

**IMPLEMENTING
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DECLARATION
on the RIGHTS
of INDIGENOUS
PEOPLES in the
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CONFERENCE INTRODUCTION

In 2007, following decades of advocacy by indigenous peoples, the UN General Assembly adopted the Declaration, acknowledging indigenous peoples' rights to self-determination, equality, property, culture, and other human rights. The United States, along with Canada, New Zealand, and Australia, have pledged their support for the Declaration, and 148 nations worldwide now accept a set of agreed-upon norms for the just treatment of indigenous peoples.

The Declaration provides an impetus to redress historic wrongs committed against indigenous peoples and advance the arc of justice. The Declaration sets forth a remedial scheme to address the legacy of land dispossession, physical violence, cultural disruption, economic deprivation, and other harms experienced by indigenous peoples during the experiences of conquest, colonization, and settlement. However, it will take comprehensive law and policy reform, as well as structural and conceptual change, to begin the process of redress and reconciliation for indigenous peoples in domestic legal systems.

On March 15-16, 2019, the University of Colorado Law School and Native American Rights Fund will host a conference to advance the promises of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and develop a strategy for its implementation in the United States.

This event will be a transformative gathering of critical thinkers and committed advocates, toward the true flourishing of indigenous peoples, healing, and justice for all.

Attorneys, legal scholars, and tribal leaders will discuss challenges in Federal Indian Law and the role of international human rights in advocacy efforts. The conference will feature workshops on cultural rights, climate change and environmental advocacy, business and entrepreneurship, Indian child welfare, technology and communications, and the United Nation's 2019 International Year of Indigenous Languages.

The concept note for the joint Colorado Law and NARF Project to Implement the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in the United States is attached at the end of this program.



Speaker Bios

(In the same order as listed in the conference agenda)

S. James Anaya

Dean James Anaya has taught and written extensively on international human rights and issues concerning indigenous peoples. Among his numerous publications are his acclaimed book, *Indigenous Peoples in International Law* (Oxford Univ. Press (1996); 2d ed. (2004)), and his widely used textbook, *International Human Rights: Problems of Law, Policy and Process* (Wolters/Kluwer, 6th ed. 2011) (with Hurst Hannum and Dinah Shelton). He served as the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples from May 2008 to June 2014. Dean Anaya has lectured in many countries throughout the world. He has advised numerous indigenous and other organizations from several countries on matters of human rights and indigenous peoples, and he has represented indigenous groups from many parts of North and Central America in landmark cases before domestic and international tribunals, including the United States Supreme Court and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. Among his noteworthy activities, he participated in the drafting of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and was the lead counsel for the indigenous parties in the case of *Awas Tingni v. Nicaragua*, in which the Inter-American Court of Human Rights for the first time upheld indigenous land rights as a matter of international law. As UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Dean Anaya monitored the human rights conditions of indigenous peoples worldwide, addressed situations in which their rights were being violated, and promoted practical measures to secure indigenous peoples' rights, travelling frequently to meet with government officials and visit indigenous communities. Prior to becoming a full time law professor, he practiced law in Albuquerque, New Mexico, representing Native American peoples and other minority groups. For his work during that period, *Barrister* magazine, a national publication of the American Bar Association, named him as one of "20 young lawyers who make a difference." Dean Anaya served on the law faculty at the University of Arizona from 1999 to 2016 and on the faculty of the University of Iowa from 1988 to 1999. Additionally, he has been a visiting professor at Harvard Law School, the University of Toronto, and the University of Tulsa.

Ben Barnes

Second Chief of the Shawnee Tribe in Oklahoma.

Gregory H. Bigler

Gregory H. Bigler (Euchee, enrolled with Muscogee Creek Nation) is a district court judge for the Muscogee Creek Nation. He is a private practitioner of Indian Law solely representing Native American tribes. In addition to serving as a judge for the Muscogee Creek Nation, he sits for the Mashantucket Pequot Court of Appeals, serves as a tribal court judge for the Prairie Band Potawatomi, and sits on the Supreme Court for the Kansas Kickapoo Tribe. He is a Tribal Prosecutor for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, where he previously served as district court judge. Prior appointments include Attorney General for the Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma, Attorney General for the Sac and Fox Nation, and past Chair, Indian Law section of the Oklahoma Bar Association. He is founder and past Chair of the Oklahoma Native Language Association, and the organizer and co-Chair of the Oklahoma Native Language Use Conference. Judge Bigler is a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association, and is admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, U.S. District Courts for the Northern, Western and Eastern District Courts of Oklahoma, and numerous tribal courts. Judge Bigler's linguistic interests range from his native Euchee language and efforts to raise awareness of native language preservation, to studies of Mandarin Chinese. Judge Bigler authored "Acting Responsibly: Linguists in American Indian Communities" (with M. Linn), published in *Practicing Anthropology*, Vol. 20, No. 2, Spring 1999. He is a graduate of Harvard Law School, and received his Master of Law degree (LL.M.) from Wisconsin Law School.



William Boyd

William Boyd is Professor of Law at UCLA School of Law and Professor at the Institute of the Environment and Sustainability. He is the founding Director of the Laboratory for Energy & Environmental Policy innovation (LEEP) and the project lead for the Governors' Climate and Forests Task Force (GCF), a unique subnational collaboration of 38 states and provinces from Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Indonesia, Mexico, Nigeria, Peru, Spain, and the United States that is working to develop regulatory frameworks to reduce emissions from deforestation and land use. Boyd was previously a Professor of Law and John H. Schultz Energy Law Fellow at University of Colorado Boulder School of Law. His primary research and teaching interests are in energy law and regulation, climate change law and policy, and environmental law. Boyd received his B.A. from University of North Carolina, his M.A. and Ph.D. from UC Berkeley, and his J.D. from Stanford Law School. At Stanford, he served as Articles Editor of the Stanford Law Review. After law school, he clerked for the Honorable Diana Gribbon Motz of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit. He then served as American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Congressional Science Fellow and Counsel on the Democratic minority staff of the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment & Public Works. Prior to joining the University of Colorado law school faculty in 2008, Boyd practiced energy, environmental, and climate change law with the firm of Covington and Burling, LLP. in Washington D.C.

