



# THE SOVEREIGNTY SYMPOSIUM XXXVI

## A NEW BEGINNING

June 11-12, 2024

Hours of CLE credit will be awarded  
but must sign in each morning  
and each afternoon separately for  
credit – no exceptions.  
Must attend Ethics panel for Ethics credit.

Each state has its own rules and regulations,  
including the definition of continuing  
legal education. Therefore, certain portions  
of the program may not receive credit  
in some states.

## Tuesday, June 11, 2024

8:30 a.m.–10 a.m. **Panel A: Government to Government Relations: Compacts/Agreements/Other Partnerships – 1.75 CLE Credits**

**Moderators:**  
Gary Batton, Chief of the Choctaw Nation  
Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation  
**Panelists:**  
Gentner Drummond, Attorney General of Oklahoma  
Tim Gatz, Director, Oklahoma Department of Transportation  
Hershel Gorham, Lt. Governor, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes  
Matthew Morgan (Chickasaw/Choctaw), Executive Officer/General Counsel, Office of Government Affairs and Partnerships, Chickasaw Nation, Chairman, Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association  
Baroness Emma Nicholson of Winterbourne, House of Lords, UK  
Todd Russ, Oklahoma State Treasurer

Grand Ballroom

8:30 a.m.–10 a.m. **Panel B: Signs, Symbols and Sounds: The Arts**

**Moderators:**  
Jay Scambler  
Winston Scambler, Student of Native American Art  
**Panelists:**  
Ben Barnes, Chief, Shawnee Tribe  
Greg Bigler (Euchee), District Judge Ret., Muscogee (Creek) Nation  
Kenneth Johnson (Muscogee/Seminole), Contemporary Jewelry Designer and Metalsmith  
Jeri Redcorn (Caddo), Potter  
Yancey Red Corn (Osage/Caddo), Actor  
D.G. Smalling (Choctaw), Artist  
Gena Timberman (Choctaw)

Centennial Ballroom

8:30 a.m.–10 a.m. **Panel C: Juvenile Issues – 1.75 CLE Credits**

**Moderator:**  
Elizabeth Brown, Associate District Judge, Adair County, Oklahoma  
**Panelists:**  
Alexandra Fay, Incoming Assistant Professor of Law, University of Tulsa  
Wayne Garnons- Williams, Principal Director of Indigenous Sovereign Trade Consultancy, Ltd., Canada  
Deanna Hartley-Kelso, Judge, Chickasaw Nation District Court

Crystal Room

*Break*

10:15 a.m.–11:45 a.m. **Panel A: Government to Government Relations: Business and Educational Relations – 1.75 CLE Credits**

**Moderators:**  
Gary Batton, Chief of the Choctaw Nation  
Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation  
**Panelists:**  
John “Rocky” Barrett, Tribal Chairman, Citizen Potawatomi Nation  
Robert Miller, Professor of Law, Sandra Day O’Conner College of Law, Arizona State University  
Leslie Osborn, Oklahoma State Labor Commissioner  
Gloria Valencia-Weber, Professor Emerita, The University of New Mexico School of Law  
Reggie Wassana, Governor, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

Grand Ballroom

10:15 a.m.–11:45 a.m. **Panel B: Signs, Symbols and Sounds: Education**

*Moderator:*

**Allison Garrett**, Chancellor, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

*Panelists:*

**Kenneth Evans**, President, Oklahoma City University

**Trey Hays**, Teacher of Mathematics and Art, Tishomingo Elementary School

**Patrick Riley**, Artist and Educator

**Jo Rowan**, Retired Professor and Chair of Dance, Ann Lacy School of American Dance and Entertainment, Oklahoma City University

Centennial Ballroom

10:15 a.m.–11:45 a.m. **Panel C: Juvenile Issues – 1.75 CLE Credits**

*Moderator:*

**Elizabeth Brown**, Associate District Judge, Adair County, Oklahoma

*Panelists:*

**Brittany Hunt-Jassey**, Administrator of Integrated Legal Services, Oklahoma Department of Human Services

**Amy Pierce**, District Judge, Choctaw Nation

**Kace Rodwell**, Oklahoma Indian Legal Services

Crystal Room

**Noon – Tribal Leader and Dignitary Luncheon (By Invitation Only) in the Venetian Room**

*Host:* **Kenneth Evans**, President, Oklahoma City University

*Invocation:* **William Wantland** (Seminole, Chickasaw and Choctaw), Bishop of the Episcopal Church, Retired

*Welcome:* **Miles Pringle**, President, Oklahoma Bar Association

**12:15 pm to 1:15 pm – Book Signing**

**Rabbit Decolonizes the Forest: Stories from the Euchee Reservation** by Gregory H. Bigler

**Corn Dance: Inspired First American Cuisine** by Loretta Oden

**The Seminole Nation of Oklahoma: A Legal History** by L. Susan Work

**1 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. – Poster Session**

**1:15 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. – Opening Ceremony and Keynote Address**

*Host:* **David Holt** (Osage), Dean, Oklahoma City University School of Law

*Camp Call:* **Gordon Yellowman** (Cheyenne), Peace Chief, Cheyenne and Arapaho Nation

