

THE SOVEREIGNTY SYMPOSIUM 2024 AGENDA DRAFT

5-1-2024 - LAST UPDATE

a new Beginning

June 11-12, 2024 Skirvin Hilton Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Hours of CLE credit for lawyers will be awarded, including hours of ethics.

This agenda is subject to revision and all moderators and panelists are subject to change.

Each state has its own rules and regulations, including the definition of continuing legal education.

Therefore, certain portions of the program may not receive credit in some states.

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

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7:30 am to 4:45 pm – Registration and CLE Sign Up Open 7:30 am to 4:45 pm – Vendor Exhibits Open 8:00 am to 8:30 am – Continental Breakfast

PANEL A: GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists
Business and Educational	10:15 am to 11:45	Grand Ballroom	Gary Batton, Chief of	John "Rocky" Barrett,
Relations	am		the Choctaw Nation	Tribal Chairman, Citizen
			(invited)	Potawatomi Nation
			Chuck Hoskin, Jr.,	(invited)
			Principal Chief of the	Robert Miller , Professor of
			Cherokee Nation	Law, Sandra Day
			(confirmed)	O'Conner College of
				Law, Arizona State
				University (confirmed)
				Leslie Osborn,
				Oklahoma State Labor
				Commissioner
				(confirmed)
				Gloria Valencia-Weber,
				Professor Emerita, The
				University of New Mexico
				School of Law
				(confirmed)
				Reggie Wassana,
				Governor, Cheyenne
				and Arapaho Tribes
				(confirmed)

PANEL B: SIGNS, SYMBOLS AND SOUNDS

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists
The Arts	8:30 am to 10:00	Centennial	Jay Scambler	Ben Barnes, Chief,
	am	Ballroom	(confirmed)	Shawnee Tribe,
			Winston Scambler,	(confirmed)
			Student of Native	Greg Bigler (Euchee),
			American Art	District Judge Ret.,
			(confirmed)	Muscogee (Nation)
				(confirmed)
				Kenneth Johnson
				(Muscogee/Seminole),
				Contemporary Jewelry
				Designer and Metalsmith
				(invited)
				James Pepper Henry
				(Kaw/Muscogee/Creek),
				Director/Chief Operating
				Officer, American Indian
				Cultural Center and
				Museum (invited)
				Jeri Redcorn, (Caddo),
				Potter, (confirmed)
				Yancey Red Corn
				(Osage/Caddo), Actor
				(confirmed)
				D.G. Smalling
				(Choctaw), Artist
				(invited)
				Frankie Still (United
				Keetoowah Band),

	District Representative
	(invited)
	Gina Timberman
	(Choctaw), Odom and
	Sparks (confirmed)

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists
Education	10:15 am to 11:45	Centennial	Allison Garrett,	Kenneth Evans,
	am	Ballroom	Chancellor,	President, Oklahoma
			Oklahoma State	City University
			Regents for Higher	(confirmed)
			Education	Trey Hays, Teacher of
			(confirmed)	Mathematics and Art,
				Tishomingo Elementary
				School (confirmed)
				Patrick Riley, Artist and
				Educator (confirmed)
				Jo Rowan , Retired
				Professor and Chair of
				Dance, Ann Lacy School
				of American Dance and
				Entertainment,
				Oklahoma City University
				(confirmed)
				Eric Tippeconnic
				(Comanche), Artist
				(invited)

	Ryan Walters,	Oklahoma
	State Superint	tendent of
	Public Instruct	tion
	(invited)	

PANEL C: JUVENILE ISSUES

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists
Juvenile Issues	8:30 am to 10:00	Crystal	Elizabeth Brown,	Alexandra Fay,
	am	Room	Associate District	incoming Assistant
			Judge, Adair County,	Professor of Law,
			Oklahoma (confirmed)	University of Tulsa,
				(confirmed)
				Wayne Garnons-
				Williams , Principal
				Director of Indigenous
				Sovereign Trade
				Consultancy, Ltd.,
				Canada (confirmed)
				Deanna Hartley-Kelso,
				Judge, Chickasaw
				Nation District Court
				(confirmed)

