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EMPLOYMENT

Academic

positions: University Distinguished Professor, 2018-present; Nicholas Doman Professor of International Law, 2021-present; Dean, 2016-2021, University of Colorado Law School. Teaching and research in international human rights, rights of indigenous peoples, and international law.

Regents' Professor, 2010-2016; James J. Lenoir Professor of Human Rights Law and Policy, 2005-2016; Samuel M. Fegtly Professor of Law, 1999-May 2005, University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law.

Professor of Law, July 1992-1999; Associate Professor of Law, August 1988- 1992, University of Iowa College of Law.

Visiting Professor, Harvard Law School. Winter terms, 1998, 2002, 2003: courses on indigenous peoples in international law.

Visiting Professor, University of Toronto Faculty of Law. Fall 1996, Winter 2001, 2003, 2004, 2007, 2015 (Distinguished Visiting Professor series): courses on indigenous peoples in international law and on international organizations.

Visiting Professor, University of Tulsa College of Law. Fall 1993: courses on international organizations and on indigenous peoples in international law.

Adjunct Professor, University of New Mexico School of Law. Fall 1987: course in federal public lands and resources law.

Other: Special Counsel, Indian Law Resource Center, Albuquerque, New Mexico (main office in Helena, Montana). In residence Jan. 1997 - Dec. 1999 while on leave from the University of Iowa. Legal advocacy on behalf of indigenous peoples from North, Central and South America in domestic and international forums; research on issues concerning indigenous peoples worldwide.

Staff Attorney, National Indian Youth Council, Albuquerque, New Mexico. May, 1985 - August, 1988; continued as a consultant to the organization through 1993. Directed the law project of the National Indian Youth Council (NIYC), a non-profit organization. The project concerned Indian land and natural resource rights, religious freedom, voting rights, and political asylum. Law practice involved litigation, legislative work, and advocacy before international institutions, including advocacy to develop international standards concerning indigenous peoples.

Associate Attorney, Luebben, Hughes & Tomita, Albuquerque, New Mexico. May, 1983 - May, 1985. Practice involved litigation in state, federal and tribal courts in the areas of federal Indian law, water law, and civil rights. Also initiated international practice, which including advocacy for an indigenous rights declaration

at the United Nations and counseling Miskito indigenous leaders in land and autonomy negotiations with the government of Nicaragua.

**UNITED NATIONS
APPOINTMENT**

Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples, 2008-2014. Appointed by the UN Human Rights Council (the 47-member inter-governmental body) for an initial three-year term beginning May 1, 2008 and reappointed in 2011 for a second term. Duties included examining and reporting on conditions of indigenous peoples worldwide and responding to allegations of human rights violations against them, including through country visits and direct contacts with governments and indigenous peoples. See <http://unsr.jamesanaya.org>

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts
Juris Doctor, 1983

University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico
Bachelor of Arts in Economics, 1980

HONORARY DEGREE

Université de Sherbrooke, Québec
Docteur d'honneur de l'Université, 2018

AWARDS

Named *Distinguished Professor* by the Regents of the University of Colorado, effective September 2018 – the highest honor bestowed by the University of Colorado on a faculty member

Goler T. Butcher Award, by the American Society of International Law, for “outstanding contributions to the development or realization of international human rights,” Jan., 2016

Hispanic National Bar Foundation Academic Leadership Award, 2018

University of Arizona Law College Association Award, for “outstanding service and contributions to the legal profession,” April, 2015

Governmental Leadership Award, by the National Congress of American Indians, March 12, 2014, in “recognition for extraordinary service” and appreciation for “advancing recognition of the fundamental human rights of indigenous peoples and ... partnership with tribal leaders to advance tribal sovereignty”

Bernard S. Rodey Award, by the University of New Mexico Alumni Association, for “outstanding contributions to the field of education,” February 2014

Nominated for the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize, by Norwegian Parliamentarian Torgeir Knag Fylkesnes, for work advocating for indigenous peoples as UN Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples

Named a *Regents' Professor*, effective June 2010, the “highest of faculty ranks” at the University of Arizona, “reserved for tenured professors with exceptional achievements that have brought them national or international recognition.” No

more than 3% of the University's tenure and tenure-eligible faculty may hold the title at any given time.