*Presentation of Flags – Honor Guard:* **Kiowa Black Leggings**

*Singers:* **Southern Nation with Special Guest, Osage Tribal Singers**

*Invocation:* **Margaret Johnson**, Conference Superintendent, Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference

*Welcome:* **Kenneth Evans**, President, Oklahoma City University

*Introduction of Keynote Speaker:* **David Holt** (Osage), Dean, Oklahoma City University School of Law

*Keynote:* **Geoffrey Standing Bear**, Principal Chief, Osage Nation

*Presentation of Awards:* **Yvonne Kauger**, Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court

*Memorial and Honor Songs:* **Southern Nation**

*Closing Prayer:* **Gordon Yellowman** (Cheyenne), Peace Chief, Cheyenne and Arapaho Nation

**2:45 p.m. to 3 p.m. – Break and Poster Session**

3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Panel A: Government to Government Relations: Criminal Law – 1.75 CLE Credits**

*Moderator:*

**Arvo Mikkanen** (Kiowa/Comanche), Senior Counsel for Tribal Relations, Assistant United States Attorney, Western District of Oklahoma

*Panelists:*

**Jeffrey Byers**, Federal Public Defender, Western District of Oklahoma

**Shannon Cozzoni**, Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of Oklahoma

**Travis Smith**, First Assistant United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma

**Christopher Wilson**, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Oklahoma

**Geri Wisner**, Attorney General of Muscogee (Creek) Nation

Grand Ballroom

- 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. **Panel B: Signs, Symbols and Sounds: Music**  
*Moderator:*  
**Mark Parker**, Dean, School of Music, Oklahoma City University  
*Panelists:*  
**Scott George** (Osage), Singer, Artist and Composer  
**Brent Greenwood** (Chickasaw/Ponca), Artist and Fine Arts Director, Chickasaw Nation  
**Tim Tate Nevaquaya** (Comanche/Chickasaw/Choctaw), Artist and Musician  
**Jim Van Deman** (Delaware Tribe), Former Vice-Chair of the Delaware Tribe, Artist, Flute Maker, Musician
- Centennial Ballroom
- 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. **Panel C: Language Revitalization**  
*Moderator:*  
**Bryan Warner**, Deputy Principal Chief, Cherokee Nation  
*Panelists:*  
**Teresa Billy**, Assistant Director of the Choctaw Nation Language School  
**Don Henderson**, Education Program Manager at Apple  
**Lokosh (Joshua D. Hinson, PhD)**, Executive Officer, Division of Language Preservation, Department of Culture and Humanities, Chickasaw Nation  
**Howard Paden**, Language Department Executive Director of the Cherokee Nation  
**Braxton Redeagle**, Director of the Osage Nation Language Department
- Crystal Room
- Break*
- 4:45 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. **Panel A: Government to Government Relations: Real Property/Trust/Environmental – 1.75 CLE Credits**  
*Moderator:*  
**Casey Ross** (Cherokee), Oklahoma City University General Counsel  
*Panelists:*  
**Brian Candelaria**, Attorney, Oklahoma Indian Legal Services  
**Conor Cleary**, Field Solicitor, Tulsa Office, United States Department of the Interior  
**Emily Eleftherakis**, (Delaware Tribe), Attorney, Krahl Goerke Meyer & Behenna; Adjunct Professor, School of Law, Oklahoma City University  
**Sonya McIntosh**, Realty Director, Realty Trust Services, Muscogee (Creek) Nation
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# Wednesday, June 12, 2024

