

TRADITIONAL PEACEMAKING:

Exploring the Intersections between Tribal Courts & Peacemaking,
Including Alternatives to Detention

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER,
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Session(s): *Peacemaking Programs at Work in Tribal Nations/Tribal Models;*
Preparing the Next Generation of Peacemakers: Academic and Court Training Options

Bio:

Nora is an enrolled member of the Sicangu Lakota Oyate (Rosebud Sioux Tribe) and is Department Chair and faculty for the Business Management department at Sinte Gleska University located on the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota. One of Dr. Antoine's regular business courses is a Conflict Management course that incorporates Indigenous Peacemaking. She also developed a Peacemaking Wheel and ancillary curriculum geared towards high school leadership and high school students. Nora is a founding member to NARF's Indigenous Peacemaking Initiative advisory board and is an active mediator for the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Court.

Nora has authored a number of articles and presented both nationally and recently in Tokyo, Japan on various topics including Conflict Management, Community Development, Indigenous Peacemaking, Faculty Collegiality, Professionalism and other work-related topics; all of which focus on creating and maintaining healthy professional relationships utilizing cultural-based models.

HON. JO ANN BATTISE
SENIOR PEACEMAKER,
ALABAMA-COUSHATTA TRIBAL COURT

Session(s): *Peacemaking Programs at Work in Tribal Nations/Tribal Models*

Bio:

The Honorable Jo Ann Battise has served since 2009 as the Senior Peacemaker for the Alabama-Coushatta Tribal Court, leading her court in the traditional Native American peacemaking approach to justice that focuses on healing and restoration rather than punishment. Peacemaker Battise also brings extensive experience to the Children's Commission as a former Tribal Council Member and Tribal Administrator. She serves as a liaison to the National Council for Juvenile and Family Court Judge and is leading the Children's Commission Tribal/State Collaborative Workgroup which was created to gather national experts, state court judges, tribal judges, and child welfare leaders from across the state to continue to find solutions for and raise awareness of the Indian Child Welfare Act.

<p>NIKKI BORCHARDT CAMPBELL PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR, NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN COURT JUDGES ASSOCIATION</p>	<p><u>Session(s):</u> <i>Positive Aspects of Peacemaking in Tribal Communities; Peacemaking Doesn't Operate in a Vacuum: The Importance of Context; Peacemaking from the Bench</i></p> <p><u>Bio:</u> Nikki Borchardt Campbell is a member of the Indian Peaks Band of Paiutes of the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah and a descendant of Ute Indian Tribe. She holds a JD degree and a Certificate in Indian Law from Arizona State University College of Law. Nikki also holds a B.A. and M.A. in Cultural and Social Anthropology from Stanford University where she graduated with honors. While in law school, she worked as a research assistant on cultural resource issues; as a visiting student at the National Museum of the American Indian on protection of American Indian cultural property and cultural heritage issues; and, as a law clerk for Luebben Johnson & Barnhouse on various Indian law matters. As an Attorney, Nikki has worked in all aspects of Indian law as well as civil litigation. Nikki currently works as the Program Administrator for the National American Indian Court Judges Association.</p>
<p>CHIEF JUSTICE KEVIN BRISCOE NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN COURT JUDGES ASSOCIATION</p>	<p><u>Session(s):</u> <i>Peacemaking Programs at Work in Tribal Nations/Tribal Models</i></p> <p><u>Bio:</u> Chief Justice Kevin Briscoe is a member of the MS. Band of Choctaw Indians in the Pearl River Community. Chief Justice Briscoe recently was confirmed as Chief Justice of MS. Band of Choctaw Indians Supreme Court on Tuesday, April 9, 2013. He served 11 years Senior Youth Court Judge for his Tribe. Chief Justice Briscoe has an Associates of Art Degree in Hotel Restaurant Management from Meridian Community College and Bachelors in Business Science Management from Belhaven University.</p> <p>Chief Justice Briscoe is currently serving 2nd term as the 2nd Vice President of The National American Indian Court Judges Association. He also serves as a Representative from Region 7 South NAICJA. He is currently on The MS. Commission in Children's Justice. He is a Member of the National Counsel of Juvenile and Family Court Judges Association. A member of Project Advisory Board for The Center for Court Innovation and the Tribal Judicial Institute, with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention on a Youth Gang prevention project.</p> <p>Chief Justice Briscoe was involved with Teen Court, Youth and Adult Peacemaker Court, Judge for the Youth Healing to Wellness Drug Court. Stand-In Judge for Healing to Wellness Adult Drug Court in Choctaw, MS.</p>
<p>HON. TIMOTHY CONNORS JUDGE, WASHTENAW COUNTY TRIAL COURT</p>	<p><u>Session(s):</u> <i>Peacemaking from the Bench</i></p> <p><u>Bio:</u> Judge Tim Connors has been a State Court Judge since 1991. He served as Chief Judge of the 15th District Court from 1991 to 1997. He served as Chief Judge of the Washtenaw County Trial Court from 1998-2001. He currently serves as the presiding judge of the Probate division of the Trial Court.</p>

