



THE SOVEREIGNTY SYMPOSIUM 2024 AGENDA DRAFT

5-28-2024 – LAST UPDATE

a new Beginning

June 11-12, 2024

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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.

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

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

a.m. 7 CLE credits / 0 ethics included

p.m. 3.5 CLE credits / 0 ethics included

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 7 CLE Credits

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 Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation</p>	<p>Gentner Drummond, Attorney General of Oklahoma Tim Gatz, Oklahoma Secretary of Transportation Hershel Gorham, Lt. Governor, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Matthew Morgan (Chickasaw/Choctaw), Special Envoy for the Chickasaw Nation Baroness Emma Nicholson of Winterbourne, House of Lords, UK Todd Russ, Oklahoma State Treasurer</p>

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	Gary Batton , Chief of the Choctaw Nation Chuck Hoskin, Jr. , Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation	John “Rocky” Barrett , Tribal Chairman, Citizen Potawatomi Nation <i>(invited)</i> 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

PANEL B: SIGNS, SYMBOLS AND SOUNDS

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists
The Arts	8:30 am to 10:00 am	Centennial Ballroom	Jay Scambler Winston Scambler , Student of Native American Art	Ben Barnes , Chief, Shawnee Tribe Greg Bigler (<i>Euclidean</i>), District Judge Ret., Muscogee (Nation)

				<p>Kenneth Johnson (Muscogee/Seminole), Contemporary Jewelry Designer and Metalsmith</p> <p>Jeri Redcorn (Caddo), Potter</p> <p>Yancey Red Corn (Osage/Caddo), Actor</p> <p>D.G. Smalling (Choctaw), Artist</p> <p>Frankie Still (United Keetoowah Band), District Representative (invited)</p> <p>Gina Timberman (Choctaw), Odom and Sparks</p>
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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	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

				Ryan Walters , Oklahoma State Superintendent of Public Instruction (<i>invited</i>)
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PANEL C: JUVENILE ISSUES 3.5 CLE Credits

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists
Juvenile Issues	8:30 am to 10:00 am	Crystal Room	Elizabeth Brown , Associate District Judge, Adair County, Oklahoma	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

10:00 am to 10:15 am – Break

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists
Juvenile Issues	10:15 am to 11:45 am	Crystal Room	Elizabeth Brown , Associate District Judge, Adair County, Oklahoma	Brittany Hunt-Jassey , Administrator of Integrated Legal Services, Oklahoma Department of Human Services Jennifer McBee , Special Judge, LeFlore County, Oklahoma Amy Pierce , District Judge, Choctaw Nation Kace Rodwell (Cherokee) , Oklahoma Indian Legal Services

Noon – **TRIBAL LEADER AND DIGNITARY LUNCHEON** (By Invitation Only)

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

A Promise Kept: The Muscogee (Creek) Nation and McGirt v. Oklahoma by Robert J. Miller and Robbie Ethridge

Corn Dance: Inspired First American Cuisine by Loretta Oden

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

1:00 pm to 1:15 pm – **POSTER COMPETITION**

1:15 pm to 2:45 pm – **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**

Memorial and Honor Songs: **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

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

2:45 pm to 3:00 pm – **BREAK AND POSTER COMPETITION**

PANEL A: GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT RELATIONS 3.5 CLE Credits

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	Jeffrey Byers , Federal Public Defender, Western District of Oklahoma Shannon Cozzoni , Assistant United States Attorney, Northern District of Oklahoma Travis Smith , First Assistant United States Attorney, Western District of Oklahoma Christopher Wilson , Interim United States Attorney, Eastern District of Oklahoma Geri Wisner , Attorney General, Muscogee (Creek) Nation

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> , Oklahoma City University General Counsel	Brian Candelaria , Attorney, Oklahoma Indian Legal Services Conor Cleary , Field Solicitor, Tulsa Office, United States Department of the Interior Emily Eleftherakis <i>(Delaware Tribe)</i> , Attorney, Krahl Goerke Meyer and

				Behenna; Adjunct Clinical Professor, School of Law, Oklahoma City University Sonya McIntosh , Realty Director, Realty Trust Services, Muscogee (Creek) Nation
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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	Jim Van Deman (<i>Delaware Tribe</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 Jerod Impichchachaaha' Tate <i>(Chickasaw)</i> , Composer and Pianist

4:30 pm to 4:45 pm – Break

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Music	4:45 pm to 6:15 pm	Centennial Ballroom	Mark Parker , Dean, School of Music, Oklahoma City University	Jim Van Deman (<i>Delaware Tribe</i>), Former Vice-Chair of the Delaware Tribe, Artist, Flute Maker, Musician <i>(invited)</i>

