



THE SOVEREIGNTY SYMPOSIUM 2024 AGENDA DRAFT

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a new BEGINNING

June 11-12, 2024

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma*

Hours of CLE credit for lawyers will be awarded, including hours of ethics.

*This agenda is subject to revision and all moderators and panelists are subject to change.

NOTE: Each state has its own rules and regulations, including the definition of "CLE." Therefore, certain portions of the program may not receive credit in some states.

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

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7:30 am to 4:45 pm – Registration and CLE Sign Up Open

7:30 am to 4:45 pm – Vendor Exhibits Open

8:00 am to 8:30 am – Continental Breakfast

PANEL A: GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists
<p>Compacts/Agreements/Other Partnerships</p>	<p>8:30 am to 10:00 am</p>	<p>Grand Ballroom</p>	<p>Gary Batton, Chief of the Choctaw Nation <i>(invited)</i> Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation <i>(invited)</i></p>	<p>Gentner Drummond, Attorney General of Oklahoma <i>(confirmed)</i> Tim Gatz, Oklahoma Secretary of Transportation <i>(confirmed)</i> Matthew Morgan <i>(Chickasaw/Choctaw)</i>, Special Envoy for the Chickasaw Nation <i>(invited)</i> Todd Russ, Oklahoma State Treasurer <i>(confirmed)</i> Gordon Yellowman <i>(Cheyenne)</i>, Peace Chief, Cheyenne and</p>

				Arapaho Tribes (confirmed)
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10:00 am to 10:15 am – Break

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists
Business and Educational Relations	10:15 am to 11:45 am	Grand Ballroom	<p>Gary Batton, Chief of the Choctaw Nation (invited)</p> <p>Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation (invited)</p>	<p>John “Rocky” Barrett, Tribal Chairman, Citizen Potawatomi Nation (invited)</p> <p>Robert Miller, Professor of Law, Sandra Day O’Conner College of Law, Arizona State University (confirmed)</p> <p>Leslie Osborn, Oklahoma State Labor Commissioner (confirmed)</p> <p>Gloria Valencia-Weber, Professor Emerita, The University of New Mexico School of Law (confirmed)</p> <p>Reggie Wassana, Governor, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes (invited)</p>

PANEL B: SIGNS, SYMBOLS AND SOUNDS

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists
<p>The Arts</p>	<p>8:30 am to 10:00 am</p>	<p>Centennial Ballroom</p>	<p>Jay Scambler <i>(confirmed)</i></p> <p>Winston Scambler, Student of Native American Art <i>(confirmed)</i></p>	<p>Greg Bigler <i>(Euchee),</i> District Judge Ret., Muscogee (Nation) <i>(confirmed)</i></p> <p>Kenneth Johnson <i>(Muscogee/Seminole),</i> Contemporary Jewelry Designer and Metalsmith <i>(invited)</i></p> <p>James Pepper Henry <i>(Kaw/Muscogee/Creek),</i> Director/Chief Operating Officer, American Indian Cultural Center and Museum <i>(invited)</i></p> <p>Yancey Red Corn <i>(Osage/Caddo),</i> Actor <i>(confirmed)</i></p> <p>D.G. Smalling <i>(Choctaw),</i> Artist <i>(invited)</i></p> <p>Frankie Still <i>(United</i> <i>Keetoowah Band),</i> District Representative <i>(invited)</i></p> <p>Gina Timberman <i>(Choctaw),</i> Odom and Sparks <i>(confirmed)</i></p>

10:00 am to 10:15 am – Break

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists
Education	10:15 am to 11:45 am	Centennial Ballroom	Allison Garrett , Chancellor, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education <i>(invited)</i>	Kenneth Evans , President, Oklahoma City University <i>(confirmed)</i> Trey Hays , Teacher of Mathematics and Art, Tishomingo Elementary School <i>(confirmed)</i> Patrick Riley , Artist and Educator <i>(confirmed)</i> Jo Rowan , Retired Professor and Chair of Dance, Ann Lacy School of American Dance and Entertainment, Oklahoma City University <i>(confirmed)</i> Eric Tippeconnic <i>(Comanche)</i> , Artist <i>(invited)</i> Ryan Walters , Oklahoma State Superintendent of Public Instruction <i>(invited)</i>

