

# EVERYTHING CHANGES

## THE SOVEREIGNTY SYMPOSIUM XXIX

JUNE 8-9, 2016

Skirvin Hotel  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma



*Les Berryhill Beaded Bison Skull*  
*Neil Chapman Photography*

*The Twenty-Ninth Sovereignty Symposium is dedicated to the life and work of  
Alice Hayes, long time Sovereignty Symposium treasurer, and  
G. William Rice, Attorney and University of Tulsa College of Law Professor.*

**Wednesday Morning**

4.0 CLE credits / 0 ethics included

7:30 – 4:30 Registration Honors Lounge

8:00 – 8:30 Complimentary Continental Breakfast

10:30 – 10:45 Morning Coffee / Tea Break

12:00-1:15 Lunch on your own

8:30 – 12:00

**PANEL A: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
(THIS PANEL CONTINUES FROM 2:45-5:30)**

Crystal Room

**MODERATOR: JAMES C. COLLARD**, Director of Planning and Economic Development, Citizen Potawatomi Nation

**KAREN BELL**, British Consul-General

**JAY WILLIAMS**, United States Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development

**CHRIS BENGE**, (*Cherokee*), Oklahoma Secretary of State

**BOBBY CLEVELAND**, Representative for District 20, Oklahoma House of Representatives

**DAN BOREN**, President of Corporate Development, Division of Commerce, Chickasaw Nation

**JONNA KIRSCHNER**, Senior Vice President Economic Development, Chickasaw Nation Industries

**DEREK OSBORN**, Legislative Assistant to Senator James Lankford

8:30 – 12:00

**PANEL B: SIGNS, SYMBOLS AND PHOTOGRAPHS: A CULTURAL VISUAL LANGUAGE**

Grand Ballroom A-B

**MODERATOR: KEITH RAPP**, Judge, Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals

**CO-MODERATOR: NEIL CHAPMAN**, Photographer, Former Mt. San Antonio College Photography Dept. Co-Chair, Professor

**WINSTON SCAMBLER**, Student of Native American Art

**KELLY HANEY**, (*Seminole*), Artist, Former Oklahoma State Senator, Former Chief of the Seminole Nation

**STU OSTLER**, Oklahoma State Capitol Photographer

**CHESTER COWEN**, Oklahoma Historical Society, Still Photo Archivist

**DANIEL BRACKETT**, Chair, Board of Trustees, Oscar Jacobson Foundation

**ERIC TIPPECONNIC**, (*Comanche*), Historian, Artist, and Professor, California State University, Fullerton

**LES BERRYHILL**, (*Yuchi / Muscogee*), Artist

**KENNETH JOHNSON**, (*Muscogee (Creek)/Seminole*), Contemporary Jewelry Designer and Metalsmith

**ROGER RANDLE**, Professor, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Oklahoma

8:30 – 12:00

**PANEL C: TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION: GENERATIONAL/HISTORICAL TRAUMA AND HEALING**

Centennial 1-2

**MODERATOR: NOMA GURICH**, Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court

**DON WHARTON**, Senior Attorney, Native American Rights Fund

**KATHRYN ENGLAND-AYTES**, (*Cherokee descendant*) Professor, California State University, Monterey Bay

**ETHLEEN IRON CLOUD-TWO DOGS**, (*Oglala Lakota*), Tiyospaye Sakowin Education and Healing Center (via Webcam)

**ROBERT E. HAYES, JR.** Methodist Bishop of Oklahoma

**DAVID WILSON**, (*Choctaw*), Conference Superintendent, Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference

**GORDON YELLOWMAN**, (*Cheyenne*), Peace Chief, Assistant Executive Director of Education, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

**KRIS LADUSAU**, Reverend, Dharma Center of Oklahoma

**Wednesday Afternoon**

5.5 CLE credits / 3.5 ethics included

2:30 – 2:45 Tea / Cookie Break for all Panels

1:15 – 2:30

**OPENING CEREMONY AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

Grand Ballroom D-F

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES: STEVEN W. TAYLOR**, Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court