Nathaniel Brown

The Honorable Nathaniel Brown, Council Delegate for the 24th Navajo Nation Council represents the Chilchinbeto, Kayenta, and Dennehotso chapters. He is a member of the Health, Education & Human Services Committee, the Sexual Assault Prevention Subcommittee, the Arizona Human Trafficking Council, and serves as the United Nations representative for the Navajo Nation. In 2017, he passed a law against human trafficking on the Navajo Nation.

Andrea Carmen

Andrea Carmen, Yaqui Indian Nation, has been a staff member of the International Indian Treaty Council (IITC) since 1983 and IITC's Executive Director since 1992. In 1977, IITC was the first Indigenous organization to receive Consultative Status from the UN Economic and Social Council and in 2011 was the first to be upgraded to "General Consultative Status." Andrea has many years' experience working with Indigenous communities from North, Central, South America and the Pacific. She was a founding member of the Indigenous Initiative for Peace and participated as a human rights observer and mediator in crises situations in the US, Mexico, Canada, New Zealand and Ecuador. In 1997, she was one of two Indigenous representatives to formally address the UN General Assembly for the first time in history at the UN Earth Summit +5. Andrea has served as an advisor, board member and/or Steering Committee member for the World Council of Churches, the North American Indigenous Peoples Bio-Diversity project, the First Nations Development/Eagle Staff Fund Native Food Systems Initiative, the US Human Rights Network US UPR Project, and First Peoples World Wide. Andrea was founding co-coordinator for the Chickaloon Village Tribal Environmental Program, and served on the Indigenous Environmental Network National Council and the Calvert Group Social Investment Advisory Council. She a member of the Social Investment Forum's Indigenous Peoples' Working Group and a board member of First Peoples Worldwide. Andrea has conducted over 100 trainings and presentations for Indigenous communities and Peoples, UN bodies, academic institutions and NGO's. From 2006 – 2009 Andrea served as the North America region Caucus co-coordinator, and was one of two North American members of the Global Indigenous Peoples Steering Committee for work on the adoption of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Andrea served on the Global Steering Committee for the International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change from 2010 – 2018. In January 2019 she was selected to represent North America Indigenous Peoples on the new UNFCCC Facilitative Working Group for the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform focused on strengthening and exchanging Traditional Knowledge for mitigation of climate change.

Kristen Carpenter

Kristen Carpenter is the Council Tree Professor of Law and Director of the American Indian Law Program at the University of Colorado Law School. Professor Carpenter also serves on the United Nations Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as its member from North America. She is a graduate of Dartmouth College and Harvard Law School. At Colorado Law, Professor Carpenter teaches and writes in the



areas of Property, Cultural Property, American Indian Law, Human Rights, and Indigenous Peoples in International Law. She has published several books and legal treatises on these topics, and her articles appear in leading law reviews. Professor Carpenter has been awarded the Provost's Award for Faculty Achievement and the Outstanding New Faculty Award. She has served as Associate Dean for Faculty Development and Associate Dean for Research. She was a founding member of the campus-wide Center for Native American and Indigenous Studies at CU-Boulder. In 2016 she was the Oneida Indian Nation Visiting Professor of Law at Harvard Law School. Before entering academia, Carpenter clerked on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit and was an associate attorney at Hill & Barlow, P.C., in Boston. She gained experience in Indian law as a clerk for the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation and at the law firms of Fredericks, Pelcyger, Hester & White and Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Miller & Munson. Professor Carpenter is an elected member of the American Law Institute and serves on the Federal Bar Association's Indian Law Section Board.

Cristina Coc

Cristina Coc is a Q'eqchi Mayan community leader in Southern Belize. She has served as co-spokesperson for the Maya Leadership Alliance and is the founder and executive director of the advocacy organization, the Julian Cho Society. In 2015, she and the MLA were awarded the Equator Prize for their efforts in protecting indigenous rights.

Richard Collins

Richard Collins spent 15 years practicing Indian law with organizations such as California Rural Legal Assistance, California Indian Legal Services, Dinebeiiina Nahiilna Be Agaditahe in Window Rock, Arizona, and the Native American Rights Fund (NARF). Since joining the faculty, Professor Collins has continued work as a pro bono consultant to NARF and to Native American tribes, including the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. During the course of his appellate work, he has had a major role in several important Indian law decisions, including United States Supreme Court decisions such as *McClanahan v. Arizona Tax Commission*, 421 U.S. 164 (1973). His scholarship also focuses on constitutional issues, and he was Director of the law school's Byron R. White Center for the Study of American Constitutional Law from 2002 to 2010. Professor Collins has written and lectured on such topics as the religion clauses and their relationship to Indian Tribes, the Commerce Clause, and ballot initiatives and referendums. His recent research projects include a treatise on the Colorado Constitution, written with Dale Oesterle, an article on sacred sites on government lands in the United States, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada, the current revision of Felix Cohen's *Handbook of Federal Indian Law*, and an article in the *Colorado Law Review* on lawmaking by citizens' initiatives.

Amy Cordalis

Amy Cordalis is General Counsel for the Yurok Tribe. She comes from a long line of Yurok Indians from the village of Requa at the mouth of the Klamath River, who have fought for Yurok rights: her great-uncle's Supreme Court case, *Mattz v. Arnett*, confirmed the Yurok Reservation as Indian Country and set the stage for the Tribe's federally reserved fishing and water rights. Cordalis received her undergraduate from the University of Oregon and her JD from the University of Denver College of Law. Before returning home to work for the Yurok Tribe in 2014, Cordalis worked for the Native American Rights Fund and Berkey Williams LLP on a wide range of Indian law issues.

Daniel Cordalis

Daniel Cordalis is a member of the Navajo Nation and a practicing attorney in natural resources and Indian law. Cordalis clerked for the Colorado Supreme Court and the Native American Rights Fund, and worked for the National Congress of American Indians in Washington D.C. and as an associate attorney for the Denver Earthjustice office. He received an undergraduate in geology from Rice University, a master's in geography from the University of Colorado at Boulder, and his JD from the University of Colorado.