HON. ELBRIDGE COOCHISE
CHIEF JUDGE, RET.

Session(s): *Approaching Culturally Appropriate Justice with Indigent Defendants; Traditional Dispute Resolution as Healing and Growth of Tribal Sovereign Power*

Bio:

Chief Justice Elbridge Coochise is an enrolled member of the Hopi Tribe in Arizona. He retired from the bench in 1997 after having served for 32 years, and retired a second time in 2011. He is the owner and operator of Coochise Consulting, LLC, which provides services to tribes and tribal organizations including lobbying, training, pro-tem judge, judicial services, administrative services, and court evaluations. In senior judge status, Justice Coochise sits on the Cabazon Court of Appeals and the Inter-Tribal Court of Northern California. He helped establish three Tribal courts (CT, IA, CA) and sat as their judge from 2000-2010. He conducted Tribal/BIA Court Reviews from 2004-2011 throughout the United States. Justice Coochise served four terms as president of the National American Indian Court Judges Association and three terms as president of the Northwest Tribal Court Judges Association. He currently serves on several boards and was elected a member of the Advisory Council to The National Tribal Judicial Center at The National Judicial College in Reno, Nev. He has received five of the Who's Who awards for recognition in his field and was the key proponent in the passage of the Indian Tribal Justice Act, PL 103-176, which was passed in 1993. Justice Coochise is an alumnus of The National Judicial College and joined the faculty of The National Tribal Judicial Center at The National Judicial College in 1993. He serves on the Faculty Council of The National Judicial College representing Tribal Courses.

HON. CHERYL FAIRBANKS
NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN COURT
JUDGES ASSOCIATION

Session(s): *Positive Aspects of Peacemaking in Tribal Communities; Peacemaking Programs at Work in Tribal Nations/Tribal Models*

Bio:

Ms. Fairbanks is a partner in the firm of Cuddy & McCarthy, LLP. Her practice concentrates in the areas of Indian Law, State-Tribal Relations, Indian Gaming, Tribal Courts, Peacemaking, Mediation, Family, School, and Educational Law. Ms. Fairbanks obtained her B.A. from Fort Lewis College in 1969. She obtained her J.D. in 1987 from the University of New Mexico. Prior to her law career, Ms. Fairbanks served as a teacher for the Albuquerque Public Schools, Zia Day School, and Administrator for Acoma Day School and the Santa Fe Indian School.

Ms. Fairbanks worked with the New Mexico Office of Indian Affairs, as Sr. Policy Analyst, in the area of state-tribal relations. She was instrumental in establishing the Indian Child Welfare Desk, New Mexico Office of Indian Tourism, the University of New Mexico Indian Law Clinic, and the passage of the New Mexico Indian Arts and Crafts Act. Ms. Fairbanks' professional associations include the State Bar of New Mexico (Member, Indian Law Section; Member, Legal Specialization Board for Federal Indian Law; Co-Director, CLE); Federal Bar Association; New Mexico Indian Bar Association (past President); Director, National American Indian Court Judges Association; Family Court Judge, Santa Clara Pueblo, 1992-1994; Chief Justice, Yavapai Apache, 1995-2005; Associate Justice, Saginaw Band of Chippewa Indians; Member, New Mexico Center for Dispute Resolution; and Member, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. She currently serves as a Justice for the Inter-Tribal Court of Appeals for Nevada, is a Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Appellate Magistrate, and is a Justice for the White Earth Band of Chippewa Tribal Court of Appeals, White Earth, Minnesota. She also serves as adjunct faculty for the National Judicial College, Reno, Nevada, and for the University of New Mexico School of Law.

