

TREATIES, ETC.

THE SOVEREIGNTY SYMPOSIUM XXXII

JUNE 5 - 6, 2019
Skirvin Hotel
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma



Poteet Victory The Night Guardian
Joseph French Photography

**WEDNESDAY'S PROGRAM WILL CONCLUDE WITH A FLUTE CIRCLE AND A MINI RECEPTION.
PLEASE BRING YOUR FLUTE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EVENT.**

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 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 - 11:45 PANEL A: ECONOMIC FUTURES

CO-MODERATOR: JAMES COLLARD, Director of Planning and Economic Development, Citizen Potawatomi Nation

CO-MODERATOR: LISA BILLY, (*Chickasaw*), Oklahoma Secretary of Native American Affairs

Crystal Room

DOUGLAS GEORGE, Acting Consul General of Canada, Dallas
MELOYDE BLANCETT, Oklahoma House of Representatives, District 78
CHELSEY BRANHAM, Oklahoma House of Representatives, District 83
LESLIE OSBORN, Oklahoma State Labor Commissioner
JOHN BUDD, Chief Operating Officer for Oklahoma
REGGIE WASSANA, (*Cheyenne and Arapaho*), Governor, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma
JOY HOFMEISTER, Oklahoma Superintendent of Public Instruction
DANA MURPHY, Chair, Oklahoma Corporation Commission
TERRY NEESE, Institute for the Empowerment of Women

**8:30 - 11:45 PANEL B: SIGNS, SYMBOLS AND SOUNDS
(THIS PANEL CONTINUES FROM 3:00 - 6:00)**

CO-MODERATOR: JAY SCAMBLER, Collector of Native American Art

CO-MODERATOR: ERIC TIPPECONNIC, (*Comanche*), Historian, Artist, and Professor, California State University, Fullerton

Grand Ballrooms A-C

BILL DAVIS, (*Muscogee (Creek)*), Singer
KELLY HANEY, (*Seminole*), Artist, Former Oklahoma State Senator, Former Chief of the Seminole Nation
JERI REDCORN, (*Caddo/Potawatomi*), Artist
VANESSA JENNINGS, (*Kiowa/Gila River Pima*), Artist, Beadwork
LES BERRYHILL, (*Yuchi/Muscogee*), Artist, Beader
HARVEY PRATT, (*Cheyenne/Arapaho*), Artist, Designer of the Smithsonian's National Native American Veterans Memorial, Peace Chief, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes
GORDON YELLOWMAN, (*Cheyenne*), Peace Chief, Assistant Executive Director of Education, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes
POTEET VICTORY, (*Cherokee/Choctaw*), Artist, 2019 Sovereignty Symposium Poster
GREG BIGLER, (*Euchee*) District Judge, Muscogee (Creek) Nation
TAHNEE GROWINGTHUNDER, (*Kiowa*) Tribal Liaison, Oklahoma Historical Society
CHRIS MORRISS, Oklahoma State Protocol Officer

8:30-11:45 PANEL C: SPIRITUAL TRADITIONS

MODERATOR: NOMA GURICH, Chief Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court

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KRIS LADUSAU, Reverend, Dharma Center of Oklahoma
ROBERT HAYES, JR., Bishop, United Methodist Church, Retired
ELIZABETH KERR, Special Judge, Oklahoma County
LINDSAY ROBERTSON, Faculty Director, Center for the Study of American Indian Law and Policy, Professor, University of Oklahoma
GORDON YELLOWMAN, (*Cheyenne*), Peace Chief, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes
BRADFORD MORSE, Dean of Law, Thompson Rivers University
ROBERT JOSEPH, (*Maori*) Senior Lecturer, Research Center Director MIG (Law), The University of Waikato

11:45 TRIBAL LEADERS AND FACULTY LUNCHEON

Venetian Room

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: NOMA GURICH, Chief Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court
PRAYER: WILLIAM WANTLAND, (*Seminole, Chickasaw and Choctaw*), Bishop of the Episcopal Church, Retired
GREETINGS: EMMA NICHOLSON, BARONESS NICHOLSON OF WINTERBOURNE, House of Lords

