

Curriculum Vitae

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EMPLOYMENT

Washburn University School of Law
Co-Director Clinical Programs & 2011-2012
Professor of Law 2004-2011

Clinical Teaching: Created the first clinical program in Kansas focused on tribal court practice. Developed course curriculum. Classes regularly taught include Client Interviewing and Counseling, Case Theory and Evaluation, Motion Drafting, Developing Cross-Cultural Lawyering Skills, Essential Federal Indian Law, Introduction to Tribal Court Practice, and The Life of a Divorce Case. Directly supervise law student interns from initial client contact through case and trial preparation in Kansas State and Municipal Courts, and Tribal Courts.

Classroom Teaching: Created and developed the course curriculum for three new seminar classes: Tribal Court Practice Seminar, International Law of Indigenous Peoples, and Comparative Law: Understanding Method and Theory. As part of course curriculum, supervised student preparation for oral presentation, and worked closely with students to develop and draft paper topics.

University of New Mexico School of Law
Visiting Associate Professor of Law Summer 2010
Summer 2007

Provided clinical and classroom instruction to law students in the Southwest Indian Law Clinic, which serves Native American clients in Arizona and New Mexico. Classes taught included Developing Cross-Cultural Competencies, Settlement and Negotiation, Motion Practice, Client Interviewing, and Case Evaluation and Planning. Supervised student attorneys in numerous capacities and settings, including at both criminal and civil trials, motion hearings, depositions and witness interviews in State of New Mexico District Courts and Magistrate Courts, as well as in Navajo Nation, Laguna, Isleta, Taos and Mescalero Apache Tribal Courts.

Adjunct Clinical Instructor 1996-1998

Supervised students participating in the Black Lung Project in a variety of capacities, from conducting client intake to trial. Assisted students in the clinic as they prepared cases for both informal conferences at the U.S. Department of Labor and formal hearings before Federal Administrative Law Judges. Coordinated work with law students and medical school faculty to develop expert medical testimony and reasoned medical opinions for cases before adjudication.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Office of the Public Defender- State of New Mexico
Assistant Public Defender April 2002-January 2003
Mental Health Division

Served as the Juvenile Mental Health Attorney for the State of New Mexico. Provided legal consultation to Public Defenders and contract attorneys throughout the state in juvenile cases where mental health or developmental disability were an issue. Provided direct client representation where a major, systemic issue was at stake. Arranged and conducted specialized training for attorneys and other court personnel on issues unique

to juveniles with mental health or developmental disorders. Served as a conference planning member on the Governor's Mental Health Planning Committee.

**Office of the Public Defender
Metropolitan Court Division**

July 1998 – May 2000

Provided criminal defense for misdemeanor cases in the Metropolitan Court Division. Managed heavy court dockets before a variety of Judges. Reviewed all assigned cases and assessed possible criminal defenses and procedural issues for each case. Prepared for and conducted 80 bench trials and 12 jury trials in a two-year period. Interviewed defense and prosecution witnesses and counseled clients. Counseled plea and disposition agreements. Represented clients at sentencing hearings, probation revocations and motion hearings. Worked closely with criminal defense team members.

**Miners' Legal Resource Center
Co-Founder/Direct and Attorney**

July 1996-July 1998

Co-founded the Miners' Legal Resource Center, a grant-funded, public interest law initiative which provided basic access to legal advocacy and diagnostic health care services for coal and uranium miners. Represented miners in federal administrative law hearings before the U.S. Department of Justice and Department of Labor Benefits Review Board and in federal district courts. Developed community outreach programs to provide education and training in benefits applications. Trained community and lay advocates. Implemented continuing medical and legal education programs to train professionals in federal compensation programs.

**Advocacy, Inc.
Guardian ad Litem**

July 1997-July 1998

Served as court appointed guardian to children in the Second Judicial District, State of New Mexico, following allegations of abuse and neglect. Represented the best interests of the child during the judicial review process. Appeared for the child at custody hearings, dispositional hearings, judicial reviews, and citizen review board hearings. Filed and argued all motions as necessary.