Robert T. Coulter

Robert T. Coulter is the Executive Director of the Indian Law Resource Center, which has used U.S. and international law to champion the interests of indigenous peoples in the Americas. Poverty, political



marginalization and violence against women are in the forefront of his current concerns. In addition to advocacy in U.S. court and legislative bodies, the Center has worked for over 30 years to win adoption and implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. It also has brought cases before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, using international law to assert claims of indigenous communities. Tim also has published numerous articles in these and other fields of law. Columbia Law School awarded him the Lawrence A. Wein Prize for Social Responsibility in 2001.

Andrew Cowell

Andrew Cowell received his PhD from UC Berkeley in 1993. He works in the areas of linguistic anthropology and language documentation. He has worked primarily on Arapaho, and also Gros Ventre and Miwok, and has an interest in Polynesia (Hawaii and Tahiti in particular) as well. He has published numerous articles and books, as well as developing curricular material and websites for language and culture learning and documentation. His current project is to develop a lexical database of Arapaho, with funding from the NSF/NEH DEL program.

Dalee Sambo Dorough

Dr. Dalee Sambo Dorough (Inuit-Alaska) holds a Ph.D. from the University of British Columbia, Faculty of Law (2002) and a Master of Arts in Law & Diplomacy from The Fletcher School at Tufts University (1991). Dr. Dorough is currently Associate Professor of Political Science at University of Alaska Anchorage; Expert Member of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues; Alaska Member of the Inuit Circumpolar Council Advisory Committee on UN Issues; and Member of the International Law Association Committee on Implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Dr. Dorough has a long history of direct involvement in the discussion, debate, and negotiation of the UN Declaration. She was an active participant in this work from 1985 up to adoption of the UN Declaration by the United Nations General Assembly in 2007. She specializes in public international law, international human rights law, international relations, and Alaska Native self-determination. In addition, she has experience in the administration, management and coordination of statewide, national and international organizations as well as estimating and oversight of federal, state and private construction contracts.

Barbara Reimensnyder Duncan

Barbara Reimensnyder Duncan works as Education Director at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian in Cherokee, N.C. She has a Ph.D. in Folklore and Folklife from the University of Pennsylvania and M.A. and B.A. in English from Bucknell University. She has written books and articles about Cherokee history and culture and about Pennsylvania folk medicine. ^[1]Living Stories of the Cherokee received the Thomas Wolfe Literary Award and World Storytelling Award. The Cherokee Heritage Trails Guidebook (with co-author Brett Riggs) received the Preserve America Presidential Award. Duncan received the Brown Hudson Folklore Award in 2008 for contributions to the study of North Carolina folklore. Her first book of poetry, Crossing Cowee Mountain, was published by New Native Press, Tuckaseegee NC. Duncan is also a singer and songwriter, and recently became a grandmother. She lives on Camp Creek, a tributary of the Tuckaseegee.

Walter Echo-Hawk

Walter Echo-Hawk is a Native American attorney, tribal judge, author, and law professor who represents Indian tribes on important legal issues, such as treaty rights, water rights, religious freedom, prisoner rights, and repatriation issues. His career spans the pivotal years when Indian tribes reclaimed their land, sovereignty, and pride in a stride toward freedom. A staff attorney at the Native American Rights Fund for more than 35 years, Mr. Echo-Hawk was instrumental in securing passage of two federal laws that respect Indian and religious freedoms and the repatriation of Native American remains. Mr. Echo-Hawk is a member of the Pawnee Nation. He received a political science degree from Oklahoma State University (1970) and his law degree from the University of New Mexico (1973). He is the author of *In the Courts of the Conqueror: The Ten Worst Indian Law Cases Ever Decided* (2010) and, most recently, *In the Light of Justice* (2013).

John Echohawk



John Echohawk, Pawnee, is the Executive Director of the Native American Rights Fund, the national Indian legal defense fund. He was the first graduate of the University of New Mexico's special program to train Indian lawyers, and was a founding member of the American Indian Law Students Association and the National Native American Bar Association. John has been with NARF since its inception in 1970, having served continuously as Executive Director since 1977.

He has been recognized as one of the 100 most influential lawyers in America by the National Law Journal. He serves on the Boards of the Association on American Indian Affairs, the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development, the Indigenous Language Institute, the Natural Resources Defense Council, and the Grand Canyon Trust.

Frank Ettawageshik

Frank Ettawageshik lives in Harbor Springs, Michigan, with his wife Rochelle. He has four adult children and six grandchildren. He is a traditional storyteller and potter, believing that native people need to be rooted in their traditions in order to be prepared for the future. He served in tribal elected office for sixteen years, fourteen as the Tribal Chairman of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians in Harbor Springs. During his tenure as Tribal Chairman he was instrumental in the adoption of the Tribal and First Nations Great Lakes Water Accord in 2004 and the United League of Indigenous Nations Treaty in 2007. Now serving as the Executive Director of the United Tribes of Michigan, he is also the Chairman of the United League of Indigenous Nations Governing Board and the Co-chair of the National Congress of American Indians Federal Recognition Task Force.

Frank currently serves on several non-profit boards including the Association on American Indian Affairs, Anishinaabemowin Teg and the Michigan Indian Education Council. In April 2016 he was appointed to the Great Lakes Water Quality Board. Frank was a 2010 Fellow at the Native Nations Institute Indigenous Leaders Fellowship Program at the University of Arizona. His 40 years of public service have included serving on the Executive Board of the National Congress of American Indians, the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes, the Historical Society of Michigan, the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority, the Michigan Climate Action Council, the Little Traverse Conservancy, the Michigan Travel Commission, the Public Interest Advisory Group for the International Joint Commission's Upper Great Lakes Study, the Michigan Great Lakes Offshore Wind Council, and the Michigan Ground Water Conservation Advisory Council. In December 2015 he attended the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Council of the Parties 21 (UNFCCC COP21) in Paris, France, as a delegate from the National Congress of American Indians. Approximately 45,000 people attended COP21 including over 100 Heads of State. Frank joined approximately 200 Indigenous Peoples delegates as a member of the International Indigenous Peoples Caucus on Climate Change.

