

TREATIES

THE SOVEREIGNTY SYMPOSIUM XXXV

June 13-14, 2023
Skirvin Hotel
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma



THE AMBASSADORS
BY ERIC TIPPECONNIC

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.

**TUESDAY'S PROGRAM CONCLUDES WITH A FLUTE CIRCLE AND ART SHOW.
PLEASE BRING YOUR FLUTE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EVENT.**

Tuesday 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: SYMBIOTIC ECONOMICS (THIS PANEL CONTINUES FROM 3:00 - 6:00)

Crystal Room

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

JOHN "ROCKY" BARRETT, Tribal Chairman, Citizen Potawatomi Nation

REGGIE WASSANA, Governor, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

MELOYDE BLANCETT, Executive Director of Creative Oklahoma, Oklahoma House of Representatives, District 78

STEVEN C. AGEE, Dean Emeritus and Professor of Economics, Meinders School of Business, Oklahoma City University

DEBORAH DOTSON, President, Delaware Nation

GEOFFREY STANDING BEAR, Principal Chief, Osage Nation

BILL G. LANCE, JR., Secretary of State, Chickasaw Nation

LESLIE OSBORN, Oklahoma State Labor Commissioner

CARLY GRIFFITH HOTVEDT, Associate Executive Director, Indigenous Food & Agriculture Initiative, University of Arkansas School of Law

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

Centennial Rooms 1-3

CO-MODERATORS: JAMES PEPPER HENRY, (*Kaw/Muscogee (Creek)*) Executive Director/Chief Operating Officer, American Indian Cultural Center and Museum

JAY SCAMBLER, Managing Director, Kapstone Bridge

VANESSA JENNINGS, (*Kiowa/Gila River Pima*), Artist

JERI REDCORN, (*Caddo*), Artist

KENNETH JOHNSON, (*Muscogee/Seminole*), Contemporary Jewelry Designer, and Metalsmith

JO ROWAN, Performer and Ballerina, Tenured Professor of Dance (Retired), Chair & Founder, Department of Dance, Ann Lacey School of American Dance and Entertainment, Founder, Director, Choreographer of the American Spirit Dance Co.

8:30-11:45 PANEL C: JUVENILE LAW AND CHILDREN'S ISSUES

Grandballroom

MODERATOR: NOMA GURICH, Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court

DEANNA HARTLEY-KELSO, Judge, Chickasaw Nation District Court

BILL THORNE, (*Pomo & Coast Miwok*), Judge, (Ret.), Utah Court of Appeals

MIKE WARREN, Associate District Judge, Harmon County, Oklahoma

LAUREN VAN SCHILFGAARDE, (*San Manuel Band of Mission Indians*), Tribal Legal Development Clinic Director, UCLA Law School

ELIZABETH BROWN, Associate District Judge, Adair County, Oklahoma

JENNIFER MCBEE, Special Judge, LeFlore County, Oklahoma

CHRISSI NIMMO, (*Cherokee*), Deputy General Counsel, Cherokee Nation

KATIE E. KLASS, (*Wyandotte Nation*), Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker, Washington, D.C.

11:45 TRIBAL LEADERS AND FACULTY LUNCHEON - (By Invitation Only)

Venetian Room

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: DR. KENNETH R. EVANS, President of Oklahoma City University

PRAYER: WILLIAM WANTLAND, (*Seminole, Chickasaw, and Choctaw*), Bishop of the Episcopal Church, (Ret.)

WELCOME: BRIAN T. HERMANSON, President of the Oklahoma Bar Association

Tuesday Afternoon

4 CLE/CJE credits / 0 Ethics included

7:30 - 4:30 Registration Honors Lounge / 2:45 - 3:00 Afternoon Coffee / Tea Break

1:15-2:45 CAMP CALL: GORDON YELLOWMAN, (*Cheyenne*), Peace Chief, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

Grand Ballrooms A-F

OPENING CEREMONY

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: JIM ROTH, Dean, Oklahoma City University School of Law

PRESENTATION OF FLAGS

HONOR GUARD: KIOWA BLACK LEGGINGS SOCIETY

SINGERS: SOUTHERN NATION

INVOCATION: KRIS LADUSAU, Reverend, RKINA, Oklahoma

INTRODUCTION OF KEY NOTE SPEAKER: ROBERT HENRY, Former President and Law School Dean, Oklahoma City University, Former Chief Judge 10th Circuit Court of Appeals