PUBLICATIONS

Articles in Law Reviews and Other Scholarly Journals

Reassessing Concurrent Federal-State-Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction, 59 KAN. L. REV. 949 (2011) (with John Francis, Stacy Leeds, and Jelani Jefferson Exum).

Listening to Indigenous Voices: What the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Means for U.S. Tribes, 16 UC DAVIS J. INT'L. L. & POL'Y 171 (2009).

Tribal Law and Best Practices in Legal Education: Creating a New Path for the Study of Tribal Law, 59 KAN. J. L. & PUB. POL'Y. 63 (2009).

From Conflict to Cooperation: State and Tribal Court Relations in the Era of Self-Determination, 45 Court Review 48 (with Tonya Kowalski) (2009).

Taking Voting Rights Seriously: Race and the Integrity of Democracy in America, 27 N. ILL. U. L. REV. 427 (with Steven Ramirez) (2007).

Creating a Tribal Law Clinic in Kansas: Carving the Peg to Fit the Hole, 82 N. D. L. REV. 849 (2006).

Books and Monographs

The Tribal Court Practice Handbook: A Guide for Practitioners, Lay Advocates, Judicial Clerks, and Law School Clinics (co-author with Tonya Kowalski) (Textbook Series) (Carolina Academic Press, forthcoming 2011).

Chapters in Books

Holding Back the Tide: The Existing Indian Family Doctrine and its Continued Denial of the Right to Culture for Indigenous Children, in *Facing the Future: The Indian Child Welfare Act at 30* (Matthew L. M. Fletcher, Wenona T. Singel, Kathryn E. Fort, editors) (Michigan State University Press) (2009).

Other Publications

Practicing Law In Tribal Courts: What Every Practitioner Should Know, YLS Forum, Winter 2009, p. 6.

COURSES TAUGHT

- Tribal & State Court Practice Clinic
- Tribal Court Practice Seminar
- Comparative Law: Understanding Method and Theory
- Comparative Legal Systems: Summer Study Abroad Program, Utrecht, The Netherlands
- International Law of Indigenous Peoples
- 2008 Faculty Colloquium Participant: Bio-Prospecting and Indigenous Peoples: Protecting Indigenous Ownership of Traditional Knowledge and Genetic Material, *with Prof. Tonya Kowalski* 2008

OTHER TEACHING INTERESTS

- Federal Indian law
- Family law
- Juvenile law
- Children and the Law

LAW SCHOOL COMMUNITY SERVICE

Ad Hoc Faculty Recruitment Committee (Clinical Director Position)	2011
Washburn University Institutional Review Board	2010-Present
Curriculum Committee	2010-2011
Faculty Advisor-Client Counseling Team	2009-Present
Faculty Recruitment Committee	2005-2009
Curriculum Committee	2004-2005
Ad Hoc Committee on Pre-Tenure Review	2005
Ad Hoc Committee on J-Section Analysis	2006
Ad Hoc Committee on Classroom Speech	2007

OTHER COMMUNITY SERVICE

National Native American Bar Association	
Board Member	2011
Supreme Court Task Force on Permanency Planning (appointed)	2010-2013
Kansas Legal Services (appointed)	
Board Member	2009-2012
AALS-Section Indian Nations and Indigenous Peoples	
Executive Committee Member	2011
Chair	2010-2011
Chair-Elect	2009-2010
Kansas Association of Counsel for Children	
Consultant	2009-2010
Secretary/Treasurer	2008-2009
President	2006-2008
Board Member	2004-2006

EDUCATION

Juris Doctorate-University of New Mexico School of Law 1996
Honor Roll, Spring 1995
Dean's Award 1996
Navajo Nation Scholarship 1993-1996

