

## **KRISTEN A. CARPENTER**

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### **EDUCATION**

**HARVARD LAW SCHOOL**, J.D., *cum laude*, 1998.

**DARTMOUTH COLLEGE**, A.B., *cum laude*, French and Native American Studies, 1994.  
Stacey Coverdale Award. Cloise Appleton Crane Prize.

### **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

#### **UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO LAW SCHOOL**

University Distinguished Professor (2025-present), Council Tree Professor (2016-present), Professor (2014-16), Associate Professor (2009-14).

*Courses*: American Indian Law, Advanced American Indian Law Seminar, Cultural Property, Indigenous Peoples in International Law, International Human Rights Seminar, and Property Law.

*Administration*: American Indian Law Program Director (2012-14, 2018-present), Associate Dean for Research (2016-2017), Associate Dean for Faculty Development (2011-2015).

*Research Initiative*: Co-Director, [The Implementation Project](#) (2018-present) (joint project with the Native American Rights Fund to advance education and advocacy on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples).

#### **NEW YORK UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL**

Visiting Adjunct Professor (2021). *Course*: Federal Indian Law.

#### **HARVARD LAW SCHOOL**

Oneida Indian Nation Visiting Professor of Law (2016). *Courses*: Property and American Indian Religious Freedoms.

#### **UNIVERSITY OF DENVER STURM COLLEGE OF LAW**

Associate Professor (2008-2009). Assistant Professor (2004-2008). *Courses*: Property, American Indian Law, and Natural and Cultural Resources Law.

#### **SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL**

Assistant Professor (2002-2004). *Courses*: Property and Indigenous Peoples' Law.

### **GOVERNMENT SERVICE**

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR** (2023-2025). Senior Advisor, Immediate Office of the Secretary. Provide counsel to the Secretary on international issues affecting Indigenous Peoples and domestic implementation of human rights standards. Assist the Secretary in matters before the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination; Tri-Lateral Working Group on Violence Against Indigenous Women; World Intellectual Property Organization; UN Expert Mechanism on Indigenous Issues and UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

### **Government Service continued**

**SHAWNEE TRIBE SUPREME COURT** (2020-present). Serve as associate justice of the highest appellate court of federally recognized Indian tribe.

### **UNITED NATIONS**

#### **UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL YEAR AND DECADE OF INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES**

Member, International Steering Committee (2019-2020); Observer, Global Task Force (2021-2022). Address UN General Assembly; serve as rapporteur for North America and Arctic Regional Consultations; draft reports regarding human rights and language revitalization.

#### **UNITED NATIONS EXPERT MECHANISM ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES**

Member from North America (2017-2021); Chair-Rapporteur (2019-2020).

Appointed by Human Rights Council for two terms to provide independent expertise and assist States and Indigenous Peoples in realizing the aims of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Facilitated repatriation of ceremonial object from Sweden to Yaqui People. Attended sessions in or worked on matters involving Brazil, Canada, Democratic Republic of Congo, Finland, Japan, Mexico, Russia, South Africa, Sweden, Thailand, and United States. Coordinated with ILO, UNESCO, WIPO, WHO, and other UN agencies, as well as treaty bodies and Indigenous Peoples' mechanisms. Drafted reports and studies on issues of repatriation, migration and borders, remedies and restitution, wellbeing of children, consultation, consent, and political participation.

#### **UNITED NATIONS INSTITUTE FOR TRAINING AND RESEARCH (UNITAR)**

Instructor, Programme for Indigenous Peoples on Conflict Prevention & Peacemaking (2019).

### **AWARDS AND GRANTS**

CU Boulder Office for Public and Community-Engaged Scholarship (2025-2026); Henry Luce Foundation (2021-2024, 2024-2026) (with Native American Rights Fund); University of Colorado Innovative Seed Grant (2021-2023); University of Colorado Diversity & Inclusive Excellence Grant (2020-21); University of Colorado Outreach Grant (2020); University of Colorado President's Fund for the Humanities Grant (2019); National Park Service Grant on American Indian Treaties (2014-16); University of Colorado SEED Grant (2015-2016); University of Colorado LEAP Grant (2014-15); University of Colorado Provost's Faculty Achievement Award (2013); University of Colorado Law School Outstanding New Faculty Member (2010); University of Denver PROF Grant (2007-09); Whatcom Museum Jacobs Research Fund Grant (2007-08); American Philosophical Society Phillips Fund for Native American Research (2006-07).