Haywood Burns/Shanara Gilbert Award for "outstanding service to the recipient's community," by the Northeast People of Color Conference, October 2009

John O'Connor Human Rights Award for "Outstanding Achievement in Promoting the Rights of Indigenous Peoples," by Cultural Survival, May 2002

Award for "outstanding contributions to the worldwide community in the area of human rights," by the Iowa City Human Rights Commission, October 1998

Scholar in Residence at the Rockefeller Foundation's Study and Conference Center, Bellagio, Italy, February-March, 1994

One of nine 1989 recipients nationwide of the American Bar Association's annual Pro Bono and Professional Responsibility Award for "high standards of professionalism and outstanding contributions in promoting an open profession and an open system of justice"

Featured as one of "20 Young Lawyers Who Make a Difference" in Summer 1988 issue of Barrister (a national publication of the American Bar Association)

1987 "Employee of the Year," National Indian Youth Council

**BAR
MEMBERSHIP**

New Mexico (Admitted October, 1983); U.S. District Court, District of New Mexico; U.S. Court of Appeals, 10th Circuit; U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit; United States Supreme Court

PUBLICATIONS

Books: INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS: PROBLEMS OF LAW, POLICY AND PRACTICE (Aspen Publ./Wolters Kluwer Law & Business, 4th and 5th editions with Hurst Hannum and Dinal Shelton, 6th ed. 2016 with Hurst Hannum, Dinah Shelton, and Rosa Celorio) (7th ed. forthcoming 2022)

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (Aspen Publ./Wolters Kluwer Law & Business 2009) (an edited compilation of materials with extensive original commentary)

LOS PUEBLOS INDÍGENAS EN EL DERECHO INTERNACIONAL (Editorial Trotta, 2005) (translation into Spanish of the second edition of the monograph, Indigenous Peoples in International Law)

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES IN INTERNATIONAL LAW (Oxford Univ. Press, 1996) (2d ed. 2004)

CANADA'S FIDUCIARY OBLIGATION TO ABORIGINAL PEOPLES IN THE CONTEXT OF ACCESSION TO SOVEREIGNTY BY QUEBEC, VOLUME 1: INTERNATIONAL DIMENSIONS (with Richard Falk and Donat Pharand) (Canada Communication Group Pub., 1995)

Editor, INTERNATIONAL LAW AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (Dartmouth/Ashgate Publishers, 2003) (a compilation of leading articles on the subject with introductory essay by the editor)

United Nations

Documents: Numerous reports written as UN Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples, including reports on country situations, specific cases of alleged human rights abuse, and crosscutting issues of concern to indigenous peoples. The reports are available at: <http://unsr.jamesanaya.org/>

Articles in Scholarly
Journals & Book

Chapters: Introduction to the Symposium on the Impact of Indigenous Peoples on International Law, 155 AMERICAN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW ONLINE (2021) (with Anthony Anghie)

Mitigating State Sovereignty: The Duty to Consult with Indigenous Peoples, 67 U. TORONTO Law Journal 435 (2017) (with Sergio Puig)

El Convenio 169 y la situación de los pueblos indígenas, en Claudio Fuentes y Maite de la Cea, eds., LA CONSULTA INDÍGENA EN CHLE, COLOMBIA Y PERU (2016)

The Human Rights of Indigenous Peoples: United Nations Developments, 39 UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII LAW REVIEW 983 (2013)

The Human Rights of Indigenous Peoples, in Catherine Krause & Martin Scheinin, INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS: A TEXTBOOK 301 (2d. ed., Abo Akedmi Univ. Inst. H.R. 2012)

Right of Indigenous Peoples to Self-Determination in the Post-Declaration Era, in Claire Chartres and Rodolfo Stavenhagen, eds., MAKING THE DECLARATION WORK: THE UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES 184 (IWGIA, 2009)

