

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

8:30-8:45 Welcome and Opening Remarks

S. James Anaya, University of Colorado Law School John Echohawk, Native American Rights Fund

8:45-10 Current Challenges in Federal Indian Law & the Promise of the Declaration

Moderator:

Heather Whiteman Runs Him, Native American Rights Fund

Address:

Walter Echo-Hawk, Lawyer, Author, Activist

Respondents:

Dalee Sambo Dorough, Inuit Circumpolar Conference Frank Ettawageshik, United Tribes of Michigan

Matthew Fletcher, Michigan State University Law School

10:15-11:15 The Role of International Law in U.S. Domestic Advocacy and Law Reform

Moderator:

Kristen Carpenter, University of Colorado Law School

Address:

S. James Anaya, University of Colorado Law School

Case Study on Indigenous Peoples & Religious Freedoms:

Steve Moore, Native American Rights Fund

Greg Johnson, University of Colorado Religious Studies Department

11:30-12:15 Keynote Address and Coen Lecture

Robert A. Williams, Jr., Regents Professor, University of Arizona

"Why Do We Need a United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples?"

12:30-1:30 Luncheon & Fireside

Rebecca Tsosie, University of Arizona & Charles Wilkinson, University of Colorado "Inspired Action in Indian Country"



Friday, March 15 continued

2:00- 3:15 <u>Comparative Perspectives on Implementation</u>

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 <u>Self-Determination & Human Rights in the United States</u>

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 <u>Human Rights in Action Workshops</u>

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