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists
Juvenile Issues	10:15 am to 11:45	Crystal Room	Elizabeth Brown,	Brittany Hunt-Jassey,
	am		Associate District	Administrator of
			Judge, Adair County,	Integrated Legal
			Oklahoma (confirmed)	Services, Oklahoma
				Department of Human
				Services (confirmed)
				Jennifer McBee,
				Special Judge, LeFlore
				County, Oklahoma
				(invited)
				Amy Pierce, District
				Judge, Choctaw
				Nation (confirmed)
				Kace Rodwell,
				Oklahoma Indian Legal
				Services (confirmed)

Noon – **Tribal Leader and Dignitary Luncheon** (By Invitation Only) Venetian Room

Master of Ceremonies: **Kenneth Evans**, President, Oklahoma City University (confirmed)
Invocation: **William Wantland** (Seminole, Chickasaw and Choctaw), Bishop of the Episcopal Church, Retired (confirmed)
Welcome: **Miles Pringle**, President, Oklahoma Bar Association (confirmed)

1:15 pm to 2:45 pm – Opening Ceremony and Keynote Address

Master of Ceremonies: **David Holt** (Osage), Dean, Oklahoma City University School of Law (confirmed) Camp Call: **Gordon Yellowman** (Cheyenne), Peace Chief, Cheyenne and Arapaho Nation (confirmed)

Presentation of Flags – Honor Guard: Kiowa Black Leggings

Singers: Southern Nation with Special Guest, Osage Tribal Singers

Invocation: Margaret Johnson, Conference Superintendent, Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference (confirmed)

Welcome: **Kenneth Evans**, President, Oklahoma City University (confirmed)

Introduction of Keynote Speaker: **David Holt** (Osage), Dean, Oklahoma City University School of Law (confirmed)

Keynote: Geoffrey Standing Bear, Principal Chief, Osage Nation (confirmed)

Presentation of Awards: **Yvonne Kauger**, Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court (confirmed)

Memorial and Honor Songs: Southern Nation

Closing Prayer: Gordon Yellowman (Cheyenne), Peace Chief, Cheyenne and Arapaho Nation (confirmed)

2:45 pm to 3:00 pm – Break

PANEL A: GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists
Criminal Law	3:00 pm to 4:30	Grand	Arvo Mikkanen	Jeffrey Byers, Federal
	pm	Ballroom	(Kiowa/Comanche),	Public Defender,
			Senior Counsel for Tribal	Western District of
			Relations, Assistant	Oklahoma,
			United States Attorney,	(confirmed)
			Western District of	Shannon Cozzoni,
			Oklahoma (confirmed)	Assistant United States
				Attorney for the
				Northern District of
				Oklahoma,
				(confirmed)
				Robert Troester, United
				States Attorney for the
				Western District of

Oklahoma,
(confirmed)
Christopher Wilson,
Interim United States
Attorney for the
Eastern District of
Oklahoma (confirmed)
Geri Wisner , Attorney
General of Muscogee
(Creek) Nation
(confirmed)

4:30 pm to 4:45 pm – Break

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists
Real	4:45 pm to 6:15	Grand Ballroom	Casey Ross	Brian Candelaria,
Property/Trust/Environmental	pm		(Cherokee), Director,	Attorney, Oklahoma
			American Indian Law	Indian Legal Services
			and Sovereignty	(confirmed)
			Center, Clinical	Taiawagi Helton, W.
			Professor of Law,	DeVier Pierson Professor
			Oklahoma City	of Law, University of
			University General	Oklahoma College of
			Counsel (confirmed)	Law (invited)
				Emily Eleftherakis,
				Attorney, Krahl Goerke
				Meyer and Behenna;
				Adjunct Clinical
				Professor, School of Law,

	Oklahoma City University
	(confirmed)

PANEL B: SIGNS, SYMBOLS AND SOUNDS

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists
Music	3:00 pm to	Centennial	Mark Parker, Dean,	Jim Van Deman (Delaware), Former
	4:30 pm	Ballroom	School of Music,	Vice-Chair of the Delaware Tribe,
			Oklahoma City	Artist, Flute Maker, Musician
			University (invited)	(invited)
				Tim Tate Nevaquaya
				(Comanche/Chickasaw/Choctaw),
				Artist and Musician (confirmed)
				Jerod Impichchachaaha' Tate
				(Chickasaw), Composer and Pianist
				(invited)