Por qué no debería de existir la Declaración sobre los derechos de los pueblos indígenas, en Natalia Álvarez Molinero, J. Daniel Oliva Martínez, Nieves Zuñiga García-Falces, eds., DECLARACIÓN SOBRE LOS DERECHOS DE LOS PUEBLOS INDÍGENAS – HACIA UN MUNDO INTERCULTURAL Y SOSTENIBLE (Los Libros de Catarata, 2009)

Gaining Legal Recognition of Indigenous Land Rights: The Story of the *Awas Tingni* Case in Nicaragua, in Deena Hurwitz et al., eds., HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCACY STORIES 117 (Foundation Press, 2009) (with Maia Campbell)

Reparations for Neglect of Indigenous Land Rights at the Intersection of Domestic and International Law – The Maya Cases in the Supreme Court of Belize, in Federico Lenzerini, ed., REPARATIONS FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES: INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVES 567 (Oxford Univ. Press, 2008)

The Case of the Maya Villages of Belize: Reversing the Trend of Government Neglect to Secure Indigenous Land Rights, 8 HUMAN RIGHTS LAW REVIEW 377 (2008) (with Maia Campbell)

Keynote Address – Indigenous Peoples and International Law: Lands, Liberties, and Legacies, 31 AMERICAN INDIAN LAW REVIEW 257 (2007)

Indian Givers: What Indigenous Peoples Have Contributed to International Human Rights Law, 22 WASHINGTON JOURNAL OF LAW & POLICY 107 (2006)

Divergent Discourses About International Law, Indigenous Peoples, and Rights over Lands and Natural Resources: Toward a Realist Trend, 16 COLORADO JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY 237 (2005)

Indigenous Peoples' Participatory Rights in Relation to Decisions about Natural Resource Extraction: The More Fundamental Issue of What Rights Indigenous Peoples Have in Lands and Resources, 22 ARIZONA JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW 8 (2005)

Book Review, European Conquest and the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: The Moral Backwardness of International Society, by Paul Keal, 99 AMERICAN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW 306 (2005)

The Emergence of Customary International Law Concerning the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, 12 LAW & ANTHROPOLOGY 127 (2005)

International Human Rights and Indigenous Peoples: The Move Toward the Multicultural State, 21 ARIZONA JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW 13 (2004) (published in Spanish as Derechos humanos internacionales y pueblos indígenas: hacia el estado multicultural, in Chandra Roy, ed., EN DEFENSA DE LA DIVERSIDAD 1 (Saami Council, 2004))

Pueblos indígenas, comunidad internacional, y derechos humanos en la era de la globalización, in Fernando Marño & Daniel Oliva, eds., AVANCES EN LA PROTECCIÓN DE LOS DERECHOS DE LOS PUEBLOS INDÍGENAS (Univ. Carlos III de Madrid, 2004)

Los derechos de los Pueblos Indígenas, in Felipe Gómez Isa, ed., LA PROTECCIÓN DE LOS DERECHOS DE LOS DERECHOS HUMANOS EN LOS ALBORES DEL SIGLO XXI (Univ. de Deusto, 2003)

International Law and U.S. Trust Responsibility Toward Native Americans, in Richard Grounds et al., eds., NATIVE VOICES: AMERICAN INDIAN IDENTITY AND RESISTANCE 155 (Univ. of Kansas, 2003)

The Contours of Self-Determination and its Implementation: Implications of Developments Concerning Indigenous Peoples, in Gudmunder Alfredsson & Maria Stravropoulou, eds., JUSTICE PENDING: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND OTHER GOOD CAUSES (Essays in Honour of Erica-Irene Daes) (Kluwer Academic Press, 2002)

The Case of Awas Tingni v. Nicaragua: A New Step in the International Law of Indigenous Peoples, 19 ARIZONA JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW 1 (2002) (with Claudio Grossman)

The Impact of Indigenous Peoples on the Development of International Law, in THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (Southern Cross University 2001)