PANEL C: JUVENILE ISSUES

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists
Juvenile Issues	8:30 am to 10:00 am	Crystal Room	Elizabeth Brown , Associate District Judge, Adair County, Oklahoma (<i>confirmed</i>)	Wayne Garnons-Williams , Principal Director of Indigenous Sovereign Trade Consultancy, Ltd., Canada (<i>confirmed</i>) Deanna Hartley-Kelso , Judge, Chickasaw Nation District Court (<i>confirmed</i>)

10:00 am to 10:15 am – Break

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Juvenile Issues	10:15 am to 11:45 am	Crystal Room	Elizabeth Brown , Associate District Judge, Adair County, Oklahoma (<i>confirmed</i>)	Brittany Hunt-Jassey , Administrator of Integrated Legal Services, Oklahoma Department of Human Services (<i>confirmed</i>) Jennifer McBee , Special Judge, LeFlore County, Oklahoma (<i>invited</i>) Amy Pierce , District Judge, Choctaw Nation (<i>confirmed</i>)

				Kace Rodwell, Oklahoma Indian Legal Services <i>(confirmed)</i>
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Noon – **Tribal Leader and Dignitary Luncheon** (By Invitation Only)
Venetian Room

Master of Ceremonies: **Kenneth Evans**, President, Oklahoma City University *(confirmed)*

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

Welcome: **Miles Pringle**, President, Oklahoma Bar Association *(confirmed)*

1:15 pm to 2:45 pm – **Opening Ceremony and Keynote Address**

Master of Ceremonies: **David Holt** (Osage), Dean, Oklahoma City University School of Law *(confirmed)*

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

Presentation of Flags – Honor Guard: Kiowa Black-Leggings

Singers: Southern Nation

Invocation: **Margaret Johnson**, Conference Superintendent, Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference *(confirmed)*

Welcome: **Kenneth Evans**, President, Oklahoma City University *(confirmed)*

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

Keynote: **Geoffrey Standing Bear**, Principal Chief, Osage Nation *(invited)*

Remarks: **Kevin Stitt**, Governor of Oklahoma *(Invited)*

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

Memorial and Honor Songs: Southern Nation

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

2:45 pm to 3:00 pm – Break

PANEL A: GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists
Criminal Law	3:00 pm to 4:30 pm	Grand Ballroom	Arvo Mikkanen <i>(Kiowa/Comanche)</i> , Senior Counsel for Tribal Relations, Assistant United States Attorney, Western District of Oklahoma <i>(confirmed)</i>	Clinton Johnson , United States Attorney for the Northern District of Oklahoma <i>(confirmed)</i> Christopher Wilson , Interim United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Oklahoma <i>(confirmed)</i> Geri Wisner , Attorney General of Muscogee (Creek) Nation <i>(confirmed)</i>

4:30 pm to 4:45 pm – Break

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists
Real Property/Trust/Environmental	4:45 pm to 6:15 pm	Grand Ballroom	Casey Ross <i>(Cherokee)</i> , Director, American Indian Law and Sovereignty Center, Clinical Professor of Law, Oklahoma City University General Counsel <i>(confirmed)</i>	Brian Candelaria , Attorney, Oklahoma Indian Legal Services <i>(confirmed)</i> Taiawagi Helton , W. DeVier Pierson Professor of Law, University of Oklahoma College of Law <i>(invited)</i>

				Emily Eleftherakis, Attorney, Krahl Goerke Meyer and Behenna; Adjunct Clinical Professor, School of Law, Oklahoma City University <i>(confirmed)</i>
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PANEL B: SIGNS, SYMBOLS AND SOUNDS

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists
Music	3:00 pm to 4:30 pm	Centennial Ballroom	Mark Parker, Dean, School of Music, Oklahoma City University <i>(invited)</i>	Jim Van Deman <i>(Delaware)</i> , Former Vice-Chair of the Delaware Tribe, Artist, Flute Maker, Musician <i>(invited)</i> Tim Tate Nevaquaya <i>(Comanche/Chickasaw/Choctaw)</i> , Artist and Musician <i>(confirmed)</i> Jerod Impichchachaaha' Tate <i>(Chickasaw)</i> , Composer and Pianist <i>(invited)</i>