				<p>Tim Tate Nevaquaya <i>(Comanche/Chickasaw/Choctaw),</i> Artist and Musician</p> <p>Jerod Impichchachaaha' Tate <i>(Chickasaw),</i> Composer and Pianist</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	<p>Teresa Billy, Assistant Director of the Choctaw Nation Language School</p> <p>Don Henderson, Education Program Manager at Apple</p> <p>Joshua Hinson, Director of the Department of Chickasaw Language</p> <p>Howard Paden, Language Department Executive Director of the Cherokee Nation</p> <p>Braxton Redeagle, Director of the Osage Nation Language Department</p>

4:30 pm to 4:45 pm – Break

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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 3.5 CLE Credits

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 (Creek) Nation</p> <p>John Reif, Justice (Ret.), Oklahoma Supreme Court</p> <p>Gregory Smith, Pawnee Nation Supreme Court, Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Indian Appeals, Miami Agency</p>	<p>Larry Hellman, Dean Emeritus, Oklahoma City University School of Law</p> <p>Cornel Pewewardy (<i>Comanche/Kiowa</i>), Vice- Chairman of the Comanche Nation, Professor Emeritus of Indigenous Studies, Portland State University</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>Euchee</i>), District Judge Ret., Muscogee (Creek) Nation</p>	<p>Larry Hellman, Dean Emeritus, Oklahoma City University School of Law</p>

			John Reif , Justice (Ret.), Oklahoma Supreme Court Gregory Smith , Pawnee Nation Supreme Court, Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Indian Appeals, Miami Agency	Cornel Pewewardy <i>(Comanche/Kiowa)</i> , Vice- Chairman of the Comanche Nation, Professor Emeritus of Indigenous Studies, Portland State University
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PANEL B: WATER LAW 3.5 CLE Credits

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists
Study on Sardis Lake Compact	8:30 am to 10:00 am	Centennial Ballroom	Duane Smith , Executive Director, Oka', The Water Institute of East Central University	Christine Pappas , East Central University

10:00 am to 10:15 am – Break

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists
Water Infrastructure in Indian Country	10:15 am to 11:45 am	Centennial Ballroom	Duane Smith , Executive Director, Oka', The Water Institute of East Central University	

PANEL C: SYMBIOTIC ECONOMICS 3.5 CLE Credits

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	John “Rocky” Barrett , Tribal Chairman, Citizen Potawatomi Nation <i>(invited)</i> Dan Boren , Secretary of Commerce, Chickasaw Nation

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	Janie Hipp <i>(Chickasaw)</i> , CEO/President, Native Agriculture Financial Services Carly Griffith Hotvedt , Associate Executive Director, Indigenous Food and Agricultural Initiative Jerry McPeak , Former Oklahoma Legislator Geoffrey Standing Bear , Principal Chief, Osage Nation Reggie Wassana , Governor, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

Noon to 1:30 pm – Lunch on Your Own

PANEL A: SYMBIOTIC ECONOMICS 3.5 CLE Credits

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 Potawatomi Nation	Tana Fitzpatrick <i>(Lakota/Crow/Ponca/Chickasaw)</i> , 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 Susan Harper , Canadian Consul General, Dallas David Hill , Chief, Muscogee (Creek) Nation Jane Korinek , Senior Economist, Senior Policy Analyst, Organization for Cooperation & Development, Paris Bradford Morse , Professor of Law, Thompson Rivers University William Walton , Associate Professor in Urban Planning, the Bartlett School of Planning, University College, London

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	James Collard , Director of Planning and Economic Development, Citizen Potawatomi Nation	Valerie Devol , Attorney, Devol and Associates Wayne Garnons-Williams , Principal Director of Indigenous Sovereign Trade Consultancy, Ltd., Canada Alana Kennedy , Founder and CEO, OCHRE Sun, Australia Benjamin Morgan , Staff, Trade Policy Division, Trade and Agriculture Directorate Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development, Paris Bradford Morse , Professor of Law, Thompson Rivers University William Walton , Associate Professor in Urban Planning, the Bartlett School of Planning, University College, London

PANEL B: GAMING 3.5 CLE Credits

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists
Gaming	1:30 pm to 3:00 pm	Centennial Room	Nancy Green , Attorney, Green Law Firm	Jonodev Chaudhuri (<i>Muscogee</i>), Attorney, Muscogee (Creek) Nation Ambassador

