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CURRENT POSITION

Program Attorney, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges
Licensed in Minnesota

EDUCATION

J.D., *Magna Cum Laude*, Michigan State University College of Law
Indigenous Law & Policy Certificate 2013

Pre-Law Summer Institute, American Indian Law Center 2010

M.A.Ed., *Magna Cum Laude*, George Wythe University 2005
Thesis: *Returning Spirit: A Review of Traditional Indigenous Educational Forms*

B.A., Statesmanship, *Cum Laude*, George Wythe University 2004
Transfer from Brigham Young University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Co-Instructor 2013-2014
Michigan State University College of Law
Courses: Legal Brief Writing; Indigenous Law & Policy Clinical Class;
Moot Court Oral Argument

Teaching Assistant 2012-2013
Michigan State University College of Law
Course: Property Law

Teacher 2008-2010
Paradigm High School
Courses: U.S. Government; Leadership

Adjunct Instructor 2006-2008
George Wythe University
Courses: Constitutional Law I; Constitutional Law II; Leadership I

PRESENTATIONS

- 4th Annual Indian Child Welfare Conference, *Indian Child Welfare Act: All the Changes and Updates You Need to Know*, May 5, 2016, Salt Lake City, UT 2016
- Montana Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect Conference, *Trauma is not Culture*, April 20, 2016, Missoula, MT 2016
- Montana Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect Conference, *Sex Trafficking in American Indian and Alaska Native Communities*, Invited Keynote, April 19, 2016, Missoula, MT 2016
- Indigenous Peoples, Law, and Power Symposium: Indian Child Welfare Act, *Implementing ICWA: Promoting Stronger Ties between State and Tribal Courts*, April 15, 2016, Norman, OK 2016
- 34th Annual Protecting Our Children National American Indian Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, *Working with State Court Judges in ICWA Cases*, (co-presenter) April 4-6, 2016, St. Paul, MN 2016
- 34th Annual Protecting Our Children National American Indian Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, *The Shift: Tribal Sovereignty, ICWA and Peacemaking Courts*, (co-presenter) April 4-6, 2016, St. Paul, MN 2016
- 12th Annual Indigenous Law Conference, *Aandaakonige: From the Trilogy to TICA, ICWA Panel*, November 5-6, 2015, East Lansing, MI 2015
- 46th Annual National Tribal Judicial and Court Personnel Conference, Tribal Justice Systems: Pathways to Healing & Sovereignty, *Creating a Trauma-Responsive Court Experience*, (co-presenter) October 9, 2015, Niagara Falls, NY 2015
- 46th Annual National Tribal Judicial and Court Personnel Conference, Tribal Justice Systems: Pathways to Healing & Sovereignty, *Reading Between the Guidelines: ICWA Best Practices*, (co-presenter) October 7-8, 2015, Niagara Falls, NY 2015
- Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence Conference, *Tribal Civil Protection Orders*, September 29, 2015, Reno, NV 2015
- Leadership Institute for Tribal Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Coalitions, “Women of Resistance . . . Moving in Solidarity to End Violence Against Women, *Human Trafficking – Understanding the Connections Between Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault & Sex Trafficking*, (co-presenter) September 24, 2015, Washington, DC 2015
- Criminal Justice Institute Training, *Responding to the Sex Trafficking of Native Women “Trapped” in Violence: The Connection Between Sex Trafficking and* 2015

- Domestic Violence*, (co-presenter) September 2, 2015, Chandler, Arizona
- 5th Annual Indian Child Welfare Conference: Pathways to Justice for Native American Children, *Sex Trafficking in Indian Country*, Invited Keynote, August 13, 2015, Philadelphia, Mississippi 2015
- 16th ABA National Conference on Children & The Law, *Effective Responses to Sex Trafficking in the Child Welfare System: Native Communities, Reunification and Trauma-Focused Practice*, (co-presenter) July 24, 2015, Washington, DC 2015
- 2015 Law and Society Annual Meeting, *Promises and Pathos in Indian Law*, (panel), May 29, 2015, Seattle, Washington 2015
- 33rd Annual Protecting Our Children National American Indian Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, *Creating a Human Trafficking Protocol for Your Community: Innovative Approaches to Identifying Threats and Protecting and Healing Native Youth*, April 19-22, 2015, Portland, Oregon 2015
- 33rd Annual Protecting Our Children National American Indian Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, *Sharing Strategies: Intratribal Coordination and Cooperation in State ICWA Cases*, (co-presenter) April 19-22, 2015, Portland, Oregon 2015
- Rural Safety and Justice Conference, *Human Trafficking and Alaska Native Women and Girls*, Invited Keynote, February 23-25, 2015, Anchorage, Alaska 2015
- Rural Safety and Justice Conference, *The Global Context of Violence Against Indigenous Women*, February 23-25, 2015, Anchorage, Alaska 2015
- UCLA Law Review Symposium: Examining the Roots of Human Trafficking and Exploitation, *We Have Nowhere Safe to Go: The Modern Repercussions of 15th Century Ideals*, January 29-30, 2015, Los Angeles, California 2015
- 14th National Indian Nations Conference: Justice for Victims of Crime, *Asserting Tribal Rights in ICWA Cases*, December 11-12, 2014, Agua Caliente, California 2014
- 14th National Indian Nations Conference: Justice for Victims of Crime, *Enforcing Protection Orders against Non-Indians under the Expanded Criminal Jurisdiction in VAWA 2013*, (co-presenter) December 11-12, 2014, Agua Caliente, California 2014
- 45th Annual National Tribal Judicial & Court Clerks Conference, *Civil Protection Orders and VAWA 2013*, (co-presenter) October 7-10, 2014, Catoosa, Oklahoma 2014
- NCJFCJ 77th Annual Conference, *Trauma is Not Culture: Recognizing and Addressing American Indian Intergenerational Trauma in the Courtroom*, July 13-16, 2014, Chicago, Illinois 2014