**PRESENTATION OF FLAGS**

**HONOR GUARDS: KIOWA BLACK LEGGINGS SOCIETY**

**DRUM: SOUTHERN NATION**

**CAMP CALL: GORDON YELLOWMAN**, (*Cheyenne*), Peace Chief, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

**INVOCATION: KRIS LADUSAU**, Reverend, Dharma Center of Oklahoma

**WELCOME: MARY FALLIN**, Governor, State of Oklahoma

**WELCOME: GARVIN ISAACS**, President, Oklahoma Bar Association

**WELCOME: JAY WILLIAMS**, United States Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

**OF KEYNOTE SPEAKERS: JOHN REIF**, Chief Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court

**KEYNOTE: KAREN BELL**, British Consul-General

**SUZAN SHOWN HARJO**, (*Cheyenne & Hodulgee Muscogee*), President, The Morning Star Institute

**Wednesday Afternoon**  
5.5 CLE credits / 3.5 ethics included  
2:30 – 2:45 Tea / Cookie Break for all Panels

**PRESENTATION OF AWARDS: YVONNE KAUGER**, Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court

**HONOR AND MEMORIAL SONGS: SOUTHERN NATION**

**CLOSING PRAYER: ROBERT E. HAYES, JR.**, Methodist Bishop of Oklahoma

2:45 – 5:30

**PANEL A: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (A CONTINUATION OF THE MORNING PANEL)**

**MODERATOR: JAMES C. COLLARD**, Director of Planning & Economic Development, Citizen Potawatomi Nation

**DAVID WALTERS**, Former Governor of Oklahoma, President, Walters Power International

**ROBERT ANDREW**, United States Department Diplomat in Residence, University of Oklahoma

**GAVIN CLARKSON**, Associate Professor, College of Business, New Mexico State University

**MICHAEL DAVIS**, President, Oklahoma Finance Authority

**BRYAN MITCHELL**, (*Chickasaw*)

**LAUREN KING**, (*Muscogee (Creek)*), Foster Pepper PLLC, Appellate Judge -- Northwest Intertribal Court System

**MICHAEL OGAN**, Director of Business Development, Greater Oklahoma City Chamber

**MICHAEL S. NEAL**, President and CEO, Tulsa Regional Chamber

Crystal Room

2:30 – 5:30

**PANEL B: ETHICS ADDRESS**

**JOHN REIF**, Chief Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court

Grand Ballroom A-B

2:45 – 5:30

**PANEL C: EDUCATION**

**MODERATOR: DEBORAH BARNES**, Judge, Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals

**CO-MODERATOR: QUINTON ROMAN NOSE**, (*Cheyenne*), Executive Director, Tribal Education Department National Assembly

**JOY HOFMEISTER**, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

**FRANK WANG**, President of the Oklahoma School of Science and Math

**DAN LITTLE**, Little Law Firm, P.L.L.C.

**WILLIAM MENDOZA**, United States Department of Education, Executive Director, White House Initiative on American Indian Education

**MATT CAMPBELL**, Native America Rights Fund

**PHILIP GOVER**, Managing Director, Sovereign Schools Project, TEDNA

**ALEX RED CORN**, Special Coordinator for Indigenous Partnerships, College of Education, Kansas State University

**DWIGHT PICKERING**, Director, American Indian Education for Oklahoma

**ROBERT COOK**, Director, Native American Alliance, Teach for America

**JOHN HARGRAVE**, President, East Central University

Centennial 1-2

2:45 – 5:30

**PANEL D: CRIMINAL LAW**

**MODERATOR: CLANCY SMITH**, Judge, Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals

**CO-MODERATOR: ARVO MIKKANEN**, (*Kiowa/Comanche*), Assistant U.S. Attorney, Tribal Liaison, Western District of Oklahoma

**MARK YANCEY**, Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma

**ED SNOW**, Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Oklahoma

**ROBERT DON GIFFORD**, (*Cherokee*), Assistant United States Attorney and Tribal Liaison, Western District of Oklahoma

**RANDY WESLEY**, (*Chickasaw*), Chief of Chickasaw Nation Lighthouse Police

**JIM COX**, (*Comanche*), Former Executive Director, Oklahoma Association of Chiefs of Police

Grand Ballroom D-F

6:00

**OKLAHOMA JUDICIAL CENTER**

**SHOWING OF THE RESTORED SILENT FILM “DAUGHTER OF THE DAWN”**

**BOB BLACKBURN**, Executive Director, Oklahoma Historical Society

7:00 – 8:30

**RECEPTION-OKLAHOMA JUDICIAL CENTER**

**2100 North Lincoln Boulevard**

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**Thursday Morning**  
3.5 CLE credits / 0 ethics included  
7:30 – 4:30 Registration Honors Lounge  
8:00 – 8:30 Complimentary Continental Breakfast  
10:30 – 10:45 Morning Coffee / Tea Break