### **ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Books**

THE ART OF INDIGENOUS DIPLOMACY (work-in-progress).

CHEROKEE TREATIES AND COMMENTARY (work-in-progress).

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS (2d ed.) (work-in-progress) (with S. James Anaya) (joined as co-author in 2024).

**Books continued**

GETCHES, WILKINSON, WILLIAMS, FLETCHER, CARPENTER, AND SINGEL, *FEDERAL INDIAN LAW* (7th ed. West 2017) (8th ed. 2025) (joined as co-author in 2016).

THE INDIAN CIVIL RIGHTS ACT AT FORTY (Carpenter, Fletcher & Riley, eds.) (UCLA American Indian Studies Center Press) (2012).

**Chapters in Books**

*Law, Language, and Constitutions*, in *HANDBOOK ON COMPARATIVE INDIGENOUS GOVERNANCE AND CONSTITUTIONS* (C. Charters et al., eds.) (forthcoming 2026).

*Human Rights Paradigms in the Decolonization of Indigenous Migration*, in *THE OXFORD HANDBOOK OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RIGHTS* (M. Langford et al., eds.) (forthcoming 2025) (with A. Riley).

*Indigenous Peoples and Religious Freedoms: A Global Perspective*, in *THE OXFORD HANDBOOK OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND INTERNATIONAL LAW* (M. Åhrén et al., eds.) (forthcoming 2025).

*Religious Freedoms, Sacred Sites, and Human Rights in the United States*, in *COMPARATIVE APPROACHES TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UN DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES* 67-75 (B. Gunn et. al., eds.) (Centre For International Governance Innovation) (2020).

*Individual Religious Freedoms in American Indian Tribal Law*, in *THE INDIAN CIVIL RIGHTS ACT AT FORTY* 159-208 (K. Carpenter et al., eds.) (UCLA American Indian Studies Center Press) (2012).

*Lyng v. Northwest Indian Cemetery Protective Association: Challenging the Narrative of Conquest*, in *INDIAN LAW STORIES* 489-533 (C. Goldberg et al., eds.) (Foundation Press 2010) (with A. Bowers).

*Repairing Reparations in the American Indian Nation Context*, in *REPARATIONS FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES: INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVES* (F. Lenzerini, ed.) (Oxford 2008) (with S. Krakoff).

**Articles and Essays in Academic Journals**

*Who Owns Indigenous Languages?* (work-in-progress).

*Indigenous Peoples in International (Treaty) Diplomacy*, 71 *UCLA L. REV.* 1622-1661 (2025).

*The International Decade of Indigenous Languages: Evaluating National Action Plans in Light of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*, *LANGUAGE DOCUMENTATION & CONSERVATION* (2024) (with A. Tsykarev and A. Cowell).

*‘Aspirations’: Indigenous Peoples and Human Rights in the United States*, 36 *HARV. HUM. RIGHTS J.* 41-88 (2023).

*A Human Rights Approach to Cultural Property: Repatriating the Yaqui Maaso Kova*, 42 *CARDOZO ARTS AND ENT. J.* 159-182 (2023).

**Articles and Essays in Academic Journals continued**

*Living the Sacred: Indigenous Rights and Religion*, 134 HARV. L. REV. 2103-2156 (2021) (book review).

*Indigenous Peoples and Diplomacy on the World Stage*, AJIL UNBOUND 118-122 (2021) (with A. Tsykarev).

*Decolonizing Indigenous Migration*, 109 CALIF. L. REV. 63-139 (2021) (with A. Riley).

*(Indigenous) Language as a Human Right*, 24 UCLA J. INT'L L. & FOREIGN AFF. 49-131 (2020) (with A. Tsykarev).

*Privatizing the Reservation?*, 71 STAN. L. REV. 791-878 (2019) (with A. Riley).

*Owning Red: A Theory of Indian (Cultural) Appropriation*, 94 TEX. L. REV. 859-931 (2016) (with A. Riley).

*Indigenous Peoples and the Jurisgenerative Moment in Human Rights*, 102 CAL. L. REV. 163-234 (2014) (with A. Riley).

*Lanyering for Groups: The Case of American Indian Tribal Attorneys*, 81 FORD. L. REV. 3085-3163 (2013) (with E. Wald).

*Tribal Rights, Human Rights*, 2013 MICH. ST. L. REV. 293-306 (2013) (with A. Riley).