			<p>Matthew Morgan (<i>Chickasaw/Choctaw</i>), Executive Officer/General Counsel, Office of Government Affairs and Partnerships, Chickasaw Nation, Chairman, Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association</p>	<p>Kyle Dean, Associate Professor of Economics, Director of the Center for Native American and Urban Studies, Oklahoma City University</p> <p>Jason Giles, Executive Director, National Indian Gaming Association</p> <p>Elizabeth Homer (<i>Osage</i>), Attorney, Homer Law</p> <p>Sharon Avery (<i>Saginaw Chippewa</i>), Acting Chairwoman, National Indian Gaming Association</p> <p>Dean Luthey, Gabel Gotwals Michael McBride, Crowe and Dunlevy</p> <p>Michael McBride, Attorney, Crowe and Dunlevy</p> <p>William Norman (<i>Muscogee</i>), Hobbs, Straus, Dean and Walker</p> <p>Dustin Thomas (<i>Mohawk/Oneida</i>), Chief of Staff and Director of Self-Regulation, National Indian Gaming Association</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</p> <p>Matthew Morgan (<i>Chickasaw/Choctaw</i>),</p>	<p>Jonodev Chaudhuri (<i>Muscogee</i>), Attorney, Muscogee (Creek) Nation Ambassador</p> <p>Kyle Dean, Associate Professor of Economics, Director of the Center for</p>

			Executive Officer/General Counsel, Office of Government Affairs and Partnerships, Chickasaw Nation, Chairman, Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association	Native American and Urban Studies, Oklahoma City University Jason Giles , Executive Director, National Indian Gaming Association Elizabeth Homer (<i>Osage</i>), Attorney, Homer Law Sharon Avery (<i>Saginaw Chippewa</i>), Acting Chairwoman, National Indian Gaming Association Dean Luthey , Gabel Gotwals Michael McBride, Crowe and Dunlevy Michael McBride , Attorney, Crowe and Dunlevy William Norman (<i>Muscogee</i>), Hobbs, Straus, Dean and Walker Dustin Thomas (<i>Mohawk/Oneida</i>), Chief of Staff and Director of Self-Regulation, National Indian Gaming Association
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PANEL C: HEALTHCARE AND HEALING 3.5 CLE Credits

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 Dustin Rowe , Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court	Chris Anoaubby , Lieutenant Governor of the Chickasaw Nation David Hill , Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation

				<p>Tim Tate Nevquaya (Comanche/Chickasaw/Choctaw), Artist and Musician</p> <p>Douglas Nolan, Associate Dean of Tribal Health Affairs, Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine</p> <p>Loretta Oden (Citizen Potawatomi), Chef Consultant, Thirty Nine Restaurant, First Americans Museum</p> <p>Xochitl Torres Small, Deputy Secretary, United States Department of Agriculture <i>(invited)</i></p>
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3:00 pm to 3:15 pm – Break

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists
Healthcare and Healing	3:15 pm to 4:45 pm	Grand Ballroom E-F	<p>Noma Gurich, Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court</p> <p>Dustin Rowe, Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court</p>	<p>Chris Anoaubby, Lieutenant Governor of the Chickasaw Nation</p> <p>David Hill, Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation</p> <p>Tim Tate Nevquaya (Comanche/Chickasaw/Choctaw), Artist and Musician</p> <p>Loretta Oden (Citizen Potawatomi), Chef Consultant, Thirty Nine Restaurant, First American Museum</p> <p>Dorothy Rhoades, Clinical Professor, University of Oklahoma College of Medicine</p>

				Xochitl Torres Small , Deputy Secretary, United States Department of Agriculture (<i>invited</i>)
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PANEL D: DATA SOVEREIGNTY 3.5 CLE Credits

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists
Data Sovereignty	1:30 pm to 3:00 pm	Crystal Room	Tia Ebarb Matt (<i>Choctaw-Apache</i>), Clinical Professor of Law and Director of Experiential Learning, Oklahoma City University Timothy Hsieh , Associate Professor of Law, Oklahoma City University	Emily Campbell , Attorney-Director, Dunlap Coddling Kymberly Cravatt , (<i>Seminole</i>), General Counsel, Chickasaw Nation Jennifer Lizotte , Commerce Attorney, Choctaw Nation Chloe Moyer , (<i>Choctaw</i>), Government Attorney, Choctaw Nation John Poling , Privacy Officer, Choctaw Nation Douglas Sorocco , Attorney-Director, Dunlap Coddling

3:00 pm to 3:15 pm – Break

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists
Data Sovereignty	3:15 pm to 4:45 pm	Crystal Room	Tia Ebarb Matt (<i>Choctaw-Apache</i>), Clinical Professor of Law and Director of Experiential	Emily Campbell , Attorney-Director, Dunlap Coddling Kymberly Cravatt , (<i>Seminole</i>), General Counsel, Chickasaw Nation

			<p>Learning, Oklahoma City University</p> <p>Timothy Hsieh, Associate Professor of Law, Oklahoma City University</p>	<p>Jennifer Lizotte, Commerce Attorney, Choctaw Nation</p> <p>Chloe Moyer, (<i>Choctaw</i>), Government Attorney, Choctaw Nation</p> <p>John Poling, Privacy Officer, Choctaw Nation</p> <p>Douglas Sorocco, Attorney-Director, Dunlap Codding</p>
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