Wednesday Afternoon

4 CLE/CJE credits / 0 Ethics included
7:30 - 4:30 Registration Honors Lounge
2:45 - 3:00 Afternoon Coffee / Tea Break

1:10
1:15 - 2:45

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

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: STEVEN TAYLOR, Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court, Retired
PRESENTATION OF FLAGS
HONOR GUARD: KIOWA BLACK LEGGINGS SOCIETY
SINGERS: SOUTHERN NATION

Grand Ballrooms D-F

INVOCATION: KRIS LADUSAU, Reverend, Dharma Center of Oklahoma
WELCOME: KEVIN STITT, (*Cherokee*), Governor of Oklahoma
INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER, KAREN BELL, British Consul General, Houston
KEYNOTE SPEAKER: EMMA NICHOLSON, BARONESS NICHOLSON OF WINTERBOURNE, House of Lords

WELCOME: NOMA GURICH, Chief Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court
WELCOME: DAVID HOLT, (*Osage*), Mayor of Oklahoma City
WELCOME: CHARLES CHESNUT, President, Oklahoma Bar Association

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS, YVONNE KAUGER, Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court
HONOR AND MEMORIAL SONGS: SOUTHERN NATION SINGERS
CLOSING PRAYER: ROBERT HAYES, JR., Methodist Bishop of Oklahoma, Retired

3:00 - 6:00

PANEL A: INTERTWINED INTERNATIONAL INDIGENOUS ECONOMIC INTERESTS

CO-MODERATOR: WAYNE GARNONS-WILLIAMS, Senior Lawyer and Principal Director, Garwill Law Professional Corporation, Chair, International Intertribal Trade and Investment Organization
CO-MODERATOR: RODGER RANDLE, Professor and Director of the Center for Studies in Democracy and Culture, University of Oklahoma in Tulsa

Crystal Room

KAREN BELL, British Consul General, Houston
ROBERT JOSEPH, (*Maori*) Senior Lecturer, Research Center Director MIG (Law), The University of Waikato
BRADFORD MORSE, Dean of Law, Thompson Rivers University
BINA SENGAR, Assistant Professor, Department of History and Ancient Indian Culture, School of Social Sciences, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University
RICO BUCHLI, Honorary Consul, Switzerland
ENRIQUE VILLAR-GAMBETTA, Honorary Consul, Peru
JAMES COLLARD, Director of Planning and Economic Development, Citizen Potawatomi Nation

3:00 - 6:00

PANEL B: SIGNS, SYMBOLS AND SOUNDS (A CONTINUATION OF THE MORNING PANEL)

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CO-MODERATOR: ERIC TIPPECONNIC, (*Comanche*), Historian, Artist, and Professor, California State University, Fullerton

Grand Ballrooms A-C

CHAD SMITH, (*Cherokee*), Attorney
KENNETH JOHNSON, (*Muscogee/Seminole*), Contemporary Jewelry Designer and Metalsmith
JAMES PEPPER HENRY, (*Kaw/Muscogee Creek*), Director and Chief Operating Officer, American Indian Cultural Center Foundation
JIM VANDEMAN, (*Delaware*), Artist and Former Vice Chief of the Delaware Nation
KELLIE J. LEWIS AND THOMAS WARE, III, TalkJive Radio
JEROD IMPICHCHAACHAAHA' TATE, (*Chickasaw*), Artist, Compositor and Musician
TIMOTHY TATE NEVAQUAYA, (*Comanche*), Artist and Musician
BRENT GREENWOOD, (*Chickasaw/Ponca*), Artist and Southern Nation Singer

3:00 - 6:00

THE PROGRAM WILL CONCLUDE WITH A FLUTE CIRCLE: FOLLOWED BY A MINI RECEPTION
PANEL C: CRIMINAL LAW

CO-MODERATOR: DANA KUEHN, (*Choctaw*), Judge, Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals
CO-MODERATOR: ARVO MIKKANEN, (*Kiowa/Comanche*), Assistant United States Attorney and Tribal Liaison, Western District of Oklahoma