Additional Studies-University of San Francisco School of Law 1994
Summer Abroad Program-Trinity College, Dublin
Comparative Civil Liberties and International Human Rights

Bachelor's Degree-University Studies-University of New Mexico 1992
G.P.A. 3.7/4.0

Associate Arts Degree-Nassau Community College, New York 1989
G.P.A. 3.89/4.0-Magna cum laude

POST- JURIS DOCTORATE FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Echoing Green Public Service Fellowship	1997-1998
Berkeley Law Foundation-UC Berkeley School of Law	1996
Initiative for Public Interest Law at Yale	1996

PRESENTATIONS

Plenary Speaker, *Introducing Indigenous Legal Theory into Clinical Practice*, Australian Nation Conference on Clinical and Experiential Learning, University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia, September 7-9, 2011.

Panelist/Moderator/Conference Organizer, *Knowing, Thinking, Doing: A Discussion on Doctrine, Theory and Practice of Indigenous Law, Education, and the Clinical Experience*, 5th Annual Indian Law Clinics & Externship Symposium, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, May 5-7, 2011.

Visiting Scholar and Speaker, *Indigenous Legal Theory and Tribal Court Practice: Where the Rubber Meets the Road*, and **Panel Discussant**, *Practicing Law in Tribal Courts*, Native American Law Students Association, Suffolk University Law School, Boston, Massachusetts, March 21 -22, 2011.

Panelist, *Native Thought and Philosophy in Tribal Courts, Cultivating Native Intellect and Philosophy: A Community Symposium Recognizing and Discussing the Contributions of Christine Zuni Cruz*, The Tribal Law Journal, University of New Mexico School of Law, Albuquerque, New Mexico, March 10, 2011.

Panelist, *Losing Sight of the Counter-Narrative: The Unintended Consequences of the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010*, Gender Justice and Indian Sovereignty: Native American Women and the Law, 10th Anniversary Women and the Law Conference, Thomas Jefferson School of Law, San Diego, California, February 18, 2011.

Speaker, *Tribal Response to Passage of Law and Order Act, The Future Following Passage of the Tribal Law & Order Act of 2010*, 41st Annual National American Indian Court Judges Association's Conference, Green Bay, Wisconsin, October 27, 2010. (presented via video uplink).

Speaker, *Tribal Court Practice-What Every Practitioner Should Know*, Continuing Legal Education Program, Washburn Law Clinic 40th Anniversary Celebration, Washburn University School of Law, Topeka, Kansas, October 23, 2010.

Speaker, *Re-envisioning Tribal and State Relationships: The Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as a Blueprint?*, International Law: Future Impacts on the Tribal-Federal Relationship, University of Tulsa College of Law, Tulsa, Oklahoma, October 8, 2010.

Panelist and Conference Organizer, *Overview-Challenges and Successes of Established Programs*, Borderland or Hinterland? The Role of specialty clinics In Legal Education, Fourth Annual Indian Law Clinics & Externship Programs Symposium, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico, June 21, 2010.

Roundtable Discussant, *The Kansas Act and Recent Case Decisions Impacting Tribal Court Jurisdiction*, 10th Annual Native Nations Law Symposium, Mayetta, Kansas, February 12, 2010

Moderator and Presenter, *New Scholarship Panel*, "presenting "Listening to Indigenous Voices: The UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People to Strengthen Tribal Sovereignty" and Panelist, "Criminalization of Poverty, Interconnections of Law and Poverty and Impacts on Indigenous Peoples and Other Communities of Color, Third Annual Indian Law Clinics and Externship Programs Symposium, Albuquerque, New Mexico, June 7-9, 2009 (also served as a symposium co-planner; Washburn Law Tribal Law Practice Clinic was a co-sponsor).

Presenter, *Hearing Indigenous Voices: Looking Toward the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People to Strengthen Tribal Sovereignty*, Socio-Legal Studies Association Annual Conference, De Montfort University Law School, Leicester, United Kingdom, April 7, 2009.