Matthew Fletcher

Matthew L.M. Fletcher is Professor of Law at Michigan State University College of Law and Director of the Indigenous Law and Policy Center. He sits as the Chief Justice of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians Supreme Court and also sits as an appellate judge for the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians, the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, the Hoopa Valley Tribe, the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi Indians, and the Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska. He is a member of the Grand Traverse Band, located in Peshawbestown, Michigan. He is the Reporter for the American Law Institute's Restatement of the Law of American Indians. He recently published a hornbook, *Federal Indian Law* (West Academic Publishing 2016). Professor Fletcher co-authored the sixth and seventh editions of *Cases and Materials on Federal Indian Law* (West Publishing 2011 and 2017). With Wenona Singel and Kathryn Fort, Professor Fletcher is under contract with the American Bar Association to write a tribal law practice guide. He also authored *American Indian Tribal Law* (Aspen 2011), the first casebook for law students on tribal law; *The Return of the Eagle: The Legal History of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians* (Michigan State University Press 2012); and *American Indian Education: Counternarratives in Racism, Struggle, and the Law* (Routledge 2008). He co-edited *The Indian Civil Rights Act at Forty* with Kristen A. Carpenter and Angela R. Riley (UCLA American Indian Studies Press 2012), and *Facing the Future: The Indian Child Welfare Act at 30* with Wenona T. Singel and Kathryn E. Fort (Michigan State University Press 2009). Professor Fletcher's scholarship has been cited twice by the United



States Supreme Court; in more than a dozen federal, state, and tribal courts; in dozens of federal, state, and tribal court briefs; and in hundreds of law review articles and other secondary legal authorities. Finally, Professor Fletcher is the primary editor and author of the leading law blog on American Indian law and policy, Turtle Talk, <http://turtletalk.wordpress.com/>. Professor Fletcher graduated from the University of Michigan Law School in 1997 and the University of Michigan in 1994. He has worked as a staff attorney for four Indian Tribes – the Pascua Yaqui Tribe, the Hoopa Valley Tribe, the Suquamish Tribe, and the Grand Traverse Band He previously sat on the judiciaries of the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, and the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians; and served as a consultant to the Seneca Nation of Indians Court of Appeals. He is married to Wenona Singel, a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, and they have two sons, Owen and Emmett.

Carla Fredericks

Carla Fredericks is Director of the American Indian Law Clinic at the University of Colorado Law School and Director of the First Peoples Investment Engagement Program, a program with the University of Colorado Leeds School of Business. She is a graduate of the University of Colorado and Columbia Law School. Professor Fredericks's areas of research expertise include indigenous peoples law, federal Indian law, human rights, development, finance, and business and human rights. Professor Fredericks has significant practice experience in securities litigation and was previously a partner at Milberg LLP in New York, where she also founded Milberg's Native American practice and directed the firm's civil/human rights litigation. She maintains an active pro bono practice focused on complex and appellate litigation and Native American affairs, representing Indian tribes and organizations in a variety of litigation and policy matters. She is chair of the Board of Trustees for the Mashantucket Pequot (Western) Endowment Trust. Finally, she is a proud, enrolled citizen of the Mandan Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation of North Dakota.

Kim Gottschalk

Kim is a staff attorney who joined the Native American Rights Fund in August of 1982. From 1974-1982 he was with the law firm of Fettinger and Bloom in Alamogordo, New Mexico representing the Mescalero Apache Tribe. At NARF, Kim has worked primarily on recognition, land claims cases and international indigenous rights. He serves on the Litigation Management Committee, which is responsible for directing the legal affairs of the organization. He received his A.B. from Fort Hays Kansas State College and law degree from Northwestern University (1974). He is admitted to practice law before the U.S. Supreme Court, U.S. Court of Federal Claims and the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, and District of Columbia Circuits. He is also admitted to practice law in New Mexico.

Lorie Graham

Lorie M. Graham is the Co-director, International Law Concentration, 2012-present; Visiting Professor of Law, Harvard University, Spring 2015 and Spring 2014; Professor, Suffolk University Law School, 1999-present; Visiting Professor, Legal Studies Department, University of Massachusetts Amherst, 1998-1999; Lecturer, Harvard Law School, Spring 1998; Program Director, Harvard University Native American Program, 1995-1997; Attorney, Kramer, Levin, Naftalis, Nessen, Kamin & Frankel, 1992-1994; Law Clerk, Judge Richard D. Simons, New York State Court of Appeals, 1990-1992.

Greg Johnson

Greg Johnson received his B.A. degree from this department in 1990. He received his M.A. in 1992 and his Ph.D. in 2003 from the University of Chicago. Johnson returned “home” to teach as a visiting instructor in this department during his dissertation writing years. He then taught at Franklin & Marshall College from 2002-2005. Johnson returned to the University of Colorado in 2005. Johnson’s research focuses upon contemporary indigenous religious traditions, especially as expressed in episodes of legal struggle. In particular, Johnson explores repatriation and reburial disputes in American Indian and Hawaiian contexts as a means to understand the ways religious claims are announced, enlivened, and contested in the contemporary moment. His first book, *Sacred Claims: Repatriation and Living Tradition* (UVA Press) was published in 2007. *Sacred Claims* has been



reviewed widely, including in *History of Religions*, *American Anthropologist*, and *Journal of American History*. Building upon the comparative strategy of *Sacred Claims*, Johnson's current book project is provisionally entitled *Religion in the Moment: Contemporary Lives of Indigenous Traditions*. This project addresses several unfolding repatriation disputes in relationship to their larger cultural and historical frames. In an effort to theorize these disputes with reference to significant currents in the postcolonial study of religion, Johnson explores intra-communal tensions and religious differences in moments of intense friction to illuminate how such episodes animate cultural life and generate or amplify religious sensibilities. Beyond repatriation, Johnson's research focuses upon indigenous subsistence strategies, sacred land issues, religious life in prisons, and the cultural politics of sovereignty struggles. Johnson maintains a regular research schedule, which includes field research in Hawai'i and in various American Indian communities and attending the bi-annual Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act Review Committee meetings.

Honor Keeler

Assistant Director for Utah Diné Bikéyah.