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: BARONESS (EMMA) NICHOLSON OF WINTERBOURNE, House of Lords, UK

WELCOME: M. JOHN KANE IV, Chief Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court

WELCOME: KEVIN STITT, Governor of Oklahoma (Invited)

WELCOME: DR. KENNETH R. EVANS, President of Oklahoma City University

WELCOME: DAVID HOLT, Mayor, Oklahoma City

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

HONOR AND MEMORIAL SONGS: SOUTHERN NATION SINGERS

CLOSING PRAYER: GORDON YELLOWMAN, (*Cheyenne*), Peace Chief, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

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TIM GATZ, Oklahoma Secretary of Transportation

DAN BOREN, Secretary of Commerce, Chickasaw Nation

SUSAN HARPER, Consul General of Canada, Dallas, Tx

TANA FITZPATRICK, Associate Vice President of Tribal Relations

VALORIE DEVOL, Attorney, Devol and Associates, University of Oklahoma

WAYNE GARNONS-WILLIAMS, Principal Director at Indigenous Sovereign Trade Consultancy Ltd., Canada

VICTOR FLORES, President, Oklahoma Tribal Finance Consortium

Crystal Room

3:00 - 6:00 **PANEL B: SIGNS, SYMBOLS, AND SOUNDS (A CONTINUATION OF THE MORNING PANEL)**

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JAY SCAMBLER, Managing Director, Kapstone Bridge

HARVEY PRATT, (*Cheyenne/Arapaho*), Peace Chief, Designer of the Smithsonian's National Native American Veterans Memorial

MARK PARKER, Dean, Schools of Music & Theatre, Oklahoma City University

JEROD IMPICHCHAACHAAHA' TATE, (*Chickasaw*), Artist, Compositor, and Musician

TIM TATE NEVAQUAYA, (*Commanche/Chickasaw/Choctaw*) Artist and Flute Muscian

Centennial Rooms 1-3

3:00 - 6:00 **PANEL C: JUVENILE LAW AND CHILDREN'S ISSUES**

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DEANNA HARTLEY-KELSO, Judge, Chickasaw Nation District Court

MIKE WARREN, Associate District Judge, Harmon County, Oklahoma

LAUREN VAN SCHILFGAARDE, (*Cochiti Pueblo*), Asistant Professor, UCLA School of Law

ELIZABETH BROWN, Associate District Judge, Adair County, Oklahoma

JENNIFER MCBEE, Special Judge, LeFlore County, Oklahoma

AMY J. PIERCE, District Judge, Choctaw Nation

Grandballroom

THE SIGHTS, SOUNDS, AND SYMBOLS PANEL CONTINUES FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M. WITH A FLUTE CIRCLE LED BY TIMOTHY TATE NEVAQUAYA, AND A SPECIAL ART SHOWING OF THE WORKS OF: LES BERRYHILL, BRENT GREENWOOD, NATHAN HART, VANESSA JENNINGS, KENNETH JOHNSON, MKE LARSEN, TIMOTHY TATE NEVAQUAYA, HARVEY PRATT, JERI REDCORN, PATRICK RILEY, JAY SCAMBLER, D.G. SMALLING, JIM VANDEMAN, GORDON YELLOWMAN, AND TERRY ZINN.

THE ARTISTS WILL BE HANDLING ANY SALES.

Wednesday 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 - 1:30 Lunch on your own

8:30 - 12:00 **PANEL A: TREATIES, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS, AND COMPACTS**

CO-MODERATORS:

CHUCK HOSKIN, JR., (*Cherokee*), Principal Chief Cherokee Nation

GARY BATTON, (*Choctaw*), Chief Choctaw Nation

BARONESS (EMMA) NICHOLSON OF WINTERBOURNE, House of Lords, UK

GENTNER DRUMMOND, Attorney General of Oklahoma

DG SMALLING, (*Choctaw*), Artist

JERRY MCPEAK, Former Oklahoma Legislator

GREG BIGLER, (*Euclidean*), Appellate Court Judge Mashantucket (Western) Pequot Tribal Nation