*Limiting Principles and Empowering Practices in American Indian Religious Freedoms*, 45 CONN. L. REV. 387-481 (2012).

*Book Review of Defying the Odds: The Tule River Tribe's Struggle for Sovereignty in Three Centuries* by Gelya Frank and Carole Goldberg, 35 AM. IND. QUAR. 260 (2011).

*Clarifying Cultural Property*, 17 INT'L J. OF CULT. PROP. 581-598 (2010) (with S. Katyal & A. Riley).

*In Defense of Property*, 118 YALE L. J. 1022-1125 (2009) (with S. Katyal & A. Riley).

*Interpretive Sovereignty: A Research Agenda*, 33 AM. IND. L. REV. 111-152 (2008-2009).

*Real Property and Peoplehood*, 27 STAN. ENV. LAW J. 313-395 (2008).

*The Interests of "Peoples" in the Management of Sacred Sites*, 42 TUL. L. REV. 37-55 (2006).

*Contextualizing the Losses of Allotment Through Literature*, 82 NORTH DAK. L. REV. 605-626 (2006).

*Old Ground & New Directions at Sacred Sites on the Western Landscape*, 83 DENV. L. REV. 981-1002 (2006).

*A Property Rights Approach to Sacred Sites: Asserting a Place for Indians as Non-Owners*, 52 UCLA L. REV. 1061-1148 (2005).

*Considering Individual Religious Freedoms under Tribal Constitutional Law*, 14 KAN. J. OF LAW & PUB. POLICY 561-606 (2005).

**Articles and Essays in Academic Journals continued**

*Recovering Homelands, Governance, and Lifeways: Book Review of Blood Struggle: The Rise of Modern Indian Nations* by Charles Wilkinson, 31 TUL. L. REV. 79-89 (2005).

*In the Absence of Title: Responding to Federal Ownership in Sacred Sites Cases*, 37 NEW ENG. L. REV. 619 (2003).

*Beyond the Ethnic Umbrella and the Buffalo: Some Thoughts on American Indian Tribes and Gaming*, 5 GAMING L. REV. 311-327 (2001) (with R. Halbritter).

*Interpreting Indian Country in State of Alaska v. Native Village of Venetie*, 35 TUL. L. J. 73-161 (1999).

**LAW REVIEW -- SPECIAL ISSUE**

**VISIONS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL DECADE OF INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES, 2022-2032**, COLORADO ENVIRONMENTAL LAW JOURNAL (2023) (Co-chaired with Professors Andy Cowell and Alexis Palmer special issue comprised of ten articles by linguists, legal scholars, and Indigenous leaders) (calling, *inter alia*, for United States to announce a language revitalization plan in line with the International Decade of Indigenous Languages)(*cited in* White House Council on Native American Affairs, United States Departments of Education, Health, and Interior, *10-Year National Plan on Native Language Revitalization* (2024)).

**UNITED NATIONS PUBLICATIONS**

UN Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), Studies and Reports: *Rights of the Indigenous Child*, A/HRC/48/74, (2021) (with co-authors); *Repatriation of Human Remains, Ceremonial Objects, and Intangible Cultural Heritage*, A/HRC/45/35 (2020) (primary author); *Free, Prior, and Informed Consent: a human rights-based approach*, A/HRC/39/62 (2019) (with co-authors); *Efforts to Implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: recognition, reparation and reconciliation*, A/HRC/EMRIP/2019/3/Rev.1 (2019) (with co-authors). EMRIP Technical Advisory Notes: *Protection of Indigenous Peoples Rights in Brazil During COVID-19* (2021) (with co-authors); *The Repatriation of the Yaqui Maaso Kora* (2020) (primary author); *Implementing the UNDRIP under the Mexico City Constitution* (2018) (with co-authors).

**AMICUS BRIEFS**

Author of Brief of Amicus Curiae Native American Church of North America, et al., in *Oklevueha Native American Church v. Holder* (9th Cir. 2016); Co-author of Statement of Information on the Welfare and Best Interests of “Baby Girl” and Indigenous Children in the U.S. (United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples 2013); Author of Brief of Amici Curiae American Indian Law Scholars in *Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone v. Dep’t of Interior* (9th Cir. 2012). Signatory to Brief of Professors of Indian Law as Amici Curiae in Support of Respondents in *Adoptive Couple v. Baby Girl* (U.S. Supreme Court 2013), Brief of Amici Curiae Religious Liberty Law Scholars in Support of Petition for a Writ of Certiorari in *Navajo Nation v. U.S. Forest Service* (U.S. Supreme Court 2009), and various amicus briefs to the U.S. Courts of Appeals.