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TRENT SHORES, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Oklahoma
COLLEEN SUCHE, Judge of the Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench
ROBERT RAVITZ, Chief Public Defender, Oklahoma County
JOHN CANNON, Attorney, Cannon Law Firm, P.L.L.C.
STEVE MULLINS, Attorney, Lyle, Soule and Curlee
CALLANDRA MCCOOL, (*Citizen Potawatomi*), Research Editor, American Indian Law Review, University of Oklahoma College of Law

6:00

MINI RECEPTION IN HONOR OF THE FLUTE CIRCLE- HALLWAY OUTSIDE OF GRAND BALLROOMS A-C

Thursday Morning

4.0 CLE/CJE credits / 2 Ethics included
7:30 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: JUVENILE LAW AND CHILDREN'S ISSUES

Grand Ballrooms A-B

CO-MODERATOR: DEBORAH BARNES, Vice Presiding Judge, Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals, Division Two
CO-MODERATOR: MIKE WARREN, Associate District Judge, Harmon County

STEVE HAGER, Esq., Oklahoma Indian Legal Services
RICHARD KIRBY, Associate District Judge, Oklahoma County
ALLEN WELCH, Special Judge, Oklahoma County
THERESA DREILING, Special Judge, Tulsa County
DORIS FRANSEIN, District Judge, Tulsa County, Retired
JACK TROPE, Senior Director, Casey Family Programs
PHIL LUJAN, (*Kiowa/Taos Pueblo*), Judge of the Seminole and Citizen Potawatomi Nations

8:30 - 12:00

PANEL B: BEYOND CONSERVATION: PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE & THE FOODS OF THE LAND

Grand Ballrooms D-F

CO-MODERATOR: PATRICK WYRICK, United States District Judge of the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma
CO-MODERATOR: JANIE HIPPI, (*Chickasaw*), CEO, Native American Agriculture Fund

BLAKE JACKSON, (*Choctaw*), Policy Officer/ Staff Attorney at Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative, University of Arkansas
BLAYNE ARTHUR, Secretary and Commissioner of Agriculture, Oklahoma
JOHN BERREY, (*Quapaw*), Chairman, Quapaw Nation
JERRY MCPEAK, (*Muscogee (Creek)*), Former Oklahoma State Legislator
JOHN HARGRAVE, CEO, East Central University Foundation, Inc., Former President East Central University
NATHAN HART, (*Cheyenne*), Executive Director, Department of Business, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes
VINCE LOGAN, (*Osage*), CFO/CIO, Native American Agriculture Fund
ANOLI BILLY (*Chickasaw*), Representing the Voices of Next Generation Food Producers
JULIE CUNNINGHAM, Executive Director, Oklahoma Water Resources Board

8:30 - 12:00

PANEL C: ETHICS - JOHN REIF, JUSTICE, OKLAHOMA SUPREME COURT, Retired

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**FOLLOWED BY A DISCUSSION OF THE CONCERNS OF STATE, FEDERAL AND TRIBAL JUDGES
MODERATED BY JOHN REIF**, Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court, Retired

JOHN TAHSUDA, Principal Deputy, Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs
SUZANNE MITCHELL, United States Magistrate Judge, Western District of Oklahoma
WILLIAM HETHERINGTON, Judge, Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals, Retired
RICHARD OGDEN, District Judge, Oklahoma County
ALETIA HAYNES TIMMONS, (*Cherokee application in process*) District Judge, Oklahoma County
CARLA PRATT, Dean, Washburn University School of Law
GREGORY D. SMITH, Judge, Pawnee Nation Supreme Court
TOMASZ SMOLINSKI, Ph. D. Associate Professor, Division of Physical and Computational Sciences, Delaware State University
ELIZABETH BROWN, (*Cherokee*), Associate District Judge, Adair County
BRENDA PIPESTEM, (*Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians*), Associate Justice, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Supreme Court
MIKE KISS, MIS Interim Director, Administrative Office of the Courts