Speaker, *Teaching Culture in the Classroom: Tribal Law and Best Practices in Legal Education*, Tulsa University School of Law, Tulsa, Oklahoma, February 23, 2009.

Speaker, *Teaching Culture in the Classroom: Tribal Law and Best Practices in Legal Education*, Innovations in Tribal Governance, 13th Annual Tribal Law & Government Conference, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, February 13, 2009.

Panelist, *Introduction to Tribal Court Practice*, Washburn University CLE Program, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, Mayetta, Kansas, October 3, 2008 (with John Francis and Tonya Kowalski).

Paper Presenter, *Emerging Models of Restorative Justice and Juvenile Justice Law Reform for Indigenous Children*, Third Annual Lewis & Clark School of Law Emerging Scholars Roundtable, July 12, 2008.

Plenary Panelist, *Community Lawyering in Indigenous Communities: How are We Responding in the Academy?*, Second Annual Indian Law Clinics and Externship Programs Symposium, Moving Towards Best Practices for Indigenous Representation: Listening to Our Communities, Assessing our Past, Reframing our Future, Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico, June 12-14, 2008.

Commentator, *The Role of Culture in Teaching about Other Legal Systems*, International Association of Law Schools (IALS), 2008 Education Program, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, May 30, 2008.

Plenary Panelist, *Reflecting on Mistakes and Accomplishments of the Clinical Movement to Plan for a Successful Future*, 2008 Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Tucson, Arizona, May 7, 2008.

Speaker & Moderator, *Summation: Bringing It All Together*, Advocating for the Child with Mental Disabilities, Sponsored by the Kansas Association of Counsel for Children and the Washburn University School of Law Children and Family Law Center, Topeka, Kansas, March 14, 2008.

Panelist, Discussion of the Keynote Address: *Local Knowledge, Tribal Institutions, and Federal Indian Law*, 2007-2008 Tribal Law and Government Conference, Lawrence, Kansas, February 1, 2008.

Presenter, *Adoption and the Indian Child Welfare Act*, Kansas Bar Association Super CLE Telephone Seminar, December 18, 2007 (co-presented with Sarah Sargent, TFI Family Services).

Presenter, *Indian Child Welfare Act in Kansas*, Kansas Appellate Courts Judicial In-House CLE Program, November 15, 2007.

Panelist, *Emerging Models of Restorative Justice and Juvenile Justice Law Reform for Indigenous Children*, Mountain West Regional Clinic Conference, Scholarship Roundtable, Thomas Jefferson Law School, San Diego, California,

October 13-15, 2007.

Presenter and Roundtable Discussant, *1st Annual Indian Law Clinics & Externship Symposium*, Albuquerque, New Mexico, June 22-23, 2007.

Panelist, *Panel and Group Discussion on Tribal Governance*, Tribal Law & Government Conference 2006, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, October 27, 2006.

Presenter, *Creating a Tribal Law Clinic in Kansas: The Joys and Challenges of Bringing a Clinic into the World*, The Pedagogy of American Indian Law, UND Northern Plains Indian Law Center, Grand Forks, North Dakota, October 13-14, 2006.

Presenter, *Kansas ICWA Cases in Review*, Seventh Annual Native Nations Law Symposium, Sac and Fox Nation, August 25, 2006.

Speaker, *The Missing Link: Can Indian Gaming Law Be Taught Effectively without a Foundation in Tribal Law?*, Southwest/Southeast People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, Santa Fe, New Mexico, April 6-9, 2006.

Presenter, *Kansas ICWA Cases in Review: Where Are We and What Is the Rest of the Nation Doing?*, **Panel Moderator**, *So You've Sent the Notice to the Tribe . . . What Happens Next?: A View of ICWA from the Tribe's Perspective*, **CLE Planning Member**, *The Indian Child Welfare Act in Kansas: Where Have We Been, Where are We Going & Where do We Want to End Up?*, Sponsored by the Kansas Association of Counsel for Children, March 24, 2006, Topeka, Kansas.