4:30 pm to 4:45 pm – Break

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists (invited)
Music	4:45 pm to 6:15	Centennial	Mark Parker, Dean,	Jim Van Deman (Delaware), Former
	pm	Ballroom	School of Music,	Vice-Chair of the Delaware Tribe,
			Oklahoma City	Artist, Flute Maker, Musician
			University (invited)	(invited)
				Tim Tate Nevaquaya
				(Comanche/Chickasaw/Choctaw),
				Artist and Musician (confirmed)

	Jerod Impichchachaaha' Tate
	(Chickasaw), Composer and Pianist
	(invited)

PANEL C: LANGUAGE REVITALIZATION

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists
Language Revitalization	3:00 pm to 4:30	Crystal Room	Bryan Warner, Deputy	Teresa Billy, Assistant
	pm		Principal Chief,	Director of the Choctaw
			Cherokee Nation	Nation Language School
			(confirmed)	(confirmed)
				Don Henderson,
				Education Program
				Manager at Apple
				(confirmed)
				Joshua Hinson, Director
				of the Department of
				Chickasaw Language
				(confirmed)
				Howard Paden,
				Language Department
				Executive Director of the
				Cherokee Nation
				(confirmed)
				Braxton Redeagle,
				Director of the Osage
				Nation Language
				Department (confirmed)

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Language Revitalization	4:45 pm to 6:15	Crystal Room	Bryan Warner, Deputy	Teresa Billy, Assistant
	pm		Principal Chief,	Director of the Choctaw
			Cherokee Nation	Nation Language School
			(confirmed)	(confirmed)
				Don Henderson,
				Education Program
				Manager at Apple
				(confirmed)
				Joshua Hinson, Director
				of the Department of
				Chickasaw Language
				(confirmed)
				Howard Paden,
				Language Department
				Executive Director of the
				Cherokee Nation
				(confirmed)
				Braxton Redeagle,
				Director of the Osage
				Nation Language
				Department (confirmed)

Wednesday, June 12, 2024

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PANEL A: ETHICS

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists
Ethics	8:30 am to	Grand	Greg Bigler (Euchee),	Larry Hellman, Dean
	10:00 am	Ballroom A-D	District Judge Ret.,	Emeritus, Oklahoma City
			Muscogee (Nation)	University School of Law
			(confirmed)	(confirmed)
			John Reif, Justice (Ret.),	Cornel Pewewardy
			Oklahoma Supreme Court	(Comanche/Kiowa),
			(confirmed)	Vice-Chairman of the
			Gregory Smith, Pawnee	Comanche Nation,
			Nation Supreme Court,	Professor Emeritus of
			Chief Judge, U.S. Court of	Indigenous Studies,
			Indian Appeals, Miami	Portland State University
			Agency (confirmed)	(confirmed)

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists
Ethics	10:15 am to	Grand	Greg Bigler	Larry Hellman, Former Dean,
	11:45 am	Ballroom	(Euchee), District	Oklahoma City University School of
		A-D	Judge Ret.,	Law (confirmed)

Muscogee (Nation) (confirmed) John Reif, Justice (Ret.), Oklahoma Supreme Court (confirmed) Gregory Smith, Pawnee Nation Supreme Court, Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Indian Appeals, Miami Agency (confirmed)	Cornel Pewewardy (Comanche/Kiowa), Vice- Chairman of the Comanche Nation, Professor Emeritus of Indigenous Studies, Portland State University (confirmed)
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PANEL B: WATER LAW

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists
Study on Sardis Lake	8:30 am to	Centennial	John Hargrave, Chief	Stephen Greetham,
Compact	10:00 am	Ballroom	Executive Officer, East	Greetham Law (invited)
			Central University	Christine Pappas, East
			Foundation (confirmed)	Central University
				(confirmed)
				Duane Smith , Executive
				Director, Oka', The Water
				Institute of East Central
				University (confirmed)

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists
PFAS	10:15 am to 11:00 am	Centennial Ballroom	John Hargrave, Chief Executive Officer, East Central University Foundation (confirmed)	Saba Tahmassebi, Environmental Protection Agency (invited)
Water Infrastructure in Indian Country	11:00 am to 11:45 am	Centennial Ballroom	John Hargrave, Chief Executive Officer, East Central University Foundation (confirmed)	Randy Grinnell, Former Deputy Director of Management Operations of the Indian Health Services, Washington, D.C. (invited)