**8:30 – 12:00** **JOINT PANELS A AND B: JUVENILE LAW AND CHILDREN'S ISSUES - CONCERNS OF THE JUDICIARY**

Grand Ballroom D - F

In order to engage in a meaningful discussion of issues relating to children, the traditional Symposium panels dealing with Juvenile Law and the Concerns of the Judiciary will be a joint panel for this period. This panel will deal with ICWA and P.L. 113-183 Preventing the Sex Trafficking of Foster Children

**MODERATOR: WILLIAM HETHERINGTON, JR.**, Judge, Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals  
**CO-MODERATOR: SUE TATE**, Court Improvement Project Coordinator, Administrative Office of the Courts

**JOHN ROMERO, JR.**, Presiding District Judge, Children's Court Division, Albuquerque, New Mexico  
**WHITNEY ANDERSON**, (*Chickasaw*), Beautiful Dreams Society  
**BLAINE PHILLIPS**, Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics  
**ROBERT DON GIFFORD**, Assistant United States Attorney and Tribal Liaison, Western District of Oklahoma  
**C. STEVEN HAGER**, Director of Litigation, Oklahoma Indian Legal Services

**11:00 - 12:00** **STATE - FEDERAL - TRIBAL JUDGE BREAKOUT**

**8:30 - 12:00** **PANEL C: DEFENSE**

**MODERATOR: JERRY GOODMAN**, Judge, Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals  
**CO-MODERATOR: CHRISTOPHER C. STRAUB**, Vice President, AMAR U.S.

Crystal Room

**JEFF KEEL**, (*Chickasaw*), Chickasaw Nation Industries, Advantage, LLC  
**STEVEN BILBY**, Chief Executive Officer, Cherokee Nation Technologies  
**CHAD KNAPP**, Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation  
**STEVEN BENEFIELD**, CEO, Choctaw Defense Manufacturing  
**WILLIAM P. BOWDEN**, Major General, United States Air Force (Retired)  
**LINDY RITZ**, The Ritz Group, Former Director of the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center  
**DAVID CID**, Former Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Former Deputy Director, Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism  
**DAVID N. EDGER**, Senior Fellow, University of Oklahoma Center for Intelligence and National Security  
**D.G. SMALLING**, (*Choctaw*), Artist

**8:30 - 12:00** **PANEL D: SACRED SPACES**

**MODERATOR: NOMA GURICH**, Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court  
**CO-MODERATOR: C. BLUE CLARK**, (*Muskogee (Creek)*), Professor, Oklahoma City University School of Law

Centennial 1-2

**GEORGE THOMPSON**, (*Muskogee (Creek)*) Mekko Hickory Ground of Oklahoma, Vice-Chief Justice, Supreme Court of the Muskogee Nation  
**JAMES FLOYD**, (*Muskogee (Creek)*), Principal Chief of the Muskogee Nation  
**JEFFERSON KEEL**, Lieutenant Governor of the Chickasaw Nation

**Thursday Afternoon**  
4 CLE credits / 0 ethics included  
3:30 – 3:45 Tea / Cookie Break for all Panels

**12:00 - 1:30** **WORKING LUNCH FOR THE STATE, FEDERAL AND TRIBAL JUDICIARY AND SOVEREIGNTY SYMPOSIUM FACULTY**  
**CRYSTAL ROOM**

**1:30 – 5:00** **PANEL A: THE CONCERNS OF THE JUDICIARY --- A FOCUS ON MUTUAL CONCERNS OF THE STATE, FEDERAL, AND TRIBAL BENCH**

Grand Ballroom A-B

**MODERATOR: THOMAS S. WALKER**, (*Wyandotte/Cherokee*), Appellate Magistrate for the CFR Court for the Southern Plains Region of Tribes, District Judge (Retired), Brigadier General (Retired), Army of the United States

**WILLIAM HETHERINGTON, JR.**, Judge, Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals  
**TRICIA TINGLE**, (*Choctaw*), Associate Director -- Tribal Justice, Office of Justice Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs  
**JARI ASKINS**, Administrative Director of the Courts, Former Lt. Governor of Oklahoma, Former District Court Judge  
**DIANNE BARKER HARROLD**, (*Cherokee*), Tribal Judge  
**GREGORY BIGLER**, (*Euclidean, enrolled Muskogee (Creek)*), District Judge, Muskogee (Creek) Nation Tribal Court  
**LAUREN KING**, (*Muskogee (Creek)*), Attorney, Foster Pepper PLLC, Appellate Judge, Northwest Intertribal Court System  
**PATRICK B. MCGUIGAN**, Editor, CapitolBeatOK, Senior Editor, The City Sentinel  
**CASEY ROSS PETHERICK**, Professor, Oklahoma City University School of Law