Panelist, *Non-traditional Community Response to Domestic Violence*, Castle Rock v. Gonzales Conference: Some are Guilty-All are Accountable, University of Denver School of Law, Denver, Colorado, March 16-17, 2006.

Co-Presenter, *Effective Courtroom Testimony: What Every Social Worker Should Know*, Legal/Court Issues and Court Testimony Training for Social Workers sponsored by The Farm, Inc., Topeka, Emporia, and Chanute, Kansas, November 14, 16, and December 1, 2005.

Presenter and Panel Coordinator, *Teaching Cross Cultural Understanding: The Challenge of Effectively Raising Student Awareness*, 2005 Midwest Clinical Conference on Clinical Education: Carrying Brown's Legacy Forward-Justice, Service, Teaching, Washburn Law Clinic, Topeka, Kansas, October 8-9, 2005.

Presenter, *Integrating Tribal Law into the Law School Curriculum*, Tribal Law & Government Conference 2005: Celebrating the 10 Year Anniversary of the Tribal Law and Government Center, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, September 30, 2005.

Co-Presenter, *Ethical Considerations for Practicing in Tribal Court* and Planning Committee Member, Sixth Annual Native Nations Law Symposium: Tribal and State Court Relationships, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, August 26, 2005.

Co-Presenter (with Steven Ramirez), *Taking Voting Rights Seriously: Is Race Undermining Our Commitment to Democracy?*, Midwest People of Color Legal Leadership Conference, Notre Dame Law School, April 7-10, 2005.

Presenter, *Practical & Ethical Problems in Representing the Incapacitated Client: Juvenile Offenders and Children*, Practical and Ethical Considerations in Representing the Incapacitated Client CLE, Washburn University School of Law, April 1, 2005.

Presenter, *Kansas and the Indian Child Welfare Act: Are We Getting it Right?*, Kansas Association of Counsel for Children Juvenile Law Conference CLE, March 4, 2005.

Panelist, *Tribal Law and Government Conference-2004*, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, November 12-13, 2004. (Panel topic discussed: *Theoretical Restrictions on the Sharing of Indigenous Biological Knowledge: Implications for Free Speech in Tribal Law*, presented by Matthew Fletcher.)

Panelist, *Now I've Gotten the Job, What do I do with It and How Can I be Certain I'm Always Getting Better at It?*, Rocky Mountain Regional Clinical Conference, University of Denver, Denver, Colorado, October 22-23, 2004.

Co-Presenter at Concurrent Session, *Cultural Considerations in Problem Solving & Advocacy*, AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, San Diego, California, May 1-4, 2004.

Panelist, *A Gender Neutral Legal Society: Fact or Fiction? Violence Against First Nations Women*, CLE course sponsored by the Women's Law Caucus, Albuquerque, New Mexico. April 5, 2003.

SEMINARS/CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS DEVELOPED

Annual Indian Law Clinics & Externship Symposium,
Co-Founder and Symposium Planning Committee Member 2007-2011

Kansas Association for Counsel for Children,
Annual Conference Planning Committee Member 2004-2008

Introduction to Tribal Court Practice CLE Program
Planning Committee Member 2008

Native Nations Law Symposium
Planning Committee Member 2006

MEMBERSHIPS

Bar Memberships:

- State of New Mexico 1996
- State of Kansas 2005
- Federal District Court for the District of New Mexico 2000

Admitted to Practice:

- Iowa Nation Tribal Court 2004
- Kickapoo Tribal Court District of Kansas 2005
- Prairie Band Potawatomi District Court, 2005

Professional Affiliations:

National Native American Bar Association 2011
Kansas Bar Association 2004-Present
American Bar Association 2004-Present
Clinical Legal Education Association (CLEA) 2001-Present