	<p>Ms. Fairbanks is Tlingit-Tsimpshian and was born in Ketchikan, Alaska. Prior to joining the Cuddy Law Firm, Ms. Fairbanks was a partner with the law firm of Roth, VanAmberg, Rogers, Ortiz, Fairbanks & Yepa, LLP, where she specialized in Indian law.</p>
<p>TONY FISH REINTEGRATION PROGRAM MANAGER, MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION REINTEGRATION</p>	<p><u>Session(s):</u> <i>Reentry Programs Using Peacemaking/Peacemaking in Correctional Facilities</i></p> <p><u>Bio:</u></p> <p>Tony Fish is a member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and serves as director for the Reintegration Program. Tony earned his education from Mid-America Christian University majoring in Criminal Justice Management. Tony has sixteen years experience in various capacities including Correctional Officer, Field Training Officer, Security Threat Group Task Force, and Security Sergeant. In March of 2005 Tony came to work for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Reintegration Program as a Case Manager and assisted in the development and implementation of the first ever tribal reintegration program, shortly thereafter advancing to manager. During his tenure, the Reintegration Program has received high honors from Harvard University Honoring Nations Project on American Indian Economic Development, semi-finalist for Ash Institute for Democratic Governance and Innovation and the tribal recipient of the 2014 National Criminal Justice Association Outstanding Criminal Justice Program Award. Tony currently is a Board Member for the East Central Oklahoma Family Health Center, Chairman for the Wetumka Indian Community and Chairman for the Oklahoma Native American Re-entry Alliance (ONARA).</p>
<p>JENNIFER KIRBY PROJECT DIRECTOR, RECLAIMING FUTURES CHEROKEE NATION</p>	<p><u>Session(s):</u> <i>Sentencing Alternatives</i></p> <p><u>Bio:</u></p> <p>Jennifer Kirby helps courts, treatment facilities, juvenile justice, community and families to meet the urgent needs of Native youth in juvenile justice system by integrating the Reclaiming Futures model into Healing to Wellness Court, which is designed from a Native American point of view, where culture and tradition are used in the treatment process.</p>
<p>DARYL LEGG DIRECTOR OF VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS, CHEROKEE NATION</p>	<p><u>Session(s):</u> <i>Reentry Programs Using Peacemaking/Peacemaking in Correctional Facilities</i></p> <p><u>Bio:</u></p> <p>Daryl Legg has been employed with Cherokee Nation since 2006. He started out as a participant on Voc Rehab attending college at Northeastern State University where he obtained his BA in Psychology and Minor in Social Welfare. Upon graduation, Mr. Legg was recruited by Cherokee Nation to work as a Voc Rehab counselor. He then was transferred to Employment and Training and then became a Job Developer. In 2009 he was promoted to Director of Vocational Programs which included R.O.S.S., NEG-OJT, Economic Development, Career Tech, Voc Work Prep, Voc Assistance, EA-AVT, 102-477 CRT, Vocational Education, and Director of NACTEP.</p> <p>Assisting with removing barriers is Mr. Legg's passion, especially, ex-offenders. After doing time on 3 different occasions for various drug charges, he now works diligently assisting Cherokee citizens that are being released from prison by way of the Cherokee Nation Re-Entry Program called "Coming Home".</p>

