



**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"



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