Akilah Kinnison

Akilah Kinnison is an Assistant Professor of Law and Indigenous Peoples Law and Policy (IPLP) Graduate Advisor. She teaches Critical Race Theory to J.D. students as well as teaching Public International Law in the University's B.A. in Law Program, currently the country's only undergraduate law degree. Professor Kinnison's research interests include the application of international human rights law to federal Indian law issues in the United States, including access to health care and repatriation of tangible cultural heritage. Additionally, Professor Kinnison works with LL.M. and S.J.D. students who come to the University from across the country and around the world to study indigenous peoples law and policy. Prior to joining the faculty, Professor Kinnison was an attorney at Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker, LLP, a national law firm representing tribal governments and national tribal organizations. Her practice areas included government relations, natural and cultural resource protection, health care and education, and tribal gaming. She holds an LL.M. and a J.D. from the University of Arizona and a B.A. from Davidson College.

Sarah Krakoff

Sarah Krakoff is the Moses Lasky Professor of Law at the University of Colorado. Her areas of expertise include American Indian law, natural resources and public land law, and environmental justice. She is the co-author of *American Indian Law: Cases and Commentary* (with Bob Anderson and Bethany Berger), and co-editor of *Tribes, Land, and Environment* (with Ezra Rosser.) Professor Krakoff's articles appear in the *Stanford Law Review*, the *California Law Review*, and the *Harvard Environmental Law Review*, among other journals. She also runs the Law School's Acequia Project, which provides free legal services to low-income farmers in the San Luis Valley of Colorado. Professor Krakoff has authored amicus briefs in the 6th, 7th, 9th, and 10th Circuits, as well as the Supreme Court of the United States. Before joining the Colorado Law tenure-track faculty, Professor Krakoff directed CU's American Indian Law Clinic and secured permanent University funding to ensure the Clinic's future. Professor Krakoff started her legal career at DNA-Peoples Legal Services on the Navajo Nation, where she initiated DNA's Youth Law Project with an Equal Justice Works fellowship. She received her BA from Yale and her JD from U.C. Berkeley, and clerked for Judge Warren J. Ferguson on the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Hunkpapa Lakota

Hunkpapa Lakota is a tribal member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribes from North and South Dakota, from the Wakpala community. Radio producer of the weekly radio program, *Indian Voices* on KGNU Community radio on Sundays, 3-4 p.m. MST. Grassroots organizer, Educator. Mental Health Researcher, Adviser to the Oyate Indigenous Student Group and Native American Law Students at CU-Boulder. Climate Justice Leader, member of the Native American Healing Board School Project and the Native American Journalist Association, tri-executive of the American Indian Alumni Association.

Rosalyn LaPier



Rosalyn LaPier is an award winning Indigenous writer and ethnobotanist with a BA in physics and a PhD in environmental history. Dr. LaPier studies the intersection of traditional ecological knowledge (TEK) learned from elders and environmental history. She also writes for non-experts about natural science and Indigenous world view. As a longtime activist, her passions include the revitalization of Indigenous languages and Indigenous knowledge. Dr. LaPier is an enrolled member of the Blackfeet Tribe of Montana and Métis.

Dan Lewerenz

Dan joined the Native American Rights Fund as a staff attorney in 2017. Before joining NARF, Dan was an attorney-advisor for the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of the Solicitor, Division of Indian Affairs; a law clerk to the Hon. Claudia Wilken (N.D. Cal.) and the Hon. Leo I. Brisbois (D. Minn.); and an associate in the Oklahoma City office of Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker, LLP.

Dan earned his J.D. from the University of Wisconsin Law School, where he graduated *cum laude* and Order of the Coif. Before going to law school, Dan spent more than 10 years as a reporter and editor for The Associated Press, and was a board member, officer, and president of the Native American Journalists Association. He earned his bachelor's degree from Kansas State University.

Dan is a member of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska. He is admitted to the bar in the District of Columbia, Oklahoma, and Wisconsin.

Wilton Littlechild

Wilton Littlechild, Ph.D., is a Cree chief, residential school survivor, and lawyer who has worked both nationally and internationally including with the United Nations to advance Indigenous rights and Treaties. He has also – through leadership with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission – raised awareness of former Canadian policies that decimated the livelihood and culture of Indigenous Canadians. Born in Alberta, Wilton Littlechild was raised largely at residential schools from 1951 to 1964, where he spent 14 years surviving through study and sport. After leaving residential school, he studied physical education at the University of Alberta and law at the University of New Mexico, where he continued his balance of academics and hockey. Chief Littlechild was a member of the 1977 Indigenous delegation to the United Nations (UN), and worked on the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. He organized within the UN to increase Indigenous input in the economic and social issues the UN tackles. In the 1980s, he worked on the lawsuit to prevent patriation of the Canadian Constitution until the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights were protected and, in more recent years, has been a regional and International Chief on Treaties No. 6, 7, 8.

Chief Littlechild has been a member of parliament, Vice-President of the Indigenous Parliament of the Americas, North American representative to the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, and a chairperson for the UN Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Commission on First Nations and Métis Peoples and Justice Reform. In addition to his ongoing work with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, he's continued to run his own law firm in Erminiskin Reserve, Alberta, and maintains his commitment to sport. He has been inducted into seven Sports Halls of Fame. He has been awarded the Order of Canada and in 1993, the Canadian government awarded Chief Littlechild the Canada 125 Medal. He is a 2015 Laureate of the Inspire Awards and was recently honoured with the Alberta Award of Excellence.

Shelly Lowe

Shelly C. Lowe is an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation. She is Bilagaana, born for Náneesht'ézhí Tách'iinii. Her paternal grandfather's clan is Tábaha. She grew up in Ganado, AZ on the Navajo Reservation. Shelly has most recently held the position of Assistant Dean for Native American Affairs in the Yale College Deans Office and Director of the Native American Cultural Center at Yale University. Prior to her position at Yale, she spent six years as the Graduate Education Program Facilitator for the American Indian Studies Programs at The University of Arizona. During her time at the University of Arizona she was actively involved in the Native American Student Affairs Office and the American Indian Alumni club. Ms. Lowe has served on the board of the National Indian Education Association and as a Board of Trustee for the National Museum of the American Indian. She has presented and published in the field of American Indian higher education and is



currently completing her doctorate in Higher Education with a focus on American Indian student success and services.