8:30 - 12:00

PANEL D: TREATIES

Crystal Room

MODERATOR: BOB BLACKBURN, Executive Director, Oklahoma Historical Society

JAY HANNAH, Executive Vice-President of Financial Services, Bancfirst
LINDSAY ROBERTSON, Faculty Director, Center for the Study of American Indian Law and Policy, Chickasaw National Endowed Chair in Native American Law, Sam K. Vierson Family Foundation President and Professor, University of Oklahoma
LAUREN KING, Attorney, Foster Pepper, PLLC.
ROBERT MILLER, Professor of Law, Arizona State University, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law
KYLE SCHERER, Deputy Solicitor for Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior
KELLY CHAVES, Professor of History and Director of Fine Arts, Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics

12:00 - 1:30

WORKING LUNCH FOR THE STATE, FEDERAL, TRIBAL JUDICIARY

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

Thursday Afternoon
4.5 CLE/CJE credits / 0 Ethics included
3:30 - 3:45 Afternoon Coffee / Tea Break

1:30 - 5:30

PANEL A: JUVENILE LAW

Grand Ballrooms A-B

CO-MODERATOR: DEBORAH BARNES, Vice Presiding Judge, Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals, Division Two
CO-MODERATOR: MIKE WARREN, Associate District Judge, Harmon County, Oklahoma

ELIZABETH BROWN, (*Cherokee*), Associate District Judge, Adair County, Oklahoma
STEVEN BUCK, Executive Director, Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs
JARI ASKINS, Administrative Director of the Courts, State of Oklahoma
JOE DORMAN, Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy
NIKKI BAKER LIMORE, (*Cherokee*), Executive Director, Child Welfare, Cherokee Nation
NORMAN RUSSELL, Associate District Judge, Kiowa County, Retired

1:30 - 5:30

PANEL B: GAMING

Grand Ballrooms D-F

CO-MODERATOR: NANCY GREEN, (*Choctaw*), Green Law Firm, Ada, Oklahoma
CO-MODERATOR: MATTHEW MORGAN, (*Chickasaw*), Director of Gaming Affairs, Division of Commerce, Chickasaw Nation

ERNIE STEVENS, (*Oneida*), Chairman, National Indian Gaming Association
JONODEV CHAUDHURI, (*Muscogee (Creek)*), Esq., Quarles & Brady, L.L.P., Muscogee (Creek) Nation Ambassador
MICHAEL HOENIG, General Counsel, National Indian Gaming Commission
JOHN TAHSUDA, Principal Deputy, Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs
MIKE MCBRIDE, III, Attorney, Crowe and Dunlevy
GRAYDON LUTHEY, JR., Attorney, Gable Gotwals
WILLIAM NORMAN, JR., (*Muscogee(Creek)*), Hobbs, Straus, Dean and Walker
ELIZABETH HOMER, (*Osage*), Homer Law
SHEILA MORAGO, Executive Director, Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association
KYLE DEAN, Associate Professor of Economics, Director of Center for Native American & Urban Studies Economics & Finance, Oklahoma City University
TRACY BURRIS, Executive Director, (Muscogee (Creek)) Nation, Office of Public Gaming

1:30 - 5:30

PANEL C: ECONOMIC FUTURES

Crystal Room

CO-MODERATOR: JAMES COLLARD, Director of Planning and Economic Development, Citizen Potawatomi Nation
CO-MODERATOR: LISA BILLY, (*Chickasaw*), Oklahoma Secretary of Native American Affairs

BILL LANCE, Secretary of Commerce, Chickasaw Nation
TIM GATZ, Executive Director, Oklahoma Department of Transportation and Oklahoma Turnpike Authority
SEAN KOUPLEN, Oklahoma Secretary of Commerce and Workforce Development
CHRIS BENGGE, Executive Director, Center for Rural and Tribal Health, Oklahoma State University
TAMMYE GWIN, Senior Director of Business Development, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
DAN SULLIVAN, President/CEO, Grand River Dam Authority
KRISTIN STEWART, United States Department of State Diplomat in Residence, University of Oklahoma
DEREK OSBORN, Tulsa Field Office Director for Senator James Lankford

