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EDUCATION

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, J.D. 2002

Activities: Community Based Advocacy Clinical Program - Nima, Ghana, January 2002
Vice President, National Native American Law Students Association (NNALSA), 2001-2002
Secretary, NNALSA, 2000-2001
President, Harvard Native American Law Students Association, 2000-2001
Navajo Nation Supreme Court Clinical Program, Spring 2001
Semi-finalist, 2000 NNALSA Moot Court Competition, Honolulu, Hawai'i
Harvard Peabody Museum Repatriation Advisory Board

Thesis: *Taking the Reins: An Argument for Overturning Ward v. Race Horse and Upholding the Hunting Rights of the Crow Tribe on Ceded Lands*

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO, B.A.F.A. in Studio Art and Art History, May 1999

Honors: *cum laude*
High Departmental Honors, *magna cum laude*, in Art History

Activities: Dean's Advisory Board
Kiva Club

Thesis: *Degrees of Duality: Thunderbird and Water Monster in Great Plains and Woodland Indian Iconography*

INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN INDIAN ARTS, A.F.A. in Museum Studies, May 1996

Honors: Dean's List
Miss IAIA 1995
Museum Purchase Award, Spring 1996

Activities: Museum Club
Powwow Club

EMPLOYMENT

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA, ROGERS COLLEGE OF LAW, Tucson, Arizona 8/2019 – present
Director, Tribal Justice Clinic and Associate Clinical Professor. Supervise student work on client-based projects from various tribal governments and organizations. Teach Tribal Water Law and Tribal Courts courses to law and graduate students. Oversee Indian Law Certificate program and counsel students on completing certificate requirements. Serve on various committees.

AMERICAN INDIAN LAW CENTER, INC. Summer 2022
Professor, Pre-Law Summer Institute. Taught course on federal Indian law to indigenous law students entering first year of law school. Prepared lectures and presentations, practice exercises, and examinations of critical skills and knowledge on the course topics. Focused on jurisdiction, treaty rights, and international law developments relevant to rights of indigenous peoples.

NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND Boulder, Colorado 1/2013 – 7/2019
Staff Attorney. Represented tribal government clients on claims relating to water, land, and other natural resource issues. Represented national intertribal consortium on issues related to international indigenous rights law and the implementation and enforcement of international legal instruments on human and collective rights of indigenous peoples. Represented tribal amici in

litigation on sacred site protection, tribal treaty rights. Represented tribe in jurisdictional challenge by non-Indian utility company. Represented coalition of Tribal Nations, organizations, and individual Native Americans on filing before UN Body on missing indigenous children in US Boarding School system.

CROW TRIBE OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE COUNSEL Crow Agency, Montana 11/2006 – 11/2012
Joint Lead Counsel from 7/2009 – 11/2012. Managed and supervised staff of 6 in-house attorneys and various clerical and administrative staff, as well as supervising and managing outside attorney and firm contracts; oversaw tribal prosecution and Indian Child Welfare attorneys; legal issues pertaining to intergovernmental relations, tribal land management, water rights, elections, health, law enforcement, economic development, and general litigation issues.

Deputy Executive Counsel from 11/2006 – 7/2009, working primarily on legal issues pertaining to land, water, elections, law enforcement, and general litigation; supervisory authority over tribal prosecution and Indian Child Welfare attorneys.

NEW MEXICO PUBLIC DEFENDERS – METRO DIVISION Albuquerque, New Mexico 5/2005 – 11/2006
Assistant Public Defender representing indigent individuals facing misdemeanor criminal charges in the tenth busiest metropolitan court in the United States. Advocated on behalf of clients from initial arraignment through sentencing and post-conviction proceedings.

SONOSKY CHAMBERS SACHSE ENDRESON & MIELKE, LLP Albuquerque, New Mexico 2/2004 – 5/2005
Associate Attorney at law firm serving as general counsel to three New Mexico Pueblos and special counsel to Indian tribes nationwide. Focused on gaming, employment, civil rights, and water law, as well as general litigation.

NORDHAUS HALTOM TAYLOR TARADASH & BLADH, LLP Albuquerque, New Mexico 8/2002 – 2/2004
Associate Attorney at law firm representing tribal governmental clients. Duties included researching various claims by tribal clients, including civil rights, tribal trust, and tribal jurisdictional disputes; assisting senior attorneys with various real estate and commercial transactions; and drafting procedural motions filed in federal district court.

PUBLICATIONS

“Decisions impacting Indian Country in the 2023 Supreme Court term” coauthored with Sarah Crawford and Reneau Longoria, Montana Lawyer, October/November 2023.
https://www.montanabar.org/Portals/MONTANA/Site%20Resources/Montana%20Lawyer/Past%20issues/2023/October%20November%20MT%20Lawyer%20web.pdf?ver=SIsv0tk3fmatbW_ifabgwg%3d%3d

“Unquenched Thirst for Justice: Arizona v. Navajo Nation” The Water Report, September 2023.