## PUBLICATIONS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT

[\*The Tribal Guide to Implementing FPIC in the Context of Conservation and Development\*](#) (2025) (with co-authors).

[\*The Indigenous Peoples Guide to the United Nations\*](#) (2024) (with co-authors).

[\*The Tribal Implementation Toolkit\*](#) (2021) (with co-authors).

[\*Implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in the United States\*](#), 91 U. COLO. L. REV. F. 47-105 (2020) (conference report) (with co-authors) (cited in UN Expert Mechanism Study (2023)).

## SELECTED OP-EDS, INTERVIEWS, AND PODCASTS

*Indigenous approaches to international law*, ENVIRONMENTAL LAW INSTITUTE (with host Sebastian Duque Rios and legal scholars Jonathan Liljeblad and Margaret Palaghicon Von Rotz), Oct. 8, 2025.

*The case for political inclusion*, MONOCLE, Dec. 7, 2024 (interview with Andrew Mueller) (media outlet based in London, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Toronto).

*'Green transition', mining, and indigenous rights*, ABC AUSTRALIA, May 16, 2023 (interview with Damien Carrick).

*World leaves United States behind on commitment to Indigenous Peoples' language rights*, THE HILL, Dec. 26, 2021.

*Canada after Kamloops: What now for indigenous rights?*, MONOCLE, June 21, 2021 (interview with Andrew Mueller) (media outlet based in London, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Toronto).

*Outside/In: How DAPL is Connected to a Long History of Native American Treaty Violations*, NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC RADIO, July 11, 2020 (interview with San Evans-Brown).

*Standing Tall: The Sioux's Battle Against a Dakota Pipeline is a Galvanizing Social Justice Movement for Native Americans*, SLATE, Sept. 23, 2016 (with A. Riley).

*One River Two Canoes: Peace and Respect in Indian Child Welfare*, CATO UNBOUND, Aug. 31, 2016.

*Indian Status is Not Racial: Understanding the Indian Child Welfare Act*, CATO UNBOUND, Aug. 9, 2016.

## SELECTED KEYNOTES, NAMED LECTURES AND STATEMENTS

*Indigenous Lands and Human Rights in the United States*, Keynote Address, A Constitution and Citizenship Day Conference, San Francisco State University, Sept. 19, 2023.

[\*Indigenous Rights, Human Rights: It's Time for the Declaration\*](#), 14th Annual William C. Canby Lecture, Arizona State University, March 16, 2022.

**Selected Keynotes and Statements continued**

[\*Race and Religion: A Case Study on Indigenous Peoples in the U.S.\*](#), Race and the Law Lecture Series, University of Colorado Law School, Feb. 18, 2021.

[\*Human Rights and Museums\*](#), Keynote Address, Provenance Globale, Musée d'ethnographie de Genève, Switzerland, Jan. 21, 2021 (with C. Durand).

[\*Statement of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples\*](#), High Level Closing of the International Year of Indigenous Languages, United Nations General Assembly, Dec. 27, 2019.

[\*Discussion on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples\*](#), United Nations Human Rights Council, Sept. 18, 2019.

[\*Statement of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples\*](#), High Level Opening of the International Year of Indigenous Languages, United Nations General Assembly, Feb. 1, 2019.

[\*Indigenous Peoples and The Jurisgenerative Moment in Human Rights\*](#), University of Colorado Law School, Annual Austin Scott Lecture, October 8, 2015.

**OTHER PRESENTATIONS**

*The U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*, Tribal In-House Counsel Association, Nov. 14, 2025 (invited).

*The Art of Indigenous Diplomacy*, University of New Mexico Law School, Faculty Colloquium, Sept. 11, 2025.

*Indigenous Peoples' Diplomacy at the UN: A Historical and Contemporary Perspective*, American Bar Association, Aug. 27, 2025,

*Restoring Consensual Relations with Indigenous Peoples*, Federal Bar Association, Annual Indian Law Conference, April 28-29, 2025.

*Implementing the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*, Toward Right Relationship with Indigenous Peoples, February 4, 2025.

*Supreme Court Update*, Byron White Center, University of Colorado Law School, January 31, 2025.

