blessing from him. The words he spoke over the water showed us how vitally important water is to the tribe, and we were able to gain a deeper understanding of the cultural connection between the tribe and its resources. It gave us personal insight into how impactful the Declaration's recognition of human rights that are unique to the needs of Indigenous Peoples can be.

We all returned to Colorado feeling hopeful about the future of the Declaration in the United States and looking forward to seeing the work of TIP progress.

Human Rights in Hawai'i



In June 2022, The Implementation Project (TIP) in partnership with the Walter H. Capps Center for the Study of Ethics, Religion, and Public Life at the University of California, Santa Barbara, held discussions with Native Hawai'ian cultural practitioners, leaders, experts, attorneys, and advocates about using the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (the Declaration) to protect their peoples and communities. "Native Hawai'ians constitute one of the largest Native communities in the United States, and as an independent kingdom have had and continue to have a complex relationship with colonizing nations," said Implementation Project Co-Director Kristen Carpenter, the Colorado Law American Indian Law Program Director and Council Tree Professor of Law.

The sessions explored ways the Declaration can support the protection of sacred places, language revitalization, food sovereignty, and cultural rights among Native Hawai'ian communities. "We look forward to collaborating with the people of Hawai'i to identify the priorities and next steps that their communities want to explore to implement Declaration protections for their political representation, cultural heritage, lands, and waters," said Implementation Project Co-Director and Native American Rights Fund (NARF) Staff Attorney Sue Noe.

The Hawai'i workshops involved three co-organizers, Camille K. Kalama, Edward Halealoha Ayau, and Professor Greg Johnson, who all have ties to TIP: Kalama, a Native Hawai'ian attorney, is a member of NARF's board of directors; Ayau, longtime leader in burial protection and international repatriation efforts, graduated from Colorado Law and was a clerk at NARF early in his career; and Professor Johnson, Director of the Walter Capps Center, who studies the intersection of law and religion in Hawai'i, has participated in TIP-related events and publications.

Going forward, TIP will collaborate with Professor Johnson and other partners to create a publication about Hawai'i and the Declaration. The Henry Luce Foundation contributed funding to make this outreach possible. For additional information about how Indigenous communities in the United States have begun to implement the Declaration, visit: <https://un-declaration.narf.org>.

FACULTY UPDATES

JIM ANAYA



Professor Anaya was featured in a new children's book by Robbin Kirk, *Righting Wrongs: 20 Human Rights Heroes Around the World*.

With co-author, Rosa Celoria, he has completed the manuscript for the 7th edition of his text book, *International Human Rights: Problems of Law, Policy and Practice* (forthcoming publication by Aspen Wolters/Kluwer in 2023) Previous editions of the book were co-authored with Hurst Hannum and Dinah Shelton.

Anaya also provided an expert report and, on August 1, expert testimony before the Waitangi Tribunal (New Zealand) in case WAI 2358, the Matter of Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975 and the National Freshwater and Geothermal Resources Inquiry. The testimony was on the rights of indigenous peoples under international law related to participation in joint resource management mechanisms.

RICK COLLINS

In 2021-2022, Professor Collins taught American Indian Law and was recognized by his faculty colleagues with the award of Professor Emeritus, a honor bestowed for his superlative contributions to Colorado Law, his pro bono work with American Indian Tribes including advocacy at the U.S. Supreme Court, and his scholarly contributions to the fields of American Indian Law, Constitutional Law, and Local Governance Law. The AILP offers congratulations and appreciation to Professor Collins.



KRISTEN CARPENTER

On March 16, 2022, Professor Carpenter gave the 14th Annual William C. Canby Lecture entitled, "Indigenous Rights, Human Rights: It's Time for the Declaration" at the Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law.

Recent publications:

Kristen A. Carpenter, *Living the Sacred: Indigenous Peoples and Religious Freedom*, 134 Harvard Law Rev. 2103 (book review) (2021).

Kristen A. Carpenter, *Indigenous Peoples and Diplomacy on the World Stage*, American Journal of International Law (AJIL) Unbound 118 (with A. Tsykarev) (2021).

Kristen A. Carpenter, *Decolonizing Indigenous Migration*, 109 California Law Review 63 (with A. Riley) (2021).



FACULTY UPDATES

SARAH KRAKOFF

Professor Krakoff is on leave serving as Deputy Solicitor for Parks and Wildlife for the Department of the Interior. The AILP wishes Professor Krakoff all the best in this exciting position and also hopes that she comes back soon to academia!

Recent Publication: Sarah Krakoff, Lincoln Davies & Karrigan Börk, Roundtable Two: Environmental Law Education: New Techniques in the Classroom and Beyond, 46 Vt. L. Rev. 575 (2022).



CHRISTINA STANTON

In April, Professor Stanton presented on the intersection of due diligence and Indigenous rights at the panel "Indigenous Peoples, business, autonomy and the human rights principles of due diligence, including free, prior, and informed consent" hosted by the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in New York.



The UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination will review the United States' compliance with its human rights obligations under the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (CERD). The Committee has committed to inquiring further about several previous communications to which Colorado Law students contributed to. American Indian Law Clinic students (AY19-20) submitted a request articulating human rights violations like access to clean environment and subsistence resources, attendant to proposed oil and gas exploration and development on the Coastal Plain of the Arctic Refuge, sacred to the Gwich'in Nation and other Indigenous Peoples. Stanton's clinic students (AY20-21) also submitted several requests on behalf of Honor the Earth and Giniw Collective related to the Line 3 pipeline, stating rights violations such as increased state and private law enforcement responses, including harassment, to Indigenous water protectors.

CHARLES WILKINSON

In recognition of his contributions to the Colorado and national literary communities, Distinguished Professor Emeritus Wilkinson received the Colorado Book Award's 2021 Lifetime Achievement Award in History. Wilkinson's 14 books include the standard casebooks on Indian law and federal public lands. His current project is a book on the famous 1970's "Boldt Decisions" regarding the treaty rights of Northwest Indian tribes.



ANNUAL AILP DINNER

What: An evening of food, friendship, and solidarity!

When: September 1, 2022, 6-8pm

Who: NALSA and AILP Students & Faculty -- 1Ls please join!

Where: Professor Carpenter's house (email AILP Fellow Ellie Thurston at ailp@colorado.edu for info)

THE UNITED NATIONS PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

From April 25 to May 6, 2022, the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Twenty-First Session, was held at UN headquarters in New York City. The theme of the session was “Indigenous peoples, business, autonomy and the human rights principles of due diligence including free, prior and informed consent.” The Implementation Project attended the session to support tribes and others engaging with the United Nations, national governments, and other Indigenous Peoples regarding human rights. The Project also held several online events, open to everyone who wanted to learn more about the Forum, implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in the United States, and the International Decade of Indigenous Languages. The online events, linked below, were moderated by Professor **Kristen Carpenter** and NARF attorney **Sue Noe**.



Event One: Permanent Forum Preview: Indigenous Peoples & Access to the United Nations

Tribal advocates and experts shared their perspectives with tribal leaders interested in attending the Permanent Forum.

Featured speakers:

Karla General - Associate Legal Counsel at Seneca Nation;

Honor Keeler - Consultant for The Implementation Project;

Geoffrey Roth - Member, UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Event Two: Implementing the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in the U.S.

Indian Country leaders discussed the importance of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and how it can be advanced in the United States.

Featured speakers:

Walter Echo-Hawk – President of the Pawnee Nation Business Council and former NARF Staff Attorney (1973-2009)

Keith Harper – Former U.S. Ambassador and Permanent Representative UN Human Rights Council, Member-Elect, UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Partner Jenner & Block Law Firm

Angela R. Riley – Professor of Law at the UCLA School of Law and Director of UCLA's J.D./M.A. joint degree program in Law and American Indian Studies and the Native Nations Law and Policy Center

Event Three: Language Rights are Human Rights: Participating in the International Decade of Indigenous Languages

This panel of Indigenous language activists, leaders, and linguists who are participating in the International Decade of Indigenous Languages from 2022-2032 discuss the opportunity this decade offers to foster awareness and secure Indigenous Peoples' rights to use, revitalize, and transmit their languages to future generations.

Featured speakers:

Ben Barnes – Chief of the Shawnee Tribe

Dr. Gabriela Pérez Báez – Associate Professor of Linguistics, University of Oregon; Director, Language Revitalization Lab

Dr. Ofelia Zepeda – Regents' Professor of Linguistics for American Indian Studies at the University of Arizona



NALSA UPDATES

KELBY WELSH, CU NALSA CHAPTER PRESIDENT

This has been an exciting, unparalleled, and eventful year for our NALSA chapter. After diligently planning all year, our NALSA chapter successfully hosted the 30th annual National NALSA Moot Court competition, virtually in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, at Colorado Law on February 26th-27th. The National NALSA Moot Court competition is the only national law school competition that focuses on issues relating to Federal Indian Law and Tribal Nations. Law students from across the country took on the challenge of writing and arguing the most compelling federal Indian law and tribal governance issues drafted by problem author Professor Kristen Carpenter. The final round judges were Fawn Sharp, Kimberly Teehee, Gregory Bigler, Troy Eid, and Former Dean James Anaya. It was a great honor to host the competition and bring awareness to the unique issues affecting Tribal nations in the United States.

Throughout the school year, we had many events that gathered community-wide participation. It was great to finally have in-person events and come together to discuss the significant ongoing issues in Indian country. On September 14th, 2021, we hosted Native lawyer and activist Jim Enoté, a member of the Zuni Pueblo, from the Colorado Plateau Foundation for a talk on collaborative management and public lands. On October 7th, Michigan State University College of Law Professors Matthew Fletcher and Wenona Singel presented on the Indian Child Welfare Act, the case pending before the Supreme Court on its constitutionality, and the broader implications for family law and Tribal nations.