The United States Supreme Court and Indigenous Peoples: Still a Long Way to Go Toward a Therapeutic Role, 24 SEATTLE LAW REVIEW 229 (2001)

Self-Determination as a Collective Human Right Under Contemporary International Law, in Pekka Aikio & Martin Scheinin, eds., OPERATIONALIZING THE RIGHT OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES TO SELF-DETERMINATION (Institute for Human Rights, Abo Akademi University, 2000)

The Protection of Indigenous Peoples Land and Resource Rights Under the Inter-American Human Rights System, 14 HARVARD HUMAN RIGHTS JOURNAL 33 (2001) (with Robert Williams, Jr.)

The Maya Petition to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights: Indigenous Land and Resource Rights, and the Conflict over Logging and Oil in Southern Belize in Isfahan Merili & Valerie Oosterveld, eds., GIVING MEANING TO ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS (Univ. Penn. Press. 2001)

Environmentalism, Human Rights and Indigenous Peoples: A Tale of Converging and Diverging Interests, 7 BUFFALO ENVIRONMENTAL LAW JOURNAL 1 (2000)

Indigenous Peoples and Their Demands within the Modern Human Rights Movement, in THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS: FIFTY YEARS AND BEYOND 149 (Yael Dineli et al. eds., 1999)

Superpower Attitudes Toward Indigenous Peoples and Group Rights, American Society of International Law (93d annual meeting proceedings) 251 (1999)

Contemporary Conceptions about Customary International Law, American Society of International Law (92d annual meeting proceedings) 41 (1998)

Maya Aboriginal Land and Resource Rights and the Conflict Over Logging in Southern Belize, 1 YALE HUMAN RIGHTS & DEVELOPMENT L. J. 1 (1998)

Brief of Lone Wolf, Principal Chief of the Kiowas, to the Supreme Court of American Indian Nations, 7 KANSAS JOURNAL OF LAW & PUBLIC POLICY 117 (1997)

Book Review, International Organizations and Ethnic Conflict, Milton J. Esman and Shibley Telhami (eds.), 91 AMERICAN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW 588 (1997).

On Justifying Special Ethnic Group Rights, in NOMOS XXXIX: ETHNICITY AND GROUP RIGHTS 222 (Will Kymlicka & Ian Shapiro eds., 1997)

Indigenous Peoples, the Environment, and Commercial Forestry in Developing Countries: The Case of Awas Tingni, Nicaragua, 18 HUMAN RIGHTS QUARTERLY 345 (1996) (with S. Todd Crider)

The Native Hawaiian People and International Human Rights Law: Toward a Remedy for Past and Continuing Wrongs, 311 GEORGIA LAW REV. 309 (1994)

A Contemporary Definition of the International Norm of Self-Determination, 3 Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems 131 (1993)

Native Land Claims in the United States: The Unatoned for Spirit of Place, in The 1991 CAMBRIDGE LECTURES (Frank McArdle, ed. 1993), reprinted in Cultural Survival Quarterly (Winter 1994)

Indigenous Rights Norms in Contemporary International Law, 8 Ariz. J. Int'l & Comp. L. 1 (1991); reprinted in substantial part in Getches, Wilkinson & Williams, FEDERAL INDIAN LAW: CASES AND MATERIALS 1021 (3d ed. 1993); and in Guruswamy, Palmer & Weston, INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW (1994); translated into Spanish in AMÉRICA INDÍGENA, Vol. LII, Nos. 1&2, p.9 (1992)

The Capacity of International Law to Advance Ethnic or Nationality Rights Claims, 75 Iowa Law Rev. 837 (1990) and 13 HUMAN RIGHTS QUARTERLY 403 (1991), reprinted in Will Kymlicka, ed., THE RIGHTS OF MINORITY Cultures 321 (Oxford Univ. Press, 1995)

