

RESTORATION

THE SOVEREIGNTY SYMPOSIUM XXX

JUNE 7 - 8, 2017

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma



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The Sovereignty Symposium was established to provide a forum in which ideas concerning common legal issues could be exchanged in a scholarly, non-adversarial environment. The Supreme Court espouses no view on any of the issues, and the positions taken by the participants are not endorsed by the Supreme Court.

Wednesday Morning

4.0 CLE/CJE 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 3:15 - 6:00)**

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

Crystal Room

KEN MILLER, Oklahoma State Treasurer
CHRIS BENGE, (*Cherokee*), Chief of Staff to Governor Mary Fallin, Oklahoma Secretary of Native American Affairs
WAYNE GARNONS-WILLIAMS, Senior Lawyer, Principal Director, Garwill Law, Canada, Chair, International Intertribal Trade and Investment Organization
DAVID NIMMO, Chief Executive Officer/President, Chickasaw Nation Industries
DAKOTA COLE, Undersecretary of the Treasury, Chickasaw Nation
CORNELL WESLEY, Economic Development Representative, United States Department of Commerce

8:30 - 12:00 **PANEL B: SIGNS, SYMBOLS AND SOUNDS** **(THIS PANEL CONTINUES FROM 3:15 - 6:00)**

MODERATOR: WINSTON SCAMBLER, Student of Native American Art

Grand Ballroom A-B

ERIC TIPPECONNIC, (**COMANCHE**), **HISTORIAN, ARTIST, AND PROFESSOR**, California State University, Fullerton
JASON MURRAY, (*Chickasaw*), Independent Scholar & Professor, Formerly of the University of South Dakota
POTEET VICTORY, (*Cherokee/Choctaw*), Artist
BRENT GREENWOOD, (*Ponca/Chickasaw*), Artist and Musician
JOSHUA HINSON, (*Chickasaw*), Chickasaw Language Revitalization Program
GORDON YELLOWMAN, (*Cheyenne*), Peace Chief, Assistant Executive Director of Education, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

8:30 - 12:00 **PANEL C: LAND, WIND AND WATER** **(THIS PANEL CONTINUES FROM 3:15 - 6:00)**

MODERATOR: PATRICK WYRICK, Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court

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GARY BATTON, (*Choctaw*), Chief, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
STEPHEN H. GREETHAM, Chief General Counsel, Department of Commerce and Special Counsel on Water, Chickasaw Nation
GLENN COFFEE, Special Counsel to Governor Mary Fallin, Glenn Coffee & Associates, Oklahoma City
TAI HELTON, Professor, University of Oklahoma College of Law
MICHAEL BURRAGE, Whitten Burrage Law Firm
SARA HILL, Secretary of Natural Resources for the Cherokee Nation
LAUREN KING, (*Muscogee (Creek)*), Foster Pepper PLLC., Appellate Judge - Northwest Intertribal Court System

8:30 - 12:00 **PANEL D: TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION: GENERATIONAL/HISTORICAL TRAUMA AND HEALING**

MODERATOR: NOMA GURICH, Vice Chief Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court

Grand Ballroom C

BRADFORD MORSE, Dean of Law, Faculty of Law, Thompson Rivers University
ROBERT JOSEPH, Director of the Maori & Indigenous Governance Center, New Zealand
ROGER RANDLE, Professor, University of Oklahoma, Department of Human Relations
KEITH M. HARPER, (*Cherokee*), Kilpatrick Townsend, Former United States Ambassador to the United Nations Human Rights Council
LINDSAY ROBERTSON, Faculty Director, Center for the Study of American Indian Law and Policy, Chickasaw Nation Endowed Chair in Native American Law, Professor, University of Oklahoma College of Law
ROBERT E. HAYES, JR., Methodist Bishop of Oklahoma (Retired)
GARVIN ISAACS, Immediate Past President, Oklahoma Bar Association
HOMER FLUTE, Sand Creek Massacre Descendent/Litigant
DG SMALLING, (*Choctaw*), Artist and Activist

Wednesday Afternoon
4 CLE/CJE credits / 0 Ethics included
7:30 - 4:30 Registration Honors Lounge
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3:00 - 3:15 Afternoon Coffee / Tea Break

1:15 - 2:00

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

OPENING CEREMONY

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: STEVEN W. TAYLOR, Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court (Retired)

PRESENTATION OF FLAGS

HONOR GUARDS: KIOWA BLACK LEGGINGS SOCIETY

SINGERS: SOUTHERN NATION

INVOCATION: ROBERT E. HAYES, JR., Methodist Bishop of Oklahoma (Retired)

WELCOME: LINDA S. THOMAS, President, Oklahoma Bar Association

WELCOME: DOUGLAS COMBS, (*Muscogee(Creek)*), Chief Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court

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

HONOR AND MEMORIAL SONGS: SOUTHERN NATION

CLOSING PRAYER: KRIS LADUSAU, Reverend, Dharma Center of Oklahoma

Grand Ballroom D-E-F

2:00 - 6:00

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH FORMER ASSISTANT SECRETARIES OF THE INTERIOR FOR INDIAN AFFAIRS

MODERATOR: JOHN REIF, Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court

THOMAS W. FREDERICKS, (*Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation*), Fredericks, Peebles and Morgan, LLP.