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3:30 – 3:45 Tea / Cookie Break for all Panels

1:30 – 5:00

**PANEL B: JUVENILE LAW**

Centennial 1-2

**MODERATOR: BRIAN GOREE**, Judge, Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals

**CO-MODERATOR: JACQUE HENSLEY**, (*Kaw*), Indian Affairs Liaison, Oklahoma Department of Human Services

**CO-MODERATOR: BRIAN HENDRIX**, (*Muscogee (Creek)*) Deputy Assistant for Native American Affairs, Oklahoma Secretary of State

**BEN LORING**, Representative of District 7, Oklahoma House of Representatives

**SETH MCINTOSH**, (*Euche/Cherokee/Muscogee (Creek)*), Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal Juvenile Justice Officer

**C. STEVEN HAGER**, Director of Litigation, Oklahoma Indian Legal Services

**ELIZABETH BROWN**, (*Cherokee*) Associate District Judge, Adair County

**MARK MOORE**, Associate District Judge, Blaine County

**DEBRA GEE**, (*Navajo*), Deputy Attorney General, Chickasaw Nation

**KENDAL MURPHY**, Chief of Police, Wyandotte Nation

**STEVEN L. BUCK**, Executive Director, Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs

**DEBORAH SHROPSHIRE, M.D.**, Deputy Director of Child Welfare Community Partnerships

1:30 – 5:00

**PANEL C: NEW VOICES IN NATIVE AMERICAN LITERATURE**

Crystal Room

**MODERATOR: JAMES EDMONDSON**, Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court

**CO-MODERATOR: GAYLEEN RABAKUKK**, Author, Art of the Oklahoma Judicial Center

**WILEY BARNES**, Editor, Chickasaw Press

**JEANNE DEVLIN**, Publisher, Roadrunner Press

**TIM TINGLE**, (*Choctaw*), Author

**SANDY THARP - THEE**, (*Cherokee*), Author and Library Director of Iowa Tribe

**JOSHUA HINSON**, (*Chickasaw*), Director of Chickasaw Language Program

1:30 – 5:00

**PANEL D: GAMING**

Grand Ballroom D-F

**CO-MODERATORS:**

**MATTHEW MORGAN**, (*Chickasaw*), Director of Gaming Affairs, Division of Commerce, Chickasaw Nation

**NANCY GREEN**, (*Choctaw*), Green Law Firm

**JONODEV CHAUDHURI**, (*Muscogee (Creek)*), Chairman, National Indian Gaming Commission

**ERNIE STEVENS, Jr.** (*Oneida*), Chairman, National Indian Gaming Association

**MICHAEL HOENIG**, National Indian Gaming Commission, Office of General Counsel

**KYLE DEAN**, Director, Center for Native American and Urban Studies, Oklahoma City University,  
Meinders School of Business

**SHEILA MORAGO**, Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association

**G. DEAN LUTHEY, Jr.**, Gable Gotwals,

**MICHAEL MCBRIDE, III**, Crowe and Dunlevy

**ELIZABETH HOMER**, (*Osage*), Homer Law Chartered

**WILLIAM NORMAN**, Hobbs, Strauss, Dean & Walker

**RICHARD J. GRELLNER**, RJG LAW, PLLC

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**THIS YEAR'S SYMPOSIUM IS DEDICATED TO  
ALICE HAYES AND TO BILL RICE**

Alice May (Jones) Hayes was a loyal and devoted friend and employee who loved the Sovereignty Symposium. For nearly 25 years, she worked at the State of Oklahoma Administrative Office of the Courts where she served as Deputy Chief Financial Officer. Alice was presented with the Friend of the Court medal on behalf of the Oklahoma Supreme Court in honor of Alice's many years of service to the Court, the AOC and The Sovereignty Symposium. She was married to Curtis Lawrence Hayes and they had one daughter, Taylor Paige Hayes. Alice ended her fight against breast cancer on May 23, 2015.

G. William "Bill" Rice, an attorney, University of Tulsa law professor and widely hailed expert on American Indian legal matters who worked to further the rights of indigenous peoples worldwide died Sunday, May 1, 2016. He was a member of the Tahlequah-based United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians, a former assistant chief of the tribe and tribal court judge, and for nearly 30 years he was chief justice for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. He also served as attorney general for the Sac and Fox Nation. Bill Rice was a constant presence at The Sovereignty Symposium.