4:30 pm to 4:45 pm – Break

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				<p>Tim Tate Nevaquaya <i>(Comanche/Chickasaw/Choctaw), Artist and Musician (confirmed)</i></p> <p>Jerod Impichchachaaha' Tate <i>(Chickasaw), Composer and Pianist (invited)</i></p>
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PANEL C: LANGUAGE REVITALIZATION

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists
Language Revitalization	3:00 pm to 4:30 pm	Crystal Room	Bryan Warner , Deputy Principal Chief, Cherokee Nation <i>(confirmed)</i>	<p>Teresa Billy, Assistant Director of the Choctaw Nation Language School <i>(confirmed)</i></p> <p>Don Henderson, Education Program Manager at Apple <i>(invited)</i></p> <p>Joshua Hinson, Director of the Department of Chickasaw Language <i>(confirmed)</i></p> <p>Howard Paden, Language Department Executive Director of the Cherokee Nation <i>(confirmed)</i></p> <p>Braxton Redeagle, Director of the Osage</p>

				Nation Language Department <i>(confirmed)</i>
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Wednesday, June 12, 2024

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7:30 am to 1:30 pm – Registration and CLE Sign Up Open

7:30 am to 3:15 pm – Vendor Exhibits Open

8:00 am to 8:30 am – Continental Breakfast

PANEL A: ETHICS

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists
Ethics	8:30 am to 10:00 am	Grand Ballroom A-D	<p>Greg Bigler (<i>Euchee</i>), District Judge Ret., Muscogee (Nation) <i>(confirmed)</i></p> <p>John Reif, Justice (Ret.), Oklahoma Supreme Court <i>(confirmed)</i></p> <p>Gregory Smith, Pawnee Nation Supreme Court, Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Indian Appeals, Miami Agency <i>(confirmed)</i></p>	<p>Larry Hellman, Dean Emeritus, Oklahoma City University School of Law <i>(confirmed)</i></p> <p>Cornel Pewewardy (<i>Comanche/Kiowa</i>), Vice-Chairman of the Comanche Nation, Professor Emeritus of Indigenous Studies, Portland State University <i>(confirmed)</i></p>

10:00 am to 10:15 am – Break

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists
Ethics	10:15 am to 11:45 am	Grand Ballroom A-D	<p>Greg Bigler <i>(Euclidean)</i>, District Judge Ret., Muscogee (Nation) <i>(invited)</i></p> <p>John Reif, Justice (Ret.), Oklahoma Supreme Court <i>(confirmed)</i></p> <p>Gregory Smith, Pawnee Nation Supreme Court, Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Indian Appeals, Miami Agency <i>(confirmed)</i></p>	<p>Larry Hellman, Former Dean, Oklahoma City University School of Law <i>(confirmed)</i></p> <p>Cornel Pewewardy <i>(Comanche/Kiowa)</i>, Vice- Chairman of the Comanche Nation, Professor Emeritus of Indigenous Studies, Portland State University <i>(confirmed)</i></p>

PANEL B: WATER LAW

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists
Study on Sardis Lake Compact	8:30 am to 10:00 am	Centennial Ballroom	<p>John Hargrave, Chief Executive Officer, East Central University Foundation <i>(invited)</i></p>	<p>Stephen Greetham, Greetham Law <i>(invited)</i></p> <p>Christine Pappas, East Central University <i>(confirmed)</i></p> <p>Duane Smith, Executive Director, Oka', The Water</p>

				Institute of East Central University <i>(invited)</i>
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10:00 am to 10:15 am – Break

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists
PFAS	10:15 am to 11:00 am	Centennial Ballroom	John Hargrave , Chief Executive Officer, East Central University Foundation <i>(invited)</i>	Saba Tahmasebi , Environmental Protection Agency <i>(invited)</i>
Water Infrastructure in Indian Country	11:00 am to 11:45 am	Centennial Ballroom	John Hargrave , Chief Executive Officer, East Central University Foundation <i>(invited)</i>	Randy Grinnell , Former Deputy Director of Management Operations of the Indian Health Services, Washington, D.C. <i>(invited)</i>