The Rights of Indigenous Peoples and International Law in Historical and Contemporary Perspective, in 1989 HARVARD INDIAN LAW SYMPOSIUM (1990), reprinted in Clinton, Newton & Price, AMERICAN INDIAN LAW: CASES AND MATERIALS 1257 (3d. ed. 1991)

Recent Development, Constitutional Law: Protection Against Illegal Search and Seizure -- Blackie's House of Beef, Inc. v. Castillo, No. 79-2358 (D.C. Cir., July 22, 1981), 22 HARV. INT'L. L. J. 670 (1981)

Other
publications:

Meaningful Change Requires Recognizing Racism's Pervasiveness, Denver Post, June 26, 2020

The Declaration Needs Greater Awareness, Cultural Survival Quarterly, Sept 2017, at 21

International Human Rights, Indigenous Peoples, and Extractive Industries, in HUMAN RIGHTS LAW AND THE EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES, Paper 13 (Rocky Mt. Min. L. Fdn. 2016) (with Rebecca Tsosie)

Technical Review of Key Intellectual Property-Related Issues of WIPO Draft Instruments on Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expressions (World Intellectual Property Organization, 2015)

Paper for Expert Group Meeting on an optional Protocol to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, 27-29 Jan. 2015, Theme I: *Why is an optional protocol required in relation to the Declaration? Is there an Implementation Gap?*, U.N. Doc. PFII/2015/EGM (2015), reprinted in abridged version in *Cultural Survival Quarterly*, June 2014 (paper for meeting organized by the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues)

Mine will Hurt Tribes and the Environment, Arizona Republic, December 29, 2015 (opinion essay appearing opposite essay by Senator John McCain who favored congressional land swap for Resolution Copper Mine)

Forward, in Walter R. Echo-Hawk, *IN THE LIGHT OF JUSTICE: THE RISE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN NATIVE AMERICA AND THE UN DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES* vii (2013)

Parents, Children, and Citizenship by Birth, Huffington Post, Aug. 18, 2010

Nicaragua's Titling of Communal Lands Marks Major Step for Indigenous Rights, Indian Country Today, Jan. 5, 2009

Dereitos dos indios não são ameaça, Folha do Sao Paolo (Brazil), 9 sep. 2008

Demarcating Indigenous Territories in Nicaragua: The Case of Awas Tingni, 19 (No. 3) Cultural Survival Quarterly 69 (Fall 1995) (with Theodore Macdonald)

The Indigenous Are 'Peoples': A Reality and A Challenge, Native Americas, Vol. XIV, No. 1, Spring 1997, at 64

Native Nations Sign Historic Pact, Native Americas, Vol. XII, No. 2, Summer 1996, at 46

Entries on International Law and Indian Hunting and Fishing Rights in *ENCYCLOPEDIA OF NATIVE AMERICANS IN THE 20TH CENTURY* (Garland Publishers, 1994)

How to End Neglect of Indigenous People, Des Moines Register, March 30, 1989

The CIA with the Honduran Army in the Mosquitia: Taking the Freedom out of the Fight in the Name of Accountability, Akwesasne Notes, Summer 1987, at 20

Tribal Law Impact on Civil Actions in New Mexico, N.M. Trial Lawyer, Feb. 1986, p. 1

A Miskito Memoir, Albuquerque Journal Impact Magazine, Sept. 11, 1983, at 4

Brooklyn Rivera: "Peace with Justice . . . the reunification of the Indian Family . . .", Akwesasne Notes, Winter 1984, at 11

Six-part weekly editorial series on Central America, N.M. Daily Lobo, Oct. 7 - Nov. 17, 1983

Desde El Salvador, El Hispano, Dec. 23 (1983), at 2.