“Focusing on the meaning of “offense,” a divided court throws salt on double jeopardy claim” June 14, 2022.
<https://www.scotusblog.com/2022/06/focusing-on-the-meaning-of-offense-a-divided-court-throws-salt-on-double-jeopardy-claim/>

“Court will assess double jeopardy claims with implications for Tribal sovereignty.” February 21, 2022.
<https://www.scotusblog.com/2022/02/court-will-assess-double-jeopardy-claim-with-implications-for-tribal-sovereignty/>

“Argument in double jeopardy cases shines spotlight on prosecutorial issues faced by Tribes.” February 24, 2022.
<https://www.scotusblog.com/2022/02/argument-in-double-jeopardy-case-shines-spotlight-on-prosecutorial-issues-faced-by-native-tribes/>

SELECT LEGAL BRIEFS

Brief for *Amici* Tribal Nations and Indian Organizations, *Arizona and Dept. of Interior et al. v. Navajo Nation et al.*, Nos. 21-1484 and 22-51, 599 U.S. 555 (2023) (coauthored with Dylan Hedden-Nicely and Monte Mills.)

Brief for Treaty Commission Tribes as *Amici Curiae*, *Oklahoma v. Castro-Huerta*, No. 21-429, 597 U.S.____ (2022) (coauthored with Navajo Nation Department of Justice.)

Brief for Indian law scholars as *Amici Curiae*, *U.S. v. Cooley*, 593 U.S. 1638 (2021) (coauthored with Colette Routel.)

Brief for the Crow Tribe as *Amicus Curiae*, *Herrera v. Wyoming*, 139 S. Ct. 1686 (2019) (coauthored with Dan Lewerenz.)

Brief for the Blackfeet Nation as *Amicus Curiae*, *Solenex v. Bernhardt*, No. 18-5343 (D.C. Cir. 2020) (coauthored with Joel West Williams.)

Brief for tribal nations and organizations as *Amici Curiae*, *Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance v. Schneider*, No. 2:12-CV-00257 (10th Cir. 2019) (coauthored with Matthew Campbell.)

Brief for tribal nations and organizations as *Amici Curiae*, *National Mining Association v. Zinke*, No. 14-17350 (9th Cir. 2017) (coauthored with Matthew Campbell.)

SELECT RECENT CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

Panelist, Federal Bar Association, Annual Indian Law Conference, Supreme Court Review Panel, Albuquerque, NM April 4, 2024.

Panelist, UCLA Law Review Symposium, Red Rising: the Shifting Legal Landscape of Tribal Sovereignty , Los Angeles, CA February 9, 2024.

Native American Heritage Month Featured Speaker, Department of Housing and Urban Development, November 9, 2023.

Speaker, “The Federal Government in Indian Country” Foundation on Natural Resource and Environmental Law Institute, Chandler, AZ, November 2, 2023.

Moderator and speaker/content coordinator, Arizona Tribal Leaders’ Forum on Recent U.S. Supreme Court Decisions, Tucson, Arizona, September 13, 2023. Planned in collaboration with University of Arizona Office of Native American Initiatives and the Haury Foundation. Introductory session available for public viewing at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8E49CFSIOmU>

Panelist, “Indian Law Cases: Update” 2023 Yosemite Conference on Environmental Law, California Environmental Lawyers Association, October 22, 2023.

Moderator, “*Arizona v. Navajo Nation* – What Happened?” discussion between Ethel Branch, Attorney General, Navajo Nation and Rita Maguire, Counsel for State of Arizona. Arizona Water Law Conference, Scottsdale, AZ, August 8, 2023.

Moderator, Tribal Water Security and Climate Change, in Confluence: The Colorado River at the Compact’s Centennial. Arizona Institute for Resilient Environments and Societies, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, December 6, 2022.

Co-chair and presenter, Tribal Water Law: Water Resiliency on the Path to Security, Scottsdale, AZ, September 19-20, 2022.

Panelist, Native American Boarding Schools: Law, History, and Current Events. Presented by Center for Law, History and Culture, University of Southern California, March 7, 2022.

Panelist, United States v. Cooley: Threats to Tribal Police Power and Native Governance, Native Nations Law and Policy Center, UCLA School of Law, March 11, 2021.

Yosemite Conference on Environmental Law – presented on panel discussing background of reserved rights to groundwater and tribal water rights claims, October 16, 2020.

Tribal Water Law in the Southwest. Presented ethics panel session on water as a human right and the ethics of advocacy and human rights, September 2020.

The Native Vote in Arizona. Presented on issues impacted by decisions made by state and federal officials, and the importance of the Native Vote, September 2020.

Indigenous Water Rights. Presented at Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Science, New Haven CT, January 24, 2020.