PANEL C: SYMBIOTIC ECONOMICS

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists
Symbiotic Economics	8:30 am to 10:00 am	Crystal Room	James Collard , Director of Planning and Economic Development, Citizen Potawatomi Nation <i>(confirmed)</i>	John “Rocky” Barrett , Tribal Chairman, Citizen Potawatomi Nation <i>(invited)</i> Dan Boren , Secretary of Commerce, Chickasaw Nation <i>(confirmed)</i>

10:00 am to 10:15 am – Break

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists
Agricultural Economics	10:15 am to 11:45 am	Crystal Room	James Collard , Director of Planning and Economic Development, Citizen Potawatomi Nation <i>(confirmed)</i>	Janie Hipp (<i>Chickasaw</i>), CEO/President, Native Agriculture Financial Services <i>(confirmed)</i> Carly Griffith Hotvedt , Associate Executive Director, Indigenous Food and Agricultural Initiative <i>(confirmed)</i> Jerry McPeak , Former Oklahoma Legislator <i>(confirmed)</i> Geoffrey Standing Bear , Principal Chief, Osage Nation <i>(confirmed)</i> Reggie Wassana , Governor, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes <i>(invited)</i>

Noon to 1:30 pm – Lunch on Your Own

PANEL A: SYMBIOTIC ECONOMICS

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists
Economic Development	1:30 pm to 3:00 pm	Grand Ballroom A-D	James Collard , Director of Planning and Economic Development, Citizen	Tana Fitzpatrick , Associate Vice President of Tribal Relations, the University of Oklahoma <i>(confirmed)</i>

			<p>Potawatomi Nation (confirmed)</p>	<p>Victor Flores, President, Oklahoma Tribal Finance Consortium (confirmed)</p> <p>Wayne Garnons-Williams, Principal Director of Indigenous Sovereign Trade Consultancy, Ltd., Canada (confirmed)</p> <p>David Hill, Chief, Muscogee (Creek) Nation (invited)</p> <p>Bradford Morse, Professor of Law, Thompson Rivers University (confirmed)</p> <p>William Walton, Associate Professor in Urban Planning, the Bartlett School of Planning, University College, London (confirmed)</p>
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3:00 pm to 3:15 pm – Break

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists
Economic Development	3:15 pm to 4:45 pm	Grand Ballroom A-D	<p>James Collard, Director of Planning and Economic Development, Citizen Potawatomi Nation (confirmed)</p>	<p>Valerie Devol, Attorney, Devol and Associates (confirmed)</p> <p>Wayne Garnons-Williams, Principal Director of Indigenous Sovereign Trade Consultancy, Ltd., Canada (confirmed)</p> <p>Alana Kennedy, Founder and CEO, OCHRE Sun, Australia (confirmed)</p> <p>Benjamin Morgan, Staff, Trade Policy Division, Trade and</p>

				<p>Agriculture Directorate Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development, Paris <i>(confirmed)</i></p> <p>Bradford Morse, Professor of Law, Thompson Rivers University <i>(confirmed)</i></p> <p>William Walton, Associate Professor in Urban Planning, the Bartlett School of Planning, University College, London <i>(confirmed)</i></p>
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PANEL B: GAMING

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists
Gaming	1:30 pm to 3:00 pm	Centennial Room	<p>Nancy Green, Attorney, Green Law Firm <i>(confirmed)</i></p> <p>Matthew Morgan, Executive Officer/General Counsel, Office of Government Affairs and Partnerships, Chickasaw Nation, Chairman, Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association <i>(invited)</i></p>	<p>Jonodev Chaudhuri <i>(Muscogee)</i>, Attorney, Muscogee (Creek) Nation Ambassador <i>(confirmed)</i></p> <p>Kyle Dean, Associate Professor of Economics, Director of the Center for Native American and Urban Studies, Oklahoma City University <i>(invited)</i></p> <p>Elizabeth Homer <i>(Osage)</i>, Attorney, Homer Law <i>(confirmed)</i></p> <p>Dean Luthey, Gabel Gotwals Michael McBride, Crowe and Dunlevy <i>(Confirmed)</i></p> <p>D. Michael McBride, Attorney, Crowe and Dunlevy <i>(confirmed)</i></p>