Scanlan Lyons

Dr. Scanlan Lyons currently serves as the Project Director for the Governors' Climate and Forests Task Force and the co-Director of the LEEP Innovation Lab. Scanlan Lyons' expertise includes project development and management, focusing on the social aspects of climate resilience and forest conservation, and community participation, mobilization, and empowerment. She is an expert in developing experiential and applied educational opportunities that bring together governmental, civil society, and private sector actors to create integrated approaches to forest governance, sustainable livelihood development, and cultural preservation. Scanlan Lyons has worked with and consulted for diverse social-environmental institutions and organizations such as the Climate Reality Project, the Inter-American Development Bank, the Global Greengrants Fund, the City of Boulder Open Space Department, the American Forum for Global Education, and the National Institute for Research in the Amazon. While her geographic expertise lies in Brazil, where she has over twenty years of experience working with organizations in the Amazon and Atlantic Forests, she has also developed projects in Bolivia, Belize, Costa Rica, Indonesia, Uganda, and the United States. Dr. Scanlan Lyons speaks proficient Portuguese, reasonable Spanish, and some French. She is the mother of Max (17), Ella (15) and Maya (12).

Heidi McCann

Heidi McCann is an associate scientist at the National Snow and Ice Data Center where she is the knowledge exchange coordinator on the Exchange for Local Observations and Knowledge of the Arctic project. She has years of experience collaborating with American Indian tribes and Alaska Natives with implementation of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act legislation in museums. McCann is a member of the American Indian Studies Faculty group at the University of Colorado Boulder; she is a member of the CU Campus Native Alliance of Faculty and Staff; and she mentors for the Boulder Faculty Assembly Mentorship pilot program. She is a member of the Yavapai-Apache Nation and offers museum advice to the Yavapai-Apache Cultural Center.

Melody McCoy

Melody joined the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) as a staff attorney in 1986. At NARF, Melody has worked primarily in the areas of jurisdiction in Indian country, tribal rights in education, tribal intellectual property rights, and tribal trust funds. Melody is a past Co-Chair of the Federal Bar Association's Indian Law Conference, 1990-1992. She served as President of the Colorado Indian Bar Association from 1990-1992, and a Board Member of the American Indian Bar Association (now the National Native American Bar Association) from 1990-1991. She was a member of NARF's Litigation Management Committee (LMC) from 1992-1995, and since May 2007 she again has been serving on the LMC. Melody received her undergraduate degree from Harvard University (1981) and law degree from the University of Michigan (1986). She is admitted to practice law in Colorado and Massachusetts. She has practiced before all levels of tribal and federal courts, including arguing a case before the U.S. Supreme Court. Melody is an enrolled member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma.

Michael McNally

Michael McNally teaches courses in American religion and culture and Native American religious traditions. His special interests include the tradition and history of Minnesota's Anishinaabe Ojibwe community, Native American Christianity, and lived religion in America. He is author of *Ojibwe Singers: Hymns, Grief, and a Native Culture in Motion* (2000), editor of *Art of Tradition: Sacred Story, Song, and Dance among Michigan's Anishinaabe* (2006), and a number of book chapters and journal articles. His current research projects explore, on the one hand, aging, eldership, and religion in the Ojibwe tradition, and on the other explore the intersection between law, "religion," and Native American traditions. B.A., Carleton; M.A., M.Div., and Ph.D., Harvard University.

Mark Meaney

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Pablo Mis

Steven C. Moore

Steven C. Moore is a 1979 graduate of Colorado Law who began his legal career as a Vista Volunteer helping to establish the Indian Law Unit of Idaho Legal Services. In this capacity, he represented tribes and individual Indians in northern Idaho. Moore also represented the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of Montana between 1981 and 1983. Moore joined the Native American Rights Fund in 1983 as a staff attorney. As a NARF staff attorney, Moore has represented Indian tribes in the following substantive areas: federal Indian reserved water rights for the Nez Perce Tribe in Idaho, the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians of California, the Tule River Tribe of California, and the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas; the protection of Native American sacred lands in Montana, Hawaii, Wyoming, Texas, and California; the repatriation of human remains in Colorado and Nebraska from museums and other institutions and the protection of unmarked Native graves in Colorado; the religious use of peyote by members of the Native American Church and protection of access to peyote on private lands in Texas; the rights of Native prisoners in Utah, Idaho, and California to wear traditional long hair, possess religious articles, and have access to Native spiritual leaders; the right of Native students to wear eagle feathers at public high school graduations in California, North Dakota, and North Carolina, and to wear long hair in public schools in Louisiana; the enforcement of the federal trust responsibility in the areas of oil and gas production on Indian lands in Oklahoma and Indian health care in Montana; and the right of reindeer herders in Alaska to sell reindeer products free of federal income taxation – the herds are held in trust by the United States. In May 2016, Moore received an Honorary Order of the Coif award from his alma mater, Colorado Law, for his service to Indian Country and to the Indian Law Program at the law school. Moore is also the 2008 recipient of the Pierce-Hickerson Award from the National Legal Aid and Defender Association of Washington, D.C. Moore also has served on the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs since 1998 and the Advisory Committee to the Indian Law Clinic at the University of Colorado School of Law since its inception.

Traci Morris

Dr. Morris, the Director of the American Indian Policy Institute at Arizona State University is a member of the Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma. Under her leadership, the AIPI has grown and diversified its service to Indian Country via an MOU formalizing a long-standing partnership with the Native American Finance Officers Association (NAFOA) and forming the Tribal Economic Leadership Program offering training in Tribal Economic Governance and Tribal Financial Management; access to Entrepreneurship training and tribal business support through Inno-Nations; and Economic Development Consulting; and, the formalization of the Institute via by-laws and an advisory board comprised of both internal ASU leadership and external tribal and non-tribal leadership. In her work at both ASU and prior, Morris has worked with Native American tribes; Tribal businesses; Native American non-profits; Native media makers, artists, and galleries; written a college-accredited curriculum in Native American new media; and has advocated for digital inclusion at the Federal Communications Commission and on Capitol Hill. Morris's research and publications on Native American media and the digital divide is focused on Internet use, digital inclusion, network neutrality, digital and new media curriculums, digital inclusion and development of broadband networks in Indian Country. Her book, *Native American Voices: A Reader*, continues to be a primary teaching tool in colleges throughout the country