*International Legal Protections for Indigenous Peoples' Plant Medicines*, UCLA Ecological Medicine and Psychedelic Studies Initiative, November 1, 2024.

*Respecting and Legally Protecting Indigenous Practices*, Psychedelics Bootcamp 2024: Key Topics in Law, Medicine, Research, Regulations, and Advocacy, The Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics at Harvard Law School, July 29-August 1, 2024.

*International Legal Protections for Indigenous Peoples' Religious Freedoms*, Panel Discussion, Federal Bar Association, Annual Indian Law Conference, April 4, 2024.

**Presentations continued**

*The UN Treaty Bodies and Indigenous Peoples' Jurisprudence*, Workshop, International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs, University of Deusto, Bilbao, Spain, February 14-15, 2024.

*Diplomatically Engaging the United States*, Red Rising Conference, UCLA Law Review Symposium, February 9, 2024.

*Moderator/Facilitator*, Expert Group Meeting on Indigenous Peoples in a Greening Economy, United Nations Division for Economic and Social Affairs, January 23-25, 2024.

*Sacred Sites and Human Rights*, United Nations Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Side Event, July 19, 2023.

*International Decade of Indigenous Languages: Actions for Sustainable Results*, United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues Side Event, April 18, 2023.

*Indigenous Language as a Human Right*, Donia Center for Human Rights, University of Michigan Donia Center for Human Rights, April 11, 2023.

*Red Rising: Political Participation and Indigenous Peoples*, Panel Discussion, UCLA Law School American Indian Law Conference, October 2, 2020.

*Opening and Closing Remarks*, UN Expert Mechanism Seminar on Repatriation, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, March 4-5, 2020.

*Presentation of Outcome Document*, UNESCO High-Level Event, "Making a Decade of Action for Indigenous Languages," Los Pinos, Mexico City, February 27-28, 2020.

*(Indigenous) Language as a Human Right*, Instituto Nacional des Léguas Indigenas, February 26-27, 2020 (with A. Tsykarev).

*(Indigenous) Language as a Human Right*, International Year of Indigenous Languages 2019 Perspectives, Perdue University, November 2, 2019 (with A. Tsykarev).

*Indigenous Women and Political Participation*, Keynote Address, National Rural Assembly, Greenville, South Carolina, October 28, 2019.

*Opening Remarks, Indigenous Peoples' Rights to Land*, UN Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Center for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria, South Africa, September 30-October 1, 2019.

*Indigenous Languages in Diplomacy and Peacemaking*, North American and Arctic Regional Meeting under the 2019 International Year of Indigenous Languages, Victoria, Canada, June 26, 2019.

*(Indigenous) Language as a Human Right*, Critical Perspectives on Race and Human Rights: Transnational Re-Imaginations, UCLA School of Law, March 8, 2019 (with A. Tsykarev).



**Presentations continued**

*Religious Freedoms in North America*, Kiskinohamatowin: An International Academic Forum on the Human Rights of Indigenous Peoples, University of Manitoba, January 19, 2019.

*Indigenous Peoples and Human Rights at the United Nations*, National Congress of American Indians, Annual Meeting, Denver, October 23, 2018.

*The Culturally & Socially Sustainable Museum: A Perspective from (Indigenous) Human Rights*, Sámi Museum Siida, Inari, Finland, August 27, 2018.

*Human Rights and 'Sacred Sights': Considering a Consent Based Approach to Religious and Cultural Freedoms*, Native American & Indigenous Studies Association Annual Conference, May 19, 2018.

*Going Global: Why International Law & Governance Matter, The Next Horizon: A Symposium on the Future of Indigenous Nation Building*, Harvard University, May 1, 2018.

*Access to Justice: Indigenous Peoples' Mechanisms in the United Nations*, Federal Bar Association, Annual Indian Law Conference, April 5, 2018.

*Indigenous Peoples and Human Rights in the UN*, University of Colorado Law School, March 15, 2018.

*Indigenous Peoples and Cultural Freedoms*, Columbia University, University Seminars, February 6, 2018.

*Indigenous Peoples and Human Rights*, Mekkos Meeting, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, February 3, 2018.

*Advancing a Consensual Model for Religious Accommodations as a Matter of Human Rights*, Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Diego Portales University, Santiago, Chile, December 5, 2017.

*Privatizing the Reservation*, William and Mary Law School, 14th Annual Brigham-Kanner Property Rights Conference, October 13, 2017 (with A. Riley).