Frequent contributions to NIYC's periodical, Americans Before Columbus

PRESENTATIONS:

Numerous keynote and other presentations worldwide at universities, academic and professional conferences, and at meetings convened by non-governmental organizations, governments, and international institutions. **The following is a representative, non-exhaustive list of presentations since 2002:**

- Featured speaker, American College of Trial Lawyers, 2019 Spring meeting, La Quinta, California

- Presentacion at DeJusticia’s Global Workshop of Indigenous Leaders, Sarayaku, Ecuador, December, 2018, and Decdember 209; Bogotá and Valledupar, Colombia, December 2017
- Keynote address: “Reflections on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples,” University of Toronto Faculty of Law and the Ontario Human Rights Commission, Toronto, Canada, Feb. 21, 2018
- “The Power of Ideas: The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples,” Eleventh Annual Rennard Strickland Lecture, University of Oregon School of Law, Nov. 8, 2017
- Chair-moderator, Expert Workshop on the review of mandate the Expert Mechanism of the Rights of Indigenous People, UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Geneva, Switzerland April 4-5, 2016
- Hood Fellowship lecture: presentation on “The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: Its Implications for New Zealand,” University of Auckland, New Zealand, June 11, 2015
- Multiple presentations as holder of Weissberg Chair in International Studies, Beloit College, Wisconsin, April 6-11, 2015
- Visiting Lectureship in Human Rights: lecture on the “Power of Human Rights Ideas and the Challenge of Implementation,” University of Alberta, March 12, 2015 (the Lectureship is billed as “one of the preeminent annual events held at the University”)
- “Reflections on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples,” University of Dayton Speakers Series, Oct. 28, 2013
- Keynote address: “From Recognition to Implementation of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples – Worlds of Contrasts,” World Indigenous Network Conference, Darwin, Australia, May 27, 2013
- “Reconciliation or Just Get Over It: How Should Societies Answer Indigenous Peoples Today?” Feinberg Family Distinguished Lecture Series, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Oct. 4, 2012
- Keynote address for conference: A Dangerous Business – The Human Rights Cost of Advocating Against Environmental Degradation and Land Rights Violations, sponsored by Peace Brigades International and Amnesty International, London, United Kingdom, Oct. 31, 2011
- Keynote address for conference: La Plasmación Política de la Diversidad, Univ. Deusto, Bilbao, Spain, May 13, 2010
- Keynote address for Symposium: Indigenous Peoples Rights in the International Human Rights Framework, UCLA School of Law, Jan. 22, 2010
- “Advancing Indigenous Rights in Latin America and the Caribbean,” Lecture for World Bank sector managers, sponsored by the Social Development and Agriculture and Rural Development Units of the World Bank, Washington D.C., June 3, 2009
- “What protection does the international human rights system award to indigenous peoples’ cultural heritage?” 19th Saami Conference, Rovaniemi, Finland, October 27, 2008
- “Developments in the Recognition of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples within the United Nations System and Opportunities for Ecuador,” Lecture for the members and staff of the Constitutional Assembly of Ecuador, Montecristi, Ecuador, May 29, 2008
- “Indigenous Peoples and their Contribution to the International Human Rights System,” Organization of American States Lecture Series of the Americas, Washington D.C., April 17, 2008
- Lecture on indigenous peoples and social, economic and cultural rights, Amnesty International Secretariat, London, UK, July 12, 2007

- Keynote: “Indigenous Law and its Contribution to Global Pluralism,” Conference: Indigenous Law and Legal Systems: Recognition and Revitalization, The University of Toronto Faculty of Law, Toronto, Canada Jan. 26, 2007
- Lectures on the inter-American human rights system and indigenous peoples for students completing LL.M. on Human Rights and Democratization in Africa, University of Pretoria, South Africa, May 2006 and April 2007
- Keynote: “Why There Should not Have to be a Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples,” 52d Congress of Americanists, Seville, Spain, June 16, 2006.
- Lectures for European Masters in Human Rights and Democracy program, Venice, Italy, October 2005 and November 2006; Univ. of Deusto, Bilbao Spain May 2002, May 2003, May 2014
- Lectures for human rights/conflict prevention courses for indigenous and minority leaders, sponsored by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, Geneva, Switzerland, Aug. July 2000, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006; Mexico City, Dec. 2002; Chiang Mai, Thailand, April 2003, Arusha, Tanzania, 2004; Rabat, Morocco, 2006; Canberra, Australia 2007; Cairns, Australia 2009
- Lectures for human rights training courses for indigenous leaders, co-sponsored by the Nordic Saami Council and the European Union, Arusha, Tanzania, Sept. 2000; Baguio, Philippines, Oct. 2001; Chiang Mai, Thailand, May, 2002