PANEL C: SYMBIOTIC ECONOMICS

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists
Symbiotic Economics	8:30 am to	Crystal Room	James Collard, Director of	John "Rocky" Barrett,
	10:00 am		Planning and Economic	Tribal Chairman, Citizen
			Development, Citizen	Potawatomi Nation
			Potawatomi Nation	(invited)
			(confirmed)	Dan Boren , Secretary of
				Commerce, Chickasaw
				Nation (confirmed)

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists
Agricultural Economics	10:15 am to	Crystal	James Collard,	Janie Hipp (Chickasaw),
	11:45 am	Room	Director of Planning	CEO/President, Native Agriculture
			and Economic	Financial Services (confirmed)
			Development, Citizen	Carly Griffith Hotvedt, Associate
			Potawatomi Nation	Executive Director, Indigenous
			(confirmed)	Food and Agricultural Initiative
				(confirmed)
				Jerry McPeak, Former Oklahoma
				Legislator (confirmed)
				Geoffrey Standing Bear, Principal
				Chief, Osage Nation (confirmed)
				Reggie Wassana, Governor,
				Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes
				(confirmed)

Noon to 1:30 pm – Lunch on Your Own

PANEL A: SYMBIOTIC ECONOMICS

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists
Economic Development	1:30 pm to 3:00	Grand	James Collard,	Tana Fitzpatrick, Associate Vice
	pm	Ballroom	Director of Planning	President of Tribal Relations, the
		A-D	and Economic	University of Oklahoma (confirmed)

	Development, Citizen Potawatomi Nation (confirmed)	Victor Flores, President, Oklahoma Tribal Finance Consortium (confirmed) Wayne Garnons-Williams, Principal Director of Indigenous Sovereign Trade Consultancy, Ltd., Canada (confirmed) Susan Harper, Canadian Consul General, Dallas, (confirmed) David Hill, Chief, Muscogee (Creek) Nation (invited) Bradford Morse, Professor of Law, Thompson Rivers University (confirmed) William Walton, Associate Professor in Urban Planning, the Bartlett School of Planning, University College, London (confirmed)
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3:00 pm to 3:15 pm – Break

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists
Economic Development	3:15 pm to 4:45	Grand	James Collard,	Valerie Devol, Attorney, Devol and
	pm	Ballroom	Director of Planning	Associates (confirmed)
		A-D	and Economic	Wayne Garnons-Williams, Principal
			Development, Citizen	Director of Indigenous Sovereign
			Potawatomi Nation	Trade Consultancy, Ltd., Canada
			(confirmed)	(confirmed)
				Alana Kennedy, Founder and CEO,
				OCHRE Sun, Australia (confirmed)

Benjamin Morgan, Staff, Trade
Policy Division, Trade and
Agriculture Directorate
Organization for Economic Co-
Operation and Development, Paris
(confirmed)
Bradford Morse, Professor of Law,
Thompson Rivers University
(confirmed)
William Walton, Associate Professor
in Urban Planning, the Bartlett
School of Planning, University
College, London (confirmed)

PANEL B: GAMING

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists
Gaming	1:30 pm to 3:00	Centennial	Nancy Green,	Jonodev Chaudhuri (Muscogee),
	pm	Room	Attorney, Green Law	Attorney, Muscogee (Creek)
			Firm (confirmed)	Nation Ambassador (confirmed)
			Matthew Morgan,	Kyle Dean , Associate Professor of
			Executive	Economics, Director of the Center
			Officer/General	for Native American and Urban
			Counsel, Office of	Studies, Oklahoma City University
			Government Affairs	(confirmed)
			and Partnerships,	Jason Giles, Executive Director,
			Chickasaw Nation,	National Indian Gaming
			Chairman, Oklahoma	Association (confirmed)
			Indian Gaming	Elizabeth Homer (Osage), Attorney,
				Homer Law (confirmed)

Association	Dean Luthey , Gabel Gotwals
(confirmed)	Michael McBride, Crowe and
	Dunlevy (Confirmed)
	Michael McBride, Attorney, Crowe
	and Dunlevy (confirmed)
	William Norman (Muscogee),
	Hobbs, Straus, Dean and Walker
	(confirmed)