Sue Noe

Sue Noe is a senior staff attorney in NARF's Boulder office. Sue joined NARF as a staff attorney in 2012. While working in private practice, prior to joining NARF, Sue teamed with NARF to work on behalf of the Nez Perce Tribe in the Snake River Basin Adjudication in Idaho and the Klamath Tribes in the Klamath Basin Adjudication (KBA) in Oregon. Both adjudications met with success—the first ending in a Congressionally-approved settlement and the latter securing resounding victories before Oregon's Office of Administrative Hearings. Sue continues to represent the Klamath Tribes as lead tribal attorney in the Klamath County Circuit Court proceedings in the KBA. In addition



to her work in the United States, Sue also has substantial international experience. She currently represents Native American tribes in international negotiations within the United Nations system. The negotiations seek to secure protections for indigenous peoples' traditional knowledge, traditional cultural expressions, and genetic resources. Sue received her J.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, graduating with high honors, and earned an LL.M. in Environmental and Natural Resources Law and Policy from the University of Denver, Sturm College of Law, where she received several awards for scholastic excellence. Along with her former law professor, George (Rock) Pring, Sue has co-authored two book chapters on natural resource issues in international law published by Oxford University Press. She is licensed to practice law in Colorado, Oregon, and New York.

Zoe Osterman

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Angela R. Riley

Angela R. Riley is Professor of Law at UCLA School of Law and Director of UCLA's Native Nations Law and Policy Center. She directs the J.D./M.A. joint degree program in Law and American Indian Studies and is the UCLA campus representative on issues related to repatriation under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). Professor Riley's research focuses on indigenous peoples' rights, with a particular emphasis on cultural property and Native governance. Her work has been published in the Yale Law Journal, Columbia Law Review, California Law Review, Georgetown Law Journal and numerous others. She received her undergraduate degree at the University of Oklahoma and her law degree from Harvard Law School. Professor Riley began her career clerking for Chief Judge T. Kern of the Northern District of Oklahoma. She then worked as a litigator at Quinn Emanuel in Los Angeles, specializing in intellectual property litigation. In 2003 she was selected to serve on her tribe's Supreme Court, becoming the first woman and youngest Justice of the Supreme Court of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation of Oklahoma. In 2010 and again in 2016 she was elected by her tribe's General Council to serve as Chief Justice. She is the Co-Chair for the United Nations - Indigenous Peoples' Partnership Policy Board, which is a commitment to the implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. She is also an Evidentiary Hearing Officer for the Morongo Band of Mission Indians. Professor Riley is a member of the American Law Institute and a co-editor of the Cohen's Handbook on Federal Indian Law. She served as the Oneida Indian Nation Visiting Professor of Law at Harvard Law School in Fall 2015. You can visit her website at www.angelarriley.com.

Ben Sherman

Ben Sherman, Chairman of the WINTA Leadership Council, is a member of the Oglala Lakota (Sioux) Nation, from the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota, USA. He is the president of Medicine Root, Inc., which specializes in Indian business development, tourism and native arts projects. Ben has been a national leader in American Indian tourism development and has presided over numerous American Indian tourism development conferences, workshops and trade shows. Ben is also a founding member of the Native Tourism Alliance, Business Enterprises for Sustainable Travel, First Peoples Fund, American Indian/Alaska Native Tourism Association and a foundation member of the WINTA Leadership Council.

Wenona T. Singel

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Angel Smith

Angel Smith is a sixth generation registered tribal citizen of the Cherokee Nation, with direct line to the historic removal of her family from Old Cherokee Nation to Delaware and Tahlequah Districts. Her family links remain in Delaware, Saline and Tahlequah Districts. A link directly protected by the Indian Child Welfare Act. As a child, Angel Smith spent approximately ten years in the center of two ICWA cases. Angel was the child at the heart of a five-year legal case regarding application of the federal Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). Her case went on writ to the Supreme Court of Oklahoma (unpublished opinion). As a teenager, she was in a ICWA kinship foster care placement with her grandparents. She was previously an Assistant Attorney General at Cherokee Nation and Muscogee (Creek) Nation, and presently serves a Supreme Court Justice for Pawnee Nation. As an adult, she is best known for her dedicated and outspoken professional and personal work to advocate on behalf of Indian children. She is currently in private practice as an attorney focusing on ICWA, and works across the world advocating the rights of Indian and First Nation children. Angel is happily married with children of her own.

Yoney Smith

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John "Bullet" Standingdeer

John "Bullet" Standingdeer is an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. He grew up in the Big Cove community and has played traditional Cherokee stickball all his life. He is a Cultural Ambassador for the Eastern Band and dances with the Warriors of AniKituhwa. In addition to researching and lecturing about Cherokee history and culture, he has appeared in documentary films and is well known as a powwow dancer and headman. Although he did not grow up speaking Cherokee, he wanted to find a way to understand the Cherokee language. He is a father and grandfather and lives on the Qualla Boundary.

Rebecca Tsosie

Rebecca Tsosie is a Regents' Professor at the James E. Rogers College of Law at the University of Arizona and also serves as Special Advisor to the Provost for Diversity and Inclusion. Professor Tsosie, who is of Yaqui descent, is a faculty member for the Indigenous Peoples' Law and Policy Program at the University of Arizona, and she is widely known for her work in the fields of Federal Indian law and indigenous peoples' human rights. Prior to joining the UA faculty, Professor Tsosie was a Regents' Professor and Vice Provost for Inclusion and Community Engagement at Arizona State University. Professor Tsosie was the first faculty Executive Director for ASU's Indian Legal Program and served in that position for 15 years. Professor Tsosie has published widely on sovereignty, self-determination, cultural pluralism, environmental policy and cultural rights. She teaches in the areas of Federal Indian Law, Property, Constitutional Law, Critical Race Theory, and Cultural Resources Law. Professor Tsosie is a member of the Arizona Bar Association and the California Bar Association. Professor Tsosie serves as a Supreme Court Justice for the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation and as an Associate Judge on the San Carlos Tribal Court of Appeals. She received her B.A. and J.D. degrees from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Alexey Tsykarev

Alexey Tsykarev has gone from being a member of the youth organization Nuori Karjala (Young Karelia) to heading the International Youth Association of Finno-Ugric Peoples, which includes 50 public organizations of Russia, Finland, Hungary and Estonia. Mr. Tsykarev participated in a fellowship program on the rights of indigenous peoples in 2011 and was an indigenous intern in the Moscow office of the United Nations in 2012. He is an independent young expert possessing local, national and international experience and expertise. In March 2013, he became a member of the United Nations Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, an advisory body for the United Nations Human Rights Council, in 2014 appointed as the vice-chair, and in July 2015 elected as the Chair-Rapporteur of the Expert Mechanism. In August 2013, he was appointed as the representative of the Republic of Karelia to the Barents Regional Youth Council for two years term. Mr. Tsykarev is a member of the Indigenous Peoples Council under the head of the Republic of Karelia. Mr.