MAJOR CASES LITIGATED

Toledo Alcaldes Association (on behalf of Maya Villages) et al. v. Attorney General [2015] CCJ 15 (AJ) (Caribbean Court of Justice, Appeal BZCV2014/022105); and Consent Order of 22 April 2015 (affirming lower court judgment finding in favor of Maya customary land rights throughout southern Belize, on the basis of the Belize constitutional right to property, as interpreted in light of international law and the common law) (advising attorney and chief architect of legal theory)

Cal et al. v al et al. (Maya villages of Conejo and Santa Cruz) v. Attorney General, Supreme Court of Belize, consolidated claims nos. 171 & 172, Judgment of 18 Sept. 2007 (upholding land and resource rights of Maya communities of Conejo and Santa Cruz on the basis of customary land tenure) (advising attorney and chief architect of legal theory)

The Case of the Mayagna (Sumo) Community of Awas Tingni v. Nicaragua, Inter-Amer. Court H.R., Judgment of Aug. 31, 2001, Ser. C, No. 79, 19 Ariz, J. Int’l Comp. L. 395 (2002) (affirming indigenous property rights to land the basis of traditional land tenure – first such judgment by the Inter-American Court) (lead counsel for Awas Tingni community)

The Case of the Maya Indigenous Communities of the Toledo District (Belize), Case No. 12.053, Inter-Amer. Commission H.R., Report No. 40/04 (October 12, 2004) (affirming Maya traditional land rights) (lead counsel)

The Case of Mary and Carrie Dann (United States), Case No. 11.140, Inter-Amer. Commission on H.R., Report No. 75/02 (Dec. 27, 2002) (affirming Western Shoshone land rights against U.S. assertions of extinguishment of those rights) (lead counsel)

Nevada v. Hicks, 533U.S. 353 (2001) (United States Supreme Court case on state sovereign immunity and tribal court jurisdiction) (lead counsel)

Western Shoshone National Council v. Molini, 951 F.2d 200 (9th Cir. 1991), cert. denied, 113 S. Ct. 74 (1992) (Indian hunting and fishing rights) (lead counsel)

Clark v. Holbrook Unified School District, 703 F. Supp. 56 (D. Ariz. 1988) (Pre-hearing orders in voting rights lawsuit on behalf of Native American voters) (co-counsel)

Cassuse v. City of Gallup, 106 N.M. 571, 746 P.2d 1103 (N.M. S. Ct. 1987) (applicability of state voter districting statute to home rule municipalities) (co-counsel)

United States v. Abeyta, 632 F. Supp. 1301 (D. N.M. 1986) (the right of a Pueblo Indian to take an eagle for religious purposes) (lead counsel)

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL
ACTIVITIES**

Member, Board of Editors, American Journal of International Law (2021-)

Member, Expert Advisory Group assembled by Instituto Nacional de Pueblos Indígenas of the federal government of Mexico, to advise on proposal for constitutional reform to enhance recognition and protection of indigenous rights (2018 – 2021)

Appointed by the President of the United Nations General Assembly to facilitate consultations on enhancing means of participation by the indigenous peoples within the United Nations system (2016-2017)

Member, Advisory Committee on International Law for U.S. Department of State (2012-). The committee is a group of experts, appointed by the State Department Legal Adviser, who meet biannually to discuss and express views in their individual capacities.

Member, American Law Institute (2004 -)

Member, Constitutional Law Committee, National Conference of Bar Examiners (2002-)

Consultant, United Nations (Fall, 2015). Assisted government of Costa Rica in the development of a regulation for consultations with indigenous peoples.

Consultant, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, State of Hawaii (2014-2015) (with Robert Williams, Jr.), a report on the rights and status of Native Hawaiians under international law.

