Conference on Implementing the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in the United States

March 15-16, 2019

Join us for a call to action in Indian Country!

Draft Agenda (schedule and speakers may change)

**Friday March 15, 2019**

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<td>Welcome and Opening Remarks</td>
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<td>The Role of International Law in U.S. Domestic Advocacy and Law Reform</td>
<td>Kristen Carpenter, University of Colorado Law School</td>
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<td><strong>Case Study on Indigenous Peoples &amp; Religious Freedoms:</strong></td>
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<td>Greg Johnson, University of Colorado Religious Studies Department</td>
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<td>Keynote Address and Coen Lecture</td>
<td>Robert A. Williams, Jr., Regents Professor, University of Arizona</td>
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<td>Luncheon &amp; Fireside</td>
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2:00- 3:15  Comparative Perspectives on Implementation
            Moderator: Andrea Carmen, International Indian Treaty Council, USA
            Roundtable:
                Cristina Coc, Maya Leaders Alliance, Belize
                Wilton Littlechild, Grand Chief for Treaties 6, 7 and 8
                Tracey Whare, University of Auckland, New Zealand
                Erika Yamada, UN Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

3:30-4:45  Self-Determination & Human Rights in the United States
            Moderator: Richard Collins, University of Colorado Law School
            Panelists:
                Greg Bigler, Muscogee Creek Nation
                Robert T. Coulter, Indian Law Resource Center
                Wenona Singel, Deputy Legal Counsel, Michigan Governor Witmer
                Angela R. Riley, UCLA Law School

4:45-5:00  Reflections
            Kenny Yoshida, Visiting Scholar & Ainu Expert, Hokkaido, Japan
            Ryohko Tahawa, President Ainu Women's Association

Saturday, March 16

9-10:30  The UN’s International Year of Indigenous Languages 2019 (and Beyond!)
            Moderator: Andy Cowell, University of Colorado Linguistics Department
            Address:
                Alexey Tsykarev, UN Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples &
                Center for Support of Indigenous Peoples and Civic Diplomacy “Young Karelia”
            Respondents:
                Rosalyn LaPier, Coalition of Native American Languages
                Shelly Lowe, Harvard University Native American Program
                Barbara Duncan, Museum of the Cherokee Indian
                John “Bullet” Standingdeer, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

10:45-12:15  Human Rights in Action Workshops

All conference registrants are invited to select and attend a workshop. We have designated a
“moderator/reporter” with specialized expertise to make opening remarks and run each session; as well as
invited speakers with subject matter expertise. These individuals will be assisted by a student note-taker.
Human Rights in Action Workshops continued (Saturday 10:14-12:15)

The workshops offer participants the opportunity to apply conference themes to particular subject matters and develop specific strategy for advancing indigenous peoples’ rights in these areas. Strategic reflections and recommended activities may differ from topic to topic, ranging from a litigation strategy to interdisciplinary education. We encourage participants to discuss short, medium, and long-range goals, and to commit to some action that may advance the aims of the Declaration in each area. We’ll stay in touch and reconvene next year to see how it’s going.

A. Technology, Media, and Communication
   Moderator/Reporter: Edyael Casaperalta, University of Colorado Law School
   Theresa Halsey, KGNU Radio
   Traci Morris, Arizona State University
   Akilah Kinnison, University of Arizona
   Geoff Blackwell, AMERIND Risk (invited)
   Matthew Rantanen, Southern California Tribal Chairmen’s Association (invited)

B. Climate Change & Environmental Advocacy
   Moderator/Reporter: Kim Gottschalk, Native American Rights Fund
   William Boyd, UCLA Law School and Governors’ Climate and Forests Task Force
   Colleen Lyons, Governors’ Climate and Forests Task Force
   Amy & Daniel Cordalis, Yurok Tribe
   Heidi McCann, Yavapai-Apache Nation, ELOKA/NSIDC/CIRES
   Pablo Mis, Maya Leaders Alliance

C. Cultural Rights (possible breakout on Language Rights)
   Moderator/Reporter: Sue Noe, Native American Rights Fund
   Ben Barnes, Shawnee Tribe
   Greg Johnson, University of Colorado Department of Religion
   Honor Keeler, Utah Diné Bikéyah and NAGPRA Review Committee
   Michael McNally, Carleton College Department of Religion
   Yoney Spencer, Euchee Tribe Language Program

D. Indian Child Welfare
   Moderator/Reporter: Dan Lewerenz, Native American Rights Fund
   Matthew Fletcher, Michigan State University Law School
   Lorie Graham, Suffolk University Law School
   Wenona Singel, Deputy Legal Counsel, Michigan Gov. Whitmer
   Angel Smith, Law Office of Angel Smith

E. Business and Human Rights
   Moderator/Reporter: Carla Fredericks, University of Colorado & Participants TBD

Lunch & Wrap-Up 12:15-1:30