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

Crystal Room

8:30 - 12:00 **PANEL B: WATER LAW**

MODERATOR:

JOHN HARGRAVE, Chief Executive Officer, East Central University Foundation

LEWIS JOHNSON, Principal Chief of the Seminole Nation

KENNETH WAGNER, Director of Hamm Institute for American Energy at OSU, Former, Secretary of Energy & Environment, State of Oklahoma

DUANE SMITH, Executive Director, Oka', The Water Institute at East Central University

SARA HILL, Attorney General of the Cherokee Nation

GREG MCCORTNEY, Majority Floor Leader, Oklahoma State Senate

BARNEY AUSTIN, President and CEO, AquaStrategies

SUSAN PADDACK, former Oklahoma State Senator for District 13, M and P Strategic Solutions

JULIE CUNNINGHAM, Executive Director, Oklahoma Water Resource Board

MITHUN MANSINGHANI, Attorney, Lehotsky Keller LLP

BRIAN DANKER, Senior Executive Officer for Legal and Compliance, Choctaw Nation

BRIAN CANDELARIA, Attorney, Oklahoma Indian Legal Services

Centennial 1-3

10:00 - 12:00 **PANEL C: ETHICS AND A DISCUSSION OF THE CONCERNS OF STATE, FEDERAL, AND TRIBAL JUDGES**

JOHN REIF, Justice, (Ret.), Oklahoma Supreme Court

MODERATOR:

JULIE RORIE, Staff Attorney, Oklahoma Supreme Court

Grandballroom A-D

Wednesday Afternoon

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

1:30 - 5:30

PANEL A: GAMING

CO-MODERATORS:

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

SEQUOYAH SIMERMEYER, (*Coharie*), Chairman, National Indian Gaming Commission
ERNIE L. STEVENS, JR., (*Oneida*), Chairman, National Indian Gaming Association
KYLE DEAN, Associate Professor of Economics, Director of Center for Native American &
Urban Studies, Economics & Finance, Oklahoma City University
ELIZABETH HOMER, (*Osage*), Homer Law
WILLIAM NORMAN, JR., (*Muscogee(Creek)*), Hobbs, Straus, Dean and Walker
MIKE MCBRIDE, III, Attorney, Crowe and Dunlevy
JONODEV CHAUDHURI, (*Muscogee (Creek)*), Attorney., Ambassador of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation
G. DEAN LUTHEY, Attorney, GableGotwals

Grandballroom A-D

1:30 - 5:30

PANEL B: CRIMINAL LAW

MODERATOR:

ARVO MIKKANEN, (*Kiowa/Comanche*), Assistant United States Attorney and Tribal Liaison,
Western District of Oklahoma

CASEY ROSS, (*Cherokee*), Director, American Indian Law & Sovereignty Center, Clinic Professor of Law,
University General Counsel, Oklahoma City University
JONODEV CHAUDHURI, (*Muscogee*), Ambassador, Muscogee Nation
BOB RAVITZ, Chief Public Defender, Oklahoma County
TRENT SHORES, Attorney, GableGotwals
JARI ASKINS, Administrative Director of the Courts
ROBERT MILLER, Professor of Law, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University

Centennial 1-3

1:30 - 5:30

PANEL C: EDUCATION

MODERATOR:

ALLISON D. GARRETT, Chancellor, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

RYAN WALTERS, Oklahoma State Superintendent of Public Instruction
JAN BARRICK, Chief Executive Officer, Alpha Plus
FREDA DESKIN, Founder and CEO, Astec Charter Schools
PATRICK RILEY, Artist and Educator
TREY HAYS, Teacher of Mathematics and Art, Tishomingo Elementary School
DUAYNE SMITH, Executive Director, Oka' Institute East Central University
GREGORY D. SMITH, Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Indian Appeals, Miami Agency, Justice, Pawnee Nation Supreme Court
DAN LITTLE, Attorney, Little Law Firm
FRANK WANG, Former President, Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics
ERIC TIPPECONNIC, (*Comanche*), Artist and Professor of American Indian Studies
CORNEL PEWEWARDY, (*Comanchie-Kiowa*), Vice Chairman of the Comanche Nation, Professor Emeritus of Indigenous
Studies at Portland State University

Grandballroom E-F