We were able to have many fun, community-building events as well. On November 18th, we had a movie night featuring the film *Smoke Signals*. Then on December 2, we held our annual Fall Harvest celebration, catered by Tocabe, an American Indian eatery. On April 7-8, the board traveled to Albuquerque, New Mexico to attend the National NALSA annual conference, which coincided with the Federal Bar Association's Indian Law Conference. To conclude the year, we had the annual Spring Feast celebration on April 20th, again catered by delicious Tocabe. It was a time to reflect on all the hard work we accomplished over the year as well as introduce the next year's incoming board.

This year was of great significance for our NALSA chapter, as we had three board members run for National NALSA board positions—and all three were successfully elected! Siena Kalina, 3L, obtained the position of National NALSA President for the 2022-2023 year. Emiliano Salazar, 3L, obtained the position of Vice President. Kelby Welsh, 3L, obtained the position of Area Representative for Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah. It is the first time in our chapter's history that three members were elected to leadership positions for National NALSA.

We had an amazing year and were able to complete many goals as a board. As a chapter, we are proud to have accomplished pulling off a successful National NALSA moot court competition, while hosting many events throughout the year and obtaining several leadership positions on National NALSA.

2022 - 23 CU NALSA Leadership

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To keep up with the Colorado Law chapter of NALSA and to see the different virtual events we have put on throughout the year please follow up on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/CULAWNALSALSA/>



ANNOUNCING AILP FELLOW ELLIE THURSTON

The American Indian Law Program welcomes Ellie Thurston who has been appointed as the program's fellow for 2022-23. Ellie graduated from The Pennsylvania State University and Colorado Law School. Ellie was inspired to earn a B.S. in Geography and a minor in Environmental Inquiry. She chose to attend Colorado Law School because of its strong environmental and American Indian law programs.

During her time at Penn State, Ellie spent ten weeks in South Africa studying the country's socioecological systems. Learning about the negative impact national parks have had on the livelihoods of Indigenous peoples in the surrounding areas ignited her passion for working at the intersection of environmental protection and Indigenous rights. Ellie also spent her final year of her undergraduate studies writing her honors thesis on the negative impact of the Dakota Access Pipeline on the tribes with deep connections to the affected land and water. After realizing that most of the sources for her thesis were from law journals, she decided to apply to law school to continue work in this area.

While attending Colorado Law, Ellie participated in the Environmental Law Clinic and was a member of the Native American Law Student Association (NALSA), acting as the event coordinator for the 2019-2020 school year. She also took Professor Carpenter's Advanced American Indian Law seminar where she was introduced to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (the Declaration) and decided to focus her career on creating policy based on the Declaration. She is looking forward to continuing to contribute to the great work of the program for the next year.

Ellie will be working extensively on The Implementation Project, a joint initiative of the Native American Rights Fund and Colorado Law to advance education and advocacy regarding the Declaration. She will also act as an intermediary between the program and NALSA, mentoring students, planning events, and helping with fundraising, development, and communications.



AILP COURSE OFFERINGS

A LOOK AHEAD

FALL '22

American Indian Law Clinic

Professor Christina Stanton

American Indian Law I

Professor Kristen Carpenter

Seminar: Advanced Topics in American Indian Law

Professor Kristen Carpenter

SPRING '23

American Indian Law Clinic

Professor Christina Stanton

American Indian Law II

Thomson Visiting Professor Jennifer
Weddle

International Human Rights Law

Professor James Anaya

Seminar: International Human Rights

Professor James Anaya



Join us for the 54th Algonquian Conference!
"Launching the International Decade of Indigenous Languages 2022-2032"
University of Colorado, October 20-23, 2022

Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022

5PM Welcome by Conference by [Andy Cowell](#) (University of Colorado - Linguistics) and [Kristen Carpenter](#) (University Colorado - Law)

5:15 Introduction to the IDIL, [Aleksei Tsykarev](#), Vice Chair, United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (University of Colorado - Linguistics)

Friday, Oct. 21, 2022

SEQUENCE A

9-10:30 Linguists Engage the IDIL: Panel Discussion Moderated by [Joseph Dupris](#) (invited) (University of Colorado - Linguistics) (Presenters TBA)

10:30-12 Computational Linguists and the IDIL: Panel Discussion Moderated by [Alexis Palmer](#) (invited) (University of Colorado - Linguistics) (Presenters TBA)

1:15-2 Keynote Address by [Ben Barnes](#), Chief of the Shawnee Tribe (United States)

2:15-4:00 Tribal Language Leaders Round Table Discussion (Presenters TBA)

4:15-5 Keynote Address by [Paul John Murdoch](#), Secretary, Cree Nation Government (Canada) Keynote Address

SEQUENCE B

9-12 Continuing Panels of the 54th Algonquian Conference

Saturday, October 22, 2022

9-5 Continuing Panels of the 54th Algonquian Conference

Sunday, October 23, 2022

9-2 Continuing Panels of the 54th Algonquian Conference

Registration: <https://www.colorado.edu/linguistics/54th-algonquian-conference>

Sponsored by The Center for Native American and Indigenous Studies, the Department of Linguistics, and the American Indian Law Program at the University of Colorado