8:30 a.m.–10 a.m.	Grand Ballroom A-D	<p><b>Panel A: Ethics – 1.75 CLE Credits</b> <i>Moderators:</i> <b>Greg Bigler</b> (Euclache), District Judge Ret., Muscogee (Creek) Nation <b>Gregory Smith</b>, Pawnee Nation Supreme Court, Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Indian Appeals, Miami Agency</p> <p><i>Panelists:</i> <b>Larry Hellman</b>, Dean Emeritus, Oklahoma City University School of Law <b>Cornel Pewewardy</b> (Comanche/Kiowa), Vice-Chairman of the Comanche Nation, Professor Emeritus of Indigenous Studies, Portland State University</p>
8:30 a.m.–10 a.m.	Centennial Ballroom	<p><b>Panel B: Water Law: Integrated Water Resources Management – 1.75 CLE Credits</b> <i>Moderator:</i> <b>Duane Smith</b>, Executive Director, Oka', The Water Institute of East Central University</p> <p><i>Panelists:</i> <b>Christine Pappas</b>, Director of Water Resource Policy and Management, East Central University <b>Barney Austin</b>, CEO of Aqua Strategies <b>Joy Hofmeister</b>, Chairman and Senior Advisor of 1050 Forward <b>Brent Kisling</b>, CEO of NextTo, LLC.</p>
8:30 a.m.–10 a.m.	Crystal Room	<p><b>Panel C: Symbiotic Economics – 1.75 CLE Credits</b> <i>Moderator:</i> <b>James Collard</b>, Director of Planning and Economic Development, Citizen Potawatomi Nation</p> <p><i>Panelists:</i> <b>John “Rocky” Barrett</b>, Tribal Chairman, Citizen Potawatomi Nation <b>Dan Boren</b>, Secretary of Commerce, Chickasaw Nation <b>Ridge Howell</b>, Legal Counsel, Native Agriculture Financial Services</p>
<i>Break</i>		
10:15 a.m.–11:45 a.m.	Grand Ballroom A-D	<p><b>Panel A: Ethics – 1.75 CLE Credits</b> <i>Moderators:</i> <b>Greg Bigler</b> (Euclache), District Judge Ret., Muscogee (Nation) <b>Gregory Smith</b>, Pawnee Nation Supreme Court, Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Indian Appeals, Miami Agency</p> <p><i>Panelists:</i> <b>Larry Hellman</b>, Dean Emeritus, Oklahoma City University School of Law <b>Cornel Pewewardy</b> (Comanche/Kiowa), Vice-Chairman of the Comanche Nation, Professor Emeritus of Indigenous Studies, Portland State University</p>
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10:15 a.m.–11:45 a.m.	Crystal Room	<p><b>Panel C: Symbiotic Economics: Agricultural Economics – 1.75 CLE Credits</b> <i>Moderator:</i> <b>James Collard</b>, Director of Planning and Economic Development, Citizen Potawatomi Nation</p> <p><i>Panelists:</i> <b>Carly Griffith Hotvedt</b>, Associate Executive Director, Indigenous Food and Agricultural Initiative <b>Jerry McPeak</b>, Former Oklahoma Legislator <b>Trevor Pemberton</b>, General Counsel, Office of the Oklahoma Governor <b>Geoffrey Standing Bear</b>, Principal Chief, Osage Nation <b>Reggie Wassana</b>, Governor, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes</p>

1:30 p.m.–3 p.m.

**Panel A: Symbiotic Economics: Economic Development – 1.75 CLE Credits**

**Moderator:**

**James Collard**, Director of Planning and Economic Development, Citizen Potawatomi Nation

**Panelists:**

**Tana Fitzpatrick**, Associate Vice President of Tribal Relations, the University of Oklahoma

**Victor Flores**, President, Oklahoma Tribal Finance Consortium

**Wayne Garnons-Williams**, Principal Director of Indigenous Sovereign Trade Consultancy, Ltd., Canada

**Margo Gray**, Executive Director, United Indian Nations of Oklahoma

**Susan Harper**, Canadian Consul General, Dallas

**David Hill**, Chief, Muscogee (Creek) Nation

**William Walton**, Associate Professor in Urban Planning, the Bartlett School of Planning, University College, London

Grand Ballroom A-D

1:30 p.m.–3 p.m.

**Panel B: Gaming – 1.75 CLE Credits**

**Moderators:**

**Nancy Green**, Attorney, Green Law Firm

**Matthew Morgan**, Executive Officer/General Counsel, Office of Government Affairs and Partnerships, Chickasaw Nation, Chairman, Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association

**Panelists:**

**Jonodev Chaudhuri** Attorney, Muscogee (Creek) Nation Ambassador

**Kyle Dean**, Associate Professor of Economics, Director of the Center for Native American and Urban Studies, Oklahoma City University

**Jason Giles**, Executive Director, National Indian Gaming Association

**Elizabeth Homer** (Osage), Attorney, Homer Law

**Sharon Avery** (Saginaw/Chippewa), Acting Chairwoman, National Indian Gaming Commission

**Dean Luthey**, Gable Gotwals

**Michael McBride**, Crowe and Dunlevy

**William Norman** (Muscogee (Creek) Nation), Hobbs, Straus, Dean and Walker

**Dustin Thomas** (Mohawk/Oneida), Chief of Staff and Director of Self-Regulation, National Indian Gaming Commission

Centennial Ballroom

1:30 p.m.–3 p.m.

**Panel C: Healthcare and Healing – 1.75 CLE Credits**

**Moderators:**

**Noma Gurich**, Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court

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**Loretta Oden** (Citizen Potawatomi), Chef Consultant, Thirty Nine Restaurant, First American Museum

**Dorothy Rhoades**, Clinical Professor, University of Oklahoma College of Medicine

**Xochitl Torres Small**, Deputy Secretary, United States Department of Agriculture

Grand Ballroom E-F

1:30 p.m.–3 p.m.

**Panel D: Data Sovereignty – 1.75 CLE Credits**

**Moderators:**

**Timothy Hsieh**, Associate Professor of Law, Oklahoma City University

**Tia Matt Ebarb** (Choctaw-Apache), Clinical Professor of Law and Director of Experiential Learning, Oklahoma City University

**Panelists:**

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Crystal Room

*Break*

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