<p>HON. MICHAEL PETOSKEY CHIEF JUDGE, POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS TRIBAL COURT</p>	<p><u>Session(s):</u> <i>Peacemaking from the Bench</i></p> <p><u>Bio:</u> Michael Petoskey has been the Pokagon Band’s Chief Judge since his appointment in February 2002. He is a Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians tribal member and elder. Judge Petoskey is a Viet Nam veteran having served as an infantry medic. He has been a judge for various Michigan Indian tribes since 1986. Judge Petoskey has served on the bench in each of the seven (7) federally-recognized tribal communities in the Lower Peninsula of Michigan, each by separate appointment of the separate sovereigns. He began his judicial career with the planning, implementation and development of the courts for his own Tribe from just a dream, while he was a staff attorney for Michigan Indian Legal Services. He was the Chief Judge there for over sixteen (16) years until his retirement from the position. During the course of his career, Judge Petoskey has helped four other Michigan Indian tribes realize their dream also, by helping to plan, then implementing and developing their courts, serving as the founding Chief Judge. He continues to serve both the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi and the Gun Lake Tribe of Pottawatomi in that capacity. Additionally, he has served as an appellate court justice for the remaining two Lower Peninsula of Michigan Indian tribes, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan.</p>
<p>HON. THERESA M. POULEY CHIEF JUDGE, TULALIP TRIBAL COURT</p>	<p><u>Session(s):</u> <i>Exploring the Fiscal and Human Costs of Incarceration</i></p> <p><u>Bio:</u> The Honorable Theresa M. Pouley, a member of the Colville Confederated Tribes, is Chief Judge of the Tulalip Tribal Court and an Associate Justice of the Colville Tribal Court of Appeals. Judge Pouley was a member of the board of directors of the National Tribal Court Judges Association from 2003 to 2004 and since 2005 has been president of the Northwest Tribal Court Judges Association. She was the Chief Judge of the Lummi Nation from 1999 to 2005 and in 2005 was named as Outstanding Judge by the National Tribal Child Support Association. Judge Pouley frequently lectures at local, state, and national conferences on tribal court and Indian law issues and makes regular presentations at the University of Washington’s Indian Law Symposium. She teaches Indian law at Edmonds Community College in Washington State and previously taught at Northwest Indian College.</p>
<p>BRETT LEE SHELTON STAFF ATTORNEY, NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND/ INDIGENOUS PEACEMAKING INITIATIVE</p>	<p><u>Session(s):</u> <i>Positive Aspects of Peacemaking in Tribal Communities; Sentencing Alternatives; Approaching Culturally Appropriate Justice with Indigent Defendants; Exploring the Fiscal and Human Costs of Incarceration; Traditional Dispute Resolution as Healing and Growth of Tribal Sovereign Power</i></p> <p><u>Bio:</u> Brett Lee Shelton, enrolled Oglala Sioux Tribe, is the staff attorney primarily responsible for the peacemaking project at the Native American Rights Fund. He developed his interest in peacemaking and other alternative dispute resolution while still in law school at Stanford. At that time, he took a Native American Common Law course, which included a unit on Navajo Peacemaking, and an innovative, year-long, highly participatory course in mediation. Professionally, he has pursued his interest in several ways: while a law clerk,</p>