*Indigenous Cultures, Traditional Knowledge and Identities*, 10th Anniversary of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, University of Colorado Law School, September 14, 2017.

*Indigenous Rights in the International Context*, University of Washington Law School, 30th Annual Indian Law Symposium, September 7, 2017.

*Living our Commitments: Implementing Indigenous Peoples' Rights in the Jurisgenerative Moment*, Harvard Law School, Faculty Workshop, November 16, 2016.

*Owning Red: A Theory of Indian (Cultural) Appropriation*, Dartmouth College, Mellon Seminar, November 3, 2016.

*Indigenous Peoples and Social Movements*, Harvard Law School, Conference on the Indigenous Rights Movement: Tribal, Domestic, and International Law Dimensions, October 14, 2016.

*Indigenous Peoples and International Human Rights Law*, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, April 28, 2016.

**Presentations continued**

*Indigenous Peoples and International Human Rights Law*, Federal Bar Association, Annual Indian Law Conference, April 7, 2016.

*Owning Red: A Theory of Indian (Cultural) Appropriation*, University of Nevada Las Vegas Law School, Faculty Workshop, September 10, 2015.

*American Indian Child Welfare in the Periods of Assimilation, Self-Determination, and Human Rights*, American Society of Legal History, Annual Conference, November 6-9, 2014.

*Indigenous Peoples and the Jurisgenerative Moment in Human Rights*, Oklahoma Supreme Court, Sovereignty Symposium XXVI, June 5, 2014.

*The Roberts Court and Federal Indians Law*, Harvard Law School, Workshop, April 7, 2014.

*American Indians in the Roberts Court*, Yale Law School, Conference on Re-Envisioning Race in a 'Post-Racial' Era: New Approaches in Critical Race Theory, April 5, 2014.

*Human Rights in Indigenous Communities*, UCLA Law School, Good Native Governance: Innovative Research in Law, Education, and Economic Development Conference, March 7, 2014.

*American Indians in the Roberts Court*, Stanford Law School, Conference on Contemporary Issues in Federal Indian Law, February 7, 2014.

*Indigenous Peoples and the Domestic Violence Movement*, University of Colorado Law School, The Feminist Influence on Criminal Law Workshop, April 20, 2013.

*Decriminalizing American Indian Religion*, Harvard Law School, Tribal Courts and the Federal System Conference, November 4, 2012.

*Tribal Rights, Human Rights*, Michigan State University, Law Review Symposium on American Indian Tribes and Human Rights Accountability, October 4-5, 2012.

*Limiting Principles and in American Indian Religious Freedoms*, University of California at Berkeley Law School, Heeding Frickey's Call: Doing Justice in Indian Country, September 28, 2012.

*Property, Remedy & Recovery*, Federal Bar Association, Indian Law Conference, April 19, 2012.

*Limiting Principles and Empowering Practices in American Indian Religious Freedoms*, Pepperdine Law School, Religious Legal Theory Conference, February 24, 2012.

*Limiting Principles and Empowering Practices in American Indian Religious Freedoms*, University of Colorado Law School, Summer Workshop on Law, Religion & Culture, July 21, 2011.

*Limiting Principles and Practices in Indigenous Cultural Property Law*, AALS Annual Meeting, Section on Law and Anthropology Panel, January 8, 2011.

**Presentations continued**

*Property, Remedy, and Recovery*, UCLA Law School, Indigenous Peoples' Rights in the International Human Rights Framework Symposium, January 22, 2010.

*Property and Peoplehood*, Northeastern State University, Cherokee Nation State of Sequoyah Commission Conference, Tahlequah, OK, September 4, 2009.

*Property, Remedy, and Recovery*, University of Colorado Law School, Property Works in Progress Symposium, June 1-3, 2009.

*Law and Culture*, University of Tulsa Law School and Gilcrease Museum, Exhibiting Culture: Museums and Indians Symposium, Tulsa, OK, May 15, 2009.

*Individual Religious Freedoms in Indian Country*, Michigan State University Law School, Symposium on the Indian Civil Rights Act at 40, October 10-11, 2008.

*In Defense of Property*, Michigan State University Law School, Faculty Workshop, October 9, 2008 (with S. Katyal and A. Riley).

*Cherokee Language in Treaty Interpretation*, University of Colorado Law School, American Indian Law Works in Progress Symposium, July 31-August 1, 2008.