Consultant, World Intellectual Property Organization (2014-2015). Produced report on human rights issues raised in draft instruments on intellectual property and traditional knowledge and expression

Consultant, The Nature Conservancy (2014). Drafted (with Robert Williams, Jr.) operational principles and guidelines for engagement with indigenous peoples.

Member of arbitration tribunal convened under Chapter 11 of North American Free Trade Agreement in Grand River Enterprises v. United States (2004 - 2011)

Chair, Committee on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, International Law Association (2006-2008)

Associate Justice, Court of Appeals, Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe (2003-2004)

Chairperson of the Board of Directors, Rainforest Foundation-US (2006-2008)

Counsel to Maya organizations and communities of Belize (1996-2008; 2014-). Developed the legal strategies and led the drafting of submissions for the Maya parties in proceedings before domestic courts and multiples international institutions, including in the proceedings before Inter-American Commission on Human Rights the Supreme Court of Belize, and the Caribbean Court of Justice which resulted in a landmark decisions upholding Maya land rights on the basis of customary land tenure. Also assisting Maya communities with natural resource management and development planning.

Counsel to Carrie and Mary Dann and other Western Shoshone parties in successfully advancing land rights and related claims before multiple international institutions (1997-2008)

Of Counsel, Inuit Circumpolar Conference (2003-06) (global warming and human rights issues)

Counsel to Border Action Network in petition to Inter-American Commission on Human Rights denouncing anti-immigrant violence and threats along US.-Mexico border (2003-2008)

Lead counsel for the indigenous parties (1993-2008) and assistant to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (1998-2001) in the *Case of Mayagna Community of Awas Tingni against Nicaragua*, a case featuring the landmark judgment by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights upholding indigenous land and resource rights

Expert witness on international law in trial of Office of Native Hawaiian Affairs, et al. v. Housing Finance Development Corp. et al., Nov. 2001 (case before Hawaii state court concerning Native Hawaiian land claims)

Curriculum coordinator and lecturer for human rights training courses for indigenous leaders from throughout the world, sponsored by the International Training Center of Indigenous Peoples with support from the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Nuuk, Greenland, July 1998 and 2000, and in Cuzco, Peru, Feb. 2006

Member, Executive Council, American Society of International Law (2000-2003)

Member, Constitutional Law Drafting Committee, National Conference of Bar Examiners (2000-)

Program Affiliate, Program on Non-Violent Sanctions and Cultural Survival, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University (1999-)

Member, Editorial Board, Global Governance: A Review of Multilateralism and International Organizations (a project of the Academic Council on the United Nations System and the United Nations University) (1994-2002)

Member, Advisory Council, Australian Indigenous Law Reporter (a publication of the University of New South Wales, Australia) (1995-)

Member, Advisory Board, Indigenous Law Journal (a publication of the University of Toronto Faculty of Law) (2001-)

Consultant, Harvard Weatherhead Center for International Affairs--Program on Nonviolent Sanctions and Cultural Survival (joint Harvard/Organization of American States mission to Colombia to analyze conflict concerning oil development on indigenous-claimed lands) (1997-98)

Consultant, Corporación Indígena para el Desarrollo Económico, S.A. (joint venture by Indian-held Nicaraguan and Canadian corporations for natural resource development on Indian lands in Nicaragua) (1995-98)

Consultant, Organización Nacional Indígena de Colombia (training in international human rights norms and procedures) (1995)

Consultant, Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples (Canada) (study on the rights of aboriginal peoples in the event of Quebec's accession to sovereignty) (1994-95)

Consultant, Native Hawaiian Advisory Council (study on international law grounds for Native Hawaiian claims) (1993)

Counsel, Western Shoshone National Council (hunting and fishing rights litigation in U.S. federal courts) (1987-92)

Counsel, Chief Oren Lyons and Traditional Circle of Elders and Youth (benefit concert organized in collaboration with Carlos Santana and Bill Graham Presents, Inc.) (1992)

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