	<p>he helped establish an alternative dispute resolution program at the San Mateo County Superior Court (Redwood City, CA); he volunteered at the Boulder (Colorado) Community Mediation Services; and, he assisted the Oglala Sioux Tribal Court implement a mediation training program and an innovative juvenile sentencing diversion program focused on cultural revitalization for troubled youth. In addition to the Indigenous Peacemaking Initiative, his work at NARF includes boarding school healing project work, sacred places protection, and other religious freedom matters. He also has worked in private practice, served Indian Tribes as a policy analyst for the National Indian Health Board, organized grassroot efforts for international indigenous peoples in biotechnology evaluation, and assisted domestic violence victims in civil court on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota and Nebraska (his home reservation). He received his law degree from Stanford University and a Master of Arts from the University of Kansas.</p>
<p>JUSTICE BARBARA ANNE SMITH SUPREME COURT JUSTICE, CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL COURT/ INDIGENOUS PEACEMAKING INITIATIVE</p>	<p><u>Session(s):</u> <i>Peacemaking Doesn't Operate in a Vacuum: The Importance of Context; Approaching Culturally Appropriate Justice with Indigent Defendants; Peacemaking from the Ground Up; Preparing the Next Generation of Peacemakers: Academic and Court Training Options</i></p> <p><u>Bio:</u> Justice Barbara Anne Smith is a Chickasaw citizen and has been a Supreme Court Justice for the Chickasaw Nation since 2003; formerly, she served the Chickasaw Nation as District Judge. Justice Smith also serves as a Special Judge for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Courts. She has a law practice in Norman, Oklahoma, with special consultations in Tribal Sovereignty, Tribal Courts, and Peacemaking. Justice Smith is an adjunct professor at the University of Oklahoma Law School, teaching Tribal Courts, and has been an adjunct professor in the Native American Studies Program at the University of Oklahoma, teaching Tribal Sovereignty. Justice Smith is on the Board of Directors of the Native American Rights Fund and the Advisory Council for the National Tribal Judicial Center at the National Judicial College.</p>
<p>HON. MICHAEL C. SMITH DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, SAC & FOX TRIBAL COURT</p>	<p><u>Session(s):</u> <i>Peacemaking Doesn't Operate in a Vacuum: The Importance of Context; Approaching Culturally Appropriate Justice with Indigent Defendants; Peacemaking from the Bench; Reentry Programs Using Peacemaking/Peacemaking in Correctional Facilities</i></p> <p><u>Bio:</u> A citizen of Chickasaw Nation a former district judge of Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma, Michael Smith has taught courses on tribal courts and tribal sovereignty. Smith also previously served as court advocate for the Judicial Branch, Chickasaw Nation.</p> <p>Smith practices law at Smith & Smith Attorneys with concentrations in Contracts, Real Estate, Commercial Law, Social Security Disability Law, Criminal Law, Indian Law, Family Law, Adoption, Guardianship, Wills and Estates, Personal Injury and Juvenile Law.</p>

SHAWN WATTS
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR,
EDSON QUIEROZ FOUNDATION
MEDIATION PROGRAM,
COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL

Session(s): *Peacemaking from the Ground Up; Preparing the Next Generation of Peacemakers: Academic and Court Training Options; Traditional Dispute Resolution as Healing and Growth of Tribal Sovereign Power*

Bio:

Shawn Watts is a Citizen of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma and is the Associate Director of the Edson Queiroz Foundation Mediation Program at Columbia Law School. Watts won the Jane Marks Murphy Prize for clinical advocacy and was a Strine Fellow while he was a student at Columbia Law School. He developed and teaches a course in Native American Peacemaking. He has conducted mediation and negotiation training at the United Nations and has mediated in the New York City Civil Court, Harlem Small Claims Court, and the Institute for Mediation and Conflict Resolution in New York City.

Prior to serving as the Associate Director of the Edson Queiroz Foundation Mediation Program at Columbia Law School, Watts was an associate in the Finance and Bankruptcy practice group at the New York office of Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP where he specialized in Federal Indian Law and tribal finance.

Watts earned a bachelor of arts from St. John's College in Santa Fe, New Mexico in 2000. He served as the President of the National Native American Law Students Association and was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar while at Columbia Law School. In addition, he was a Managing Editor of Columbia Law School's *Journal of Law and Social Problems*.

CARRIE WYATT
CASE MANAGER,
MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
REINTEGRATION

Session(s): *Reentry Programs Using Peacemaking/Peacemaking in Correctional Facilities*

Bio:

Carrie Wyatt is a member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and is a Case Manager for the Reintegration Program. Carrie obtained her certificate in Business Technology from Wes Watkins Technology Center and graduated from Oklahoma State University—Okmulgee with an Associates in Applied Science in Office Information Systems Technology. Before working for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Carrie Worked as a legal assistant for ten years. Carrie enjoys teaching the Victim Impact Classes the Reintegration Program provides to the prisons and enjoys assisting in mentoring on the juvenile side of the Program. Carrie feels it is a privilege to be a part of the Reintegration Team. Carrie currently is a Board Member for the East Central Oklahoma Family Health Center and Chairman for the Title VII Office of Indian Education for Okemah Public Schools.