*In Defense of Property*, University of Colorado Law School, Property Works in Progress Symposium, June 11-12, 2008 (with S. Katyal).

*Real Property and Peoplehood*, AALS Annual Meeting, Section on Law and Anthropology Panel, New York, NY, January 5, 2008.

*American Indian Legal Fictions*, Michigan State University Law School, American Indian Law and Literature Conference, October 16-17, 2007.

*Expanding and Realizing Indigenous Property Rights*, Federal Bar Association, Annual Indian Law Conference, Albuquerque, NM, April 20, 2007.

University of California at Berkeley Law School, Discussant, The New Realism in Indian Law Symposium, November 17-18, 2006, *transcript available at* 32 Am. Ind. L. Rev. 1 (2007).

*Property Rights in Religious Freedoms Claims*, Harvard Law School, Celebration of Native American Alumni, Emerging Scholars Panel, October 27, 2006.

*Teaching Lone Wolf v. Hitchcock: A Law and Literature Approach*, University of North Dakota Law School, The Pedagogy of American Indian Law Symposium, October 13, 2006.

*Property Rights and Policy at Sacred Places on Federal Public Lands*, Working Group on Property, Citizenship, & Social Entrepreneurism, Washington, D.C., November 4-5, 2005.

*Individual Religious Freedoms under Tribal Constitutional Law*, University of Kansas School of Law, Tribal Law Symposium, November 2004.

## **PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

HILL AND BARLOW, P.C., Boston, MA. Associate Attorney (1999-2002).

HON. JOHN C. PORFILIO, U.S. COURT OF APPEALS, TENTH CIRCUIT. Law Clerk (1998-1999).

SONOSKY, CHAMBERS, SACHSE, MILLER & MUNSON, Anchorage, AK. Summer associate (1997).

HOGAN & HARTSON, Denver, CO. Summer associate in general practice (1997).

MASHANTUCKET PEQUOT TRIBAL NATION, Mashantucket, CT. Law clerk. (1997).

FREDERICKS, PELCYGER, HESTER & WHITE, Boulder, CO. Law clerk. (1996).

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Cambridge, MA. Teaching Fellow for Professor Joe Kalt in *Native American Nation Building* (1996).

WASATCH ACADEMY, Mt. Pleasant, UT. Teacher in French & Native American Studies (1994-95).

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE, Hanover, NH. Teaching Assistant, French & English Depts. (1991-94).

## **PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

### **University of Colorado-Boulder**

Core Faculty and Intermittent Board Member, Center for Native American and Indigenous Studies (2011-present).

Member, Search Committee, Vice Chancellor for Native American Affairs (2023-2024).

Planning Committee, *Right Here, Right Now*, Climate Change Summit (2023).

Faculty Affiliate, Department of Ethnic Studies and Center for the American West (2011-present).

Member, Law School Dean Search Committee (2015-2016).

Member, Vice Chancellor's Research Cabinet (2013-2015).

### **University of Colorado Law School Service**

Faculty Advisor, Native American Law Students Association (2012-present); Arab American Law Students Association and Women of Color Collective (2021-2023).

Mentoring Committee (2020-present).

Faculty Evaluation Committee (Member 2009-2010, 2015-2016, 2020-2021, 2025-present).

Peer Review Committee (Member 2018-2020, 2023-2024) (Chair 2024-2025).

**University of Colorado Law School Service continued**

International Law Programs Committee (Chair 2023-2024).

Appointments Committee (Member 2013-14, 2022-2023) (Chair 2018-2019).

Ad Hoc Faculty Salary Review Committee (2016-2018).

**Service to the Profession and Community**

National American Indian Court Judges Association (Member 2020-present).

American Law Institute (Elected member); Restatement of American Indian Law (Adviser) (2012-present).

Federal Bar Association, Indian Law Section (Board Member 2011-2014, 2016-2019) (Conference Chair 2009-2011) (Member 1995-present).

American Lebanese Awareness Association (Member 2002-present).

Harvard Law School Native American Alumni Association (1998-present).

Cherokee National Historical Society, National Press Review Committee (2018-2020).

Colorado Indian Bar Association (Board Member 2005-2009) (Member 2004-2019).

Museum of Boulder (Board Member 2016-2019).

American Association of Law Schools, Section on Law & Anthropology (Board 2011-2014).

Dartmouth College Native American Visiting Committee (Member 2003-2007).

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