3:00 pm to 3:15 pm – Break

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists
Gaming	3:15 pm to 4:45	Centennial	Nancy Green,	Jonodev Chaudhuri (Muscogee),
	pm	Room	Attorney, Green Law	Attorney, Muscogee (Creek)
			Firm (confirmed)	Nation Ambassador (invited)
			Matthew Morgan,	Kyle Dean , Associate Professor of
			Executive	Economics, Director of the Center
			Officer/General	for Native American and Urban
			Counsel, Office of	Studies, Oklahoma City University
			Government Affairs	(confirmed)
			and Partnerships,	Jason Giles, Executive Director,
			Chickasaw Nation,	National Indian Gaming
			Chairman, Oklahoma	Association (confirmed)
			Indian Gaming	Elizabeth Homer (Osage), Attorney,
			Association	Homer Law (confirmed)
			(confirmed)	Dean Luthey , Gabel Gotwals
				Michael McBride, Crowe and
				Dunlevy (confirmed)
				Michael McBride, Attorney, Crowe
				and Dunlevy (confirmed)

William Norman (Muscogee),
Hobbs, Straus, Dean and Walker
(confirmed)

PANEL C: HEALTHCARE AND HEALING

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists
Healthcare and Healing	1:30 pm to 3:00	Grand	Noma Gurich, Justice,	Chris Anoatubby, Lieutenant
	pm	Ballroom	Oklahoma Supreme	Governor of the Chickasaw Nation
		E-F	Court (confirmed)	(confirmed)
			Dustin Rowe , Justice,	David Hill, Principal Chief of the
			Oklahoma Supreme	Muscogee (Creek) Nation (invited)
			Court (confirmed)	Tim Tate Nevquaya
				(Comanche/Chickasaw/Choctaw),
				Artist and Musician (confirmed)
				Loretta Oden (Citizen Potawatomi),
				Chef Consultant, Thirty Nine
				Restaurant, First American Museum
				(confirmed)
				Xochitl Torres Small, Deputy
				Secretary, United States
				Department of Agriculture (invited)
				Cara Cowan Watts, CEO and
				Managing Member, Tulsa Pier
				Drilling (confirmed)

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists
Healthcare and Healing	3:15 pm to 4:45	Grand	Noma Gurich, Justice,	Chris Anoatubby, Lieutenant
	pm	Ballroom	Oklahoma Supreme	Governor of the Chickasaw Nation
		E-F	Court (confirmed)	(confirmed)
			Dustin Rowe , Justice,	David Hill, Principal Chief of the
			Oklahoma Supreme	Muscogee (Creek) Nation (invited)
			Court (confirmed)	Tim Tate Nevquaya
				(Comanche/Chickasaw/Choctaw),
				Artist and Musician (confirmed)
				Loretta Oden (Citizen Potawatomi),
				Chef Consultant, Thirty Nine
				Restaurant, First American Museum
				(confirmed)
				Xochitl Torres Small, Deputy
				Secretary, United States
				Department of Agriculture (invited)
				Cara Cowan Watts, CEO and
				Managing Member, Tulsa Pier
				Drilling (confirmed)

PANEL D: DATA SOVEREIGNTY

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists
Data Sovereignty	1:30 pm to 3:00	Crystal	Timothy Hsieh,	Emily Campbell, Attorney-Director,
	pm	Room	Assistant Professor of	Dunlap Codding (confirmed)
			Law, Oklahoma City	Kymberly Cravatt, General
			University (confirmed)	Counsel, Chickasaw Nation
				(confirmed)

Jennifer Lizotte, Commerce
Attorney, Choctaw Nation
(confirmed)
Chloe Moyer, Government
Attorney, Choctaw Nation
(confirmed)
John Poling, Privacy Officer,
Choctaw Nation (confirmed)
Douglas Sorocco, Attorney-
Director, Dunlap Codding
(confirmed)

3:00 pm to 3:15 pm – Break

PANEL D: DATA SOVEREIGNTY

Session	Time	Room	Moderators	Panelists
Data Sovereignty	3:15 pm to 4:45	Crystal	Timothy Hsieh,	Emily Campbell, Attorney-Director,
	pm	Room	Assistant Professor of	Dunlap Codding (confirmed)
			Law, Oklahoma City	Kymberly Cravatt, General
			University (confirmed)	Counsel, Chickasaw Nation
				(confirmed)
				Jennifer Lizotte, Commerce
				Attorney, Choctaw Nation
				(confirmed)
				Chloe Moyer, Government
				Attorney, Choctaw Nation
				(confirmed)
				John Poling, Privacy Officer,
				Choctaw Nation (confirmed)

	Douglas Sorocco, Attorney-
	Director, Dunlap Codding
	(confirmed)