				<p>William Norman (<i>Muscogee</i>), Hobbs, Straus, Dean and Walker (<i>confirmed</i>)</p> <p>Ernest Stevens, Jr. (<i>Oneida</i>), Chairman, National Indian Gaming Association (<i>invited</i>)</p>
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3:00 pm to 3:15 pm – Break

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists
Gaming	3:15 pm to 4:45 pm	Centennial Room	<p>Nancy Green, Attorney, Green Law Firm (<i>confirmed</i>)</p> <p>Matthew Morgan, Executive Officer/General Counsel, Office of Government Affairs and Partnerships, Chickasaw Nation, Chairman, Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association (<i>invited</i>)</p>	<p>Jonodev Chaudhuri (<i>Muscogee</i>), Attorney, Muscogee (Creek) Nation Ambassador (<i>invited</i>)</p> <p>Kyle Dean, Associate Professor of Economics, Director of the Center for Native American and Urban Studies, Oklahoma City University (<i>invited</i>)</p> <p>Elizabeth Homer (<i>Osage</i>), Attorney, Homer Law (<i>confirmed</i>)</p> <p>Dean Luthey, Gabel Gotwals Michael McBride, Crowe and Dunlevy (<i>confirmed</i>)</p> <p>D. Michael McBride, Attorney, Crowe and Dunlevy (<i>confirmed</i>)</p> <p>William Norman (<i>Muscogee</i>), Hobbs, Straus, Dean and Walker (<i>confirmed</i>)</p>

Ernest Stevens, Jr. (Oneida),
Chairman, National Indian Gaming
Association (*invited*)

PANEL C: HEALTHCARE AND HEALING

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists
Healthcare and Healing	1:30 pm to 3:00 pm	Grand Ballroom E-F	Noma Gurich , Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court (<i>confirmed</i>) Dustin Rowe , Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court (<i>confirmed</i>)	Chris Anokatubby , Lieutenant Governor of the Chickasaw Nation (<i>confirmed</i>) David Hill , Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation (<i>invited</i>) Tim Tate Nevquaya (Comanche/Chickasaw/Choctaw), Artist and Musician (<i>confirmed</i>) Loretta Oden (Citizen Potawatomi), Chef Consultant, Thirty Nine Restaurant, First American Museum (<i>confirmed</i>) Xochitl Torres Small , Deputy Secretary, United States Department of Agriculture (<i>invited</i>)

3:00 pm to 3:15 pm – Break

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Healthcare and Healing	3:15 pm to 4:45 pm	Grand Ballroom E-F	Noma Gurich , Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court (<i>confirmed</i>)	Chris Anokatubby , Lieutenant Governor of the Chickasaw Nation (<i>confirmed</i>)

			<p>Dustin Rowe, Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court (<i>confirmed</i>)</p>	<p>David Hill, Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation (<i>invited</i>)</p> <p>Tim Tate Nevquaya (Comanche/Chickasaw/Choctaw), Artist and Musician (<i>confirmed</i>)</p> <p>Loretta Oden (Citizen Potawatomi), Chef Consultant, Thirty Nine Restaurant, First American Museum (<i>confirmed</i>)</p> <p>Xochitl Torres Small, Deputy Secretary, United States Department of Agriculture (<i>invited</i>)</p>
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PANEL D: DATA SOVEREIGNTY

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists
Data Sovereignty	1:30 pm to 3:00 pm	Crystal Room	<p>Timothy Hsieh, Assistant Professor of Law, Oklahoma City University (<i>confirmed</i>)</p>	<p>Jennifer Lizotte, Commerce Attorney, Choctaw Nation (<i>confirmed</i>)</p> <p>Kelli Elizabeth Matthews Muscogee (Creek), Senior Sales Executive, Clevyr (<i>invited</i>)</p> <p>Chloe Moyer, Government Attorney, Choctaw Nation (<i>confirmed</i>)</p> <p>Douglas Sorocco, Attorney-Director, Dunlap Coddling (<i>confirmed</i>)</p>

3:00 pm to 3:15 pm – Break

PANEL D: DATA SOVEREIGNTY

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