Tsykarev's interests include indigenous international affairs, indigenous rights, youth policies, media and the environment.

Tracey Whare

Tracey Whare is a lecturer at the University of Auckland where she teaches Tiriti issues, indigenous peoples' rights and international law and legal research and writing. She also works with Māori communities to strengthen and foster their rights and legal systems and regularly engages in advocacy at the UN on indigenous peoples' rights.

Heather Whiteman Runs Him

Heather Whiteman Runs Him is a staff attorney at the Native American Rights Fund in Boulder, Colorado, where she focuses on tribal water rights and natural resource issues. She previously served as Joint Lead Counsel for the Crow Tribe of Montana, where she oversaw and was additionally responsible for a wide variety of legal issues pertaining to intergovernmental relations, tribal land management, water rights, elections, health and social services, law enforcement, economic development, and general litigation issues. Prior to working with the Crow Tribe, Heather practiced in New Mexico as an Assistant Public Defender, and additionally worked as an associate attorney in private practice, serving tribal governmental clients on a wide variety of issues. Heather is a member of the Crow Tribe and grew up on the Crow Reservation, and received her Juris Doctorate from Harvard Law School. She received her B.A.F.A. with high honors in Art History, and with honors in Studio Art from the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, and her A.F.A. from the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, New Mexico. She is licensed to practice law before the State Bar of New Mexico, the District of New Mexico, and the Crow Tribal Court.

Charles Wilkinson

Charles Wilkinson is the Moses Lasky Professor of Law Emeritus at the University of Colorado. He has also been named as Distinguished Professor, one of just twenty-five on the University of Colorado-Boulder campus. After graduating from Stanford Law School and practicing with Phoenix and San Francisco firms, Wilkinson joined the Native American Rights Fund in 1971 as a staff attorney. Since 1975, he has taught at the Oregon and Colorado law schools, receiving many teaching and research awards. His fourteen books include the standard law casebooks on Indian Law and Federal Public Land Law. He has also authored general audience books such as *Crossing the Next Meridian: Land, Water, and the Future of the West* (1992); *The Eagle Bird: Mapping a New West* (1992); *Fire on the Plateau: Conquest and Endurance in the American Southwest* (1999); *Messages from Frank's Landing: a Story of Salmon, Treaties, and the Indian way* (2000); *Blood Struggle: The Rise of Modern Indian Nations* (2005); and *The People Are Dancing Again: The History of the Siletz Tribe of Western Oregon* (2010). Over the years, Wilkinson has taken on many special assignments for the US Departments of Interior, Agriculture, and Justice. He served as special counsel to the Interior Department for the drafting of the Presidential Proclamation, signed by President Clinton in September 1996, establishing the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in Utah. He acted as the facilitator in negotiations between the National Park Service and the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe concerning a tribal land base in Death Valley National Park; in 2000, Congress enacted legislation ratifying the resulting agreement. In 2004, he served as the mediator in successful negotiations, involving salmon runs in the Cedar River, between the City of Seattle and the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe. He served as Special Advisor to the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition in regard to the creation of the Bears Ears National Monument, proclaimed by President Obama in 2016. Wilkinson's awards include the National Wildlife Federation's National Conservation Award; the Oregon High Desert Museum's Earle A. Chiles Award for career dedication to the High Desert; the Warm Springs Museum's Twanat Award for tireless work for Indian people; the Grand Canyon Trust's John Wesley Powell Award for extraordinary vision, passion, and commitment to the Colorado Plateau; and the Federal Bar Association's Lawrence R. Baca Award for Lifetime Achievement in Indian Law

Robert A. Williams

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Kunihiko Yoshida

Professor Yoshida earned a PhD in Civil Law from Tokyo University, Japan (1996), and has served as a visiting professor at Northwestern Law School (1989-1991), Stanford Law School (1994-1995), Harvard Law School /Harvard Yenching Institute (2002-2003), University of Miami Law School (2012-2013), and currently at the University of Colorado Law School (2018-2019). He has written more than 100 articles and case reports and has published seven monographs on contracts, torts, health law, critical legal studies, including critical race theories, and more recently on property theories, especially on housing, city making, environment, and reparations. The relational perspective under the influence of late Professor Ian Macneil at Northwestern is the common thread among these fields.

After educating many graduate students from China and Korea, Professor Yoshida has visited the East Asian countries a number of times in recent years to advise on the recovery plan from the perspective of housing and urban welfare at Chengdu after the earthquake disaster in Sichuan province, to investigate the environmental damage due to asbestos in Korea, and to do some collaborative work on reparations issues regarding "comfort women" for the Japanese Army, Nanjing massacre, Chongqing bombings, Jeju tragedies, Khmer Rouge atrocities, etc. He has held visiting appointments at various universities in Korea, Taiwan, China, and Cambodia. Professor Yoshida is also an expert on reparations regarding the Ainu people, the indigenous people in Hokkaido, from a civil law perspective. His current research is focused on repatriation, environmental injustice, and traditional indigenous knowledge in support of pressing agenda of the Ainu reparations compared to UNDRIP (UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in 2007) and other indigenous peoples' practices across the globe. His most recent environmental work addresses the topics of Minamata Disease and Fukushima TEPCO radiation litigations. Regarding his indigenous peoples' study, he gave lectures at the



University of Alaska (Fairbanks), Australian National University, Umea University in Sweden, and Dong Hwa University in Taiwan, before his current position as visiting professor at the University of Colorado Law School. Professor Yoshida has published textbooks in Civil Law, Contracts, Torts, Property, Health Law, and Family Law, with respect to public policy, over the last several years.