Report and Update on the Joint Submission to the Working Group on Enforced and Involuntary Disappearances. Presented to 2nd Annual Boarding School Healing Conference: Honoring Native Survivance, Tulalip, WA, November 20, 2019

Water Rights and Indigenous Peoples, Keynote Presentation at Tribal Governance Forum – “Living Tribal Stewardship”, University of Alaska – Fairbanks, November 5, 2019.

Litigation and Legislative Update, Presented at Tribal Water Law: Resilience & Adaptability, Scottsdale, AZ, September 26, 2019.

BAR ADMISSIONS

Admitted to Practice Before: United States Supreme Court; State Bar of New Mexico; District of New Mexico; Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals; Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals; District of Columbia Circuit Court of Appeals.

SERVICE/OUTREACH

Board member, Agua Caliente Water Authority, November 2023 – present.

Judge, Southwestern Intertribal Courts of Appeal, 2022 - present.

Arizona Advisory Committee to the United States Civil Rights Commission, 11/2021 – present.

Indigenous Coordinating Body on Indigenous Participation in the United Nations, North American Member, 7/2023 – present; North American Alternate Member, 3/2020 – 7/2023.

Arizona College of Law Service

University of Arizona Native Faculty Association, Historian 2023-2024; Secretary 2022-2023.

Diversity Committee, 2023-2024

Admissions Committee, Chair, 2022-2023

Search Committee, IPLP Co-Director, 2021-2022; 2022-2023

Search Committee, Law Clinics Administrator, 2022

Five-year Review Committee for Dean of Law College, 2022

Undergraduate/MLS Committee, 2020-2022

Clinics and Experiential Learning Committee, 2020-2022

Guest lecturer in Professor Megdal's Water Policy in Arizona and Semi-arid Regions class.

Assisted with coaching Arizona Law's NNALSA Moot Court Teams at National Native American Law Students Association Moot Court Competition, 2020 and 2022.

Outreach

Mentor, Biiawaatche Collective – presented on legal history of Crow Reservation and natural resource issues to womens' youth collective gathering, Crow Reservation, Summer 2023.

Presented virtually on Crow Voting Rights to women's voting rights group on Crow Reservation, MT, October 30, 2020.

Criminal Jurisdiction in Indian Country, annual presentation to Hardin High School's "Street Law" students, 2008-2012.

Member, Tribal Advisory Committee, Indian Law & Order Commission 2010.

Part-time Adjunct Faculty, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM, Department of Native American Studies, Fall 2003 – 2006. Courses taught include "Principles of Federal Indian Law" and "Contemporary Approaches to Federal Indian Law", courses offered at UNM Albuquerque campus as well as at branch campuses statewide via satellite.

Volunteer Coordinator, Native Vote 2004 Election Protection Project, New Mexico. Coordinated non-partisan poll monitor training and deployment on ten New Mexico reservations, and various urban precincts with significant Native American populations.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Lifetime Achievement Award, 2024, National Native American Law Students Association.

Teacher of the Year, 2023, American Association of Law Schools Annual Conference. One of four University of Arizona Law Faculty selected for recognition at annual conference.

Givelber Fellow, Northeastern University School of Law. Presented one of three annual lectures on public interest law topics. Lecturers are selected by student committee based on public interest advocacy and practice of interest to the law school community at NUSL. Lecture consisted of a series of six 3-4 hour presentations entitled, *Indigeneity in Juridical Landscapes: Indigenous Lands, Lives, and the Law*, Givelber Lectures Presented at Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, MA, January 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, and February 1, 2020.

Ambassador, Americans for Indian Opportunity, Class of 2003-2004. Participated in highly selective leadership program for young Native American professionals. Shared in international indigenous exchange with Advancement of Maori Opportunity program in Washington, D.C. and New Zealand, stressing common values of respect, relationships, reciprocity, renewal and redistribution.

SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES

The Colorado Sun, “Decades of inaction left a water system in southwestern Colorado in shambles. Will the state step in to help?” January 25, 2024.

Marketplace Podcast, National Public Radio, “How We Survive, Season 4 Ep. 3: Changing the Rules,” November 1, 2023.

Marketplace, National Public Radio, “Tribes Fight for a Role in Colorado River Management,” December 10, 2022.

Casper Star Tribune, “Crow Tribe files to vacate judgment restricting tribal hunting rights,” February 3, 2021.

ABC News, Good Morning America, “For Native Americans, the fight against mascots is much bigger than sports,” December 31, 2020.

Environmental Health News, ““Our community is a fishing community:’ Michigan tribe seeks to set its own water standards,” June 10, 2019.

Big Horn County News, “High court sides with Crow tribe member in hunting dispute,” May 23, 2019.

High Country News, “Treaty Rights prevail in Supreme Court,” May 21, 2019.

KGNU News, “Native Nations and the Trump Administration,” March 22, 2017.

Indian Country Today, “A NARF-Lifer? Heather Whiteman Runs Him Hopes So,” June 19, 2015.