ADA E. DEER, (*Menominee*) Former Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs

NEAL MCCAULEB, (*Chickasaw*) Chickasaw Ambassador to the United States

CARL ARTMAN, (*Oneida*) Professor, Arizona State University, College of Law and Director of Tribal Economic Development

LARRY ECHO HAWK, (*Pawnee*) Assistant Executive Director, Correlation Department, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

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LYNN KNIGHT, Vice-President of Knowledge Management, International Economic Development Counsel
PHIL BUSEY, SR., (*Cherokee/Delaware Tribe of Oklahoma*), Delaware Resource Group
DEREK OSBORN, Legislative Assistant to Senator James Lankford
ROBERT ANDREW, United States Department Diplomat in Residence, University of Oklahoma
GAVIN CLARKSON, Associate Professor, College of Business, New Mexico State University
SHANE JETT, (*Cherokee*), Executive Director/CEO, Citizen Potawatomi Development Corporation
MELOYDE BLANCETT, Oklahoma House of Representatives, District 78

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NEIL CHAPMAN, Photographer, Former Mt. San Antonio College Photography Department Co-Chair and Professor of Photography
HARVEY PRATT, (*Cheyenne*), Peace Chief, Artist/Forensic Artist
STU OSTLER, Oklahoma State Capitol Photographer
LES BERRYHILL, (*Yuchi/Muscogee*), Artist
KENNETH JOHNSON, (*Muscogee/Seminole*), Contemporary Jewelry Designer and Metalsmith

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JULIE CUNNINGHAM, Executive Director, Oklahoma Water Resources Board
MARIA O'BRIEN, Modrall Sperling
KEN BELLMARD, (*Kaw*), Attorney
CHRISTOPHER A. TYTANIC, General Counsel of M3T, Adjunct Professor University of Oklahoma College of Law
DAVID WALTERS, President, Walters Power International
CLAY CHRISTENSEN, Christensen Law Group

3:15 - 6:00 **PANEL D: CRIMINAL LAW**

MODERATOR: ARVO MIKKANEN, (*Kiowa/Comanche*), Assistant United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma

Grand Ballroom C

WILSON PIPESTEM, (*Otoe-Missouria/Osage*), Pipestem Law
MARY KATHRYN NAGLE, (*Cherokee*), Pipestem Law
KRIS STEELE, Executive Director, TEEM, The Education and Employment Ministry
CHRISTOPHER GORDON, Oklahoma County Veterans' Diversion Program

6:30 **PERFORMANCE BY JEROD IMPICHCHAACHAAHA TATE**, (*Chickasaw*), Composer
OKLAHOMA JUDICIAL CENTER - 2100 North Lincoln Boulevard

7:00 **RECEPTION**
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MODERATOR: DEBORAH BARNES, Judge, Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals

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C. STEVEN HAGER, Director of Litigation, Oklahoma Indian Legal Services
BRIAN HENDRIX, Deputy Assistant for Native American Affairs, Oklahoma Secretary of State
MARK MOORE, Associate District Judge, Blaine County, Oklahoma
ELIZABETH BROWN, (*Cherokee*), Associate District Judge, Adair County, Oklahoma
DEBORAH SHROPSHIRE, M.D., Deputy Director of Child Welfare Community Partnerships
CARMIN TECUMSEH-WILLIAMS, (*Muscogee (Creek)*), Tribal Affairs Liaison for Oklahoma Department of Human Services
PHIL LUJAN, Judge of the Seminole and Citizen Potawatomi Nations
LOU STRETCH, Cherokee Nation Children, Youth and Family Services, Oklahoma Indian Child Welfare Association
GLORIA VALENCIA-WEBER, Emeritus Professor, University of New Mexico School of Law, Board Member, Legal Services Corporation

8:30 - 12:00 **PANEL B: EDUCATION (THIS PANEL CONTINUES FROM 1:30 - 5:30)**

MODERATOR: JOHN HARGRAVE, Immediate Past President, East Central University

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QUINTON ROMAN NOSE, (*Cheyenne*), Executive Director, Tribal Education Department National Assembly
DAVID HOLT, (*Osage*), Oklahoma State Senate
GORDON YELLOWMAN, (*Cheyenne*), Peace Chief, Assistant Executive Director of Education, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes
MELODY MCCOY, Native American Rights Fund
JERRY BREAD, Native American Studies, University of Oklahoma (Retired)

8:30 - 9:30 **PANEL C: ETHICS ADDRESS**

JOHN REIF, Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court

Crystal Room

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

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

MODERATOR: TOM 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

Crystal Room

TRICIA TINGLE, (*Choctaw*), Associate Director - Tribal Justice, Office of Justice Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs
LEAH HARJO-WARE, Justice, Muscogee Nation Supreme Court
JARI ASKINS, Administrative Director of the Courts, Former Lt. Governor of Oklahoma, Former District Court Judge
LAUREN KING, (*Muscogee (Creek)*), Foster Pepper PLLC., Appellate Judge - Northwest Intertribal Court System
WILLIAM P. BOWDEN, Major General (Retired), United States Air Force
KEITH RAPP, Judge, Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals

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

STEVEN BUCK, Executive Director, Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs

FELICE HAMILTON, CIP Program Coordinator, Administrative Office of the Courts

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JAKE ROBERTS, Behavioral Health Director, White Eagle Health Center

SHELDON SPOTTED ELK, Director, Casey Family Programs

1:30 - 6:00

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PANEL C: GAMING

CO-MODERATORS:

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

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

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

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KYLE DEAN, Assistant Professor of Economics, Director, Center for Native American and Urban Studies,

Oklahoma City University, Meinders School of Business

SHEILA MORAGO, (*Gila River Indian Community*), Executive Director, Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association

G. DEAN LUTHEY, Jr., Gable Gotwals

MICHAEL MCBRIDE, III, Crowe and Dunlevy

WILLIAM NORMAN, (*Muscogee (Creek)*) Hobbs, Strauss, Dean & Walker

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DAN LITTLE, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics

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