- International Rights Holder Workshop, *Experiencing and Protecting Arctic Sacred Sites and Culturally Important Landscapes: Creating Partnerships with Mutual Respect*, Invited Keynote, June 11-13, 2014, Inari, Finland 2014
- 2014 Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, *Changing the Inequalities of Indian Law*, (panel) May 29-June 1, 2014, Minneapolis, Minnesota 2014
- Arctic/Northern Women: Law and Justice, Development and Equality, Feminist Legal Studies Queen's, *Human Trafficking Risks for Indigenous Women in the Circumpolar Arctic Region of the U.S. and Canada*, February 28 – March 1, 2014, Kingston, Ontario, Canada 2014
- The Arctic Encounter Symposium, Seattle University School of Law, *Extracting more than Resources, Human Security and Arctic Indigenous Women*, February 7-8, 2014, Seattle, Washington 2014
- Tenth Annual Indigenous Law and Policy Center Conference, Nd'Nakweshkodaadimin: A Gathering of Anishinaabe Scholars, *Rising Waters, Rising Threats: Human Trafficking of Indigenous Women in Northern Alaska and Canada*, October 24-25, 2013, East Lansing, Michigan 2013
- Sixth Annual Polar Law Symposium, *Rising Waters, Rising Threats: Human Trafficking in the Circumpolar Region of the United States and Canada*, October 11-14, 2013, Akureyri and Reykjavik, Iceland 2013
- U.S. Attorney's Office of the Eastern District of Michigan, Annual Native American Heritage Month Program, Guest Speaker, *The Connection Between Cultural Stereotypes and Violence Against Native Women*, November 28, 2012, Detroit, Michigan 2012

PUBLICATIONS & WORKS IN PROGRESS

- Education, Revitalization and Transmission of Culture*, in PRESERVING SACRED SITES: ARCTIC INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AS CULTURAL HERITAGE RIGHTS HOLDERS 38-41 (Leena Heinamaki, Thora Martina Herrmann, Nicole A. Raslich eds. 2016) 2016
- Book Review, *Introduction to International Environmental Law by Timo Koivurova*, POLAR RECORD, 51, 338 (2015), Cambridge University Press 2015
- Rising Waters, Rising Threats: The Human Trafficking of Indigenous Women in the Circumpolar Region of the United States and Canada*, THE YEARBOOK OF POLAR LAW, vol. VI, 2014 (peer-reviewed) 2014
- Book Review, *Unmasking Deep Democracy: An Anthropology of Indigenous Media in* 2014

Canada by Sigjuron Baldur Hafsteinsson, POLAR RECORD, 50(2), 1-2 (2014), Cambridge University Press

Extracting more than Resources: Human Security and Arctic Indigenous Women, 37 SEATTLE U. L. REV. 1221 (2014) 2014

Sacred Sites Access: A New Look at an Old Wrong (draft available) 2013

A Discretionary Balancing Act: Lessons Learned from Equity and Tribal Customary Law (draft available) 2013

Human Genetic Research: How Intellectual Property Law is Failing Native Communities (draft available) 2012

SELECTED AWARDS & HONORS

Nominated Changemaker, Attendee, White House Summit on the United State of Women 2016

Jurisprudence Awards: Tribal Governments, Indian Child Welfare Act, International Intellectual Property 2011-2013

Outstanding MSU Woman Law Student, Women Lawyer's Association of Michigan 2011

Best in Section Oralist Award, Research, Writing, and Advocacy II 2011

Top Advocacy Student, American Indian Law Center 2010

SELECTED ACTIVITIES

Michigan State International Law Review, Staff & Executive Editor 2011-2013

Symposium Organizer, *Battle for the North: Is All Quiet on the Arctic Front?* 2013

National Native American Law Students' Association, Area Representative 2011-2012

Modern Abolitionist Legal Society, Founding Member, Executive Committee 2011-2012

NNALSA Moot Court Team 2012

Organizing Committee, *Stopping Traffic 5K*, Fundraising Walk/Run to Benefit Victims of Human Trafficking 2012

Symposium Organizing Committee, *Prosecuting Human Trafficking Offenses in Michigan* 2012

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant Michigan State University College of Law	2011-2013
John D.B. Lewis Fellow Indian Law Resource Center	2012
Law Clerk White Earth Tribal Court	2011
Seminar Speaker Touchstone Research Enterprises	2003-2009

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Minnesota Bar Association, Member	2013
American Bar Association, Member	2013
National Native American Bar Association, Member	2013
Federal Bar Association, Indian Law Section, Member	2013
Association of Early Career Polar Scientists, Social Sciences Section Member	2012

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

EAGLE (Educating Anishinaabe: Giving, Learning, Empowering), Member	2013
Observer, United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues	2013
Indigenous Graduate Student Collective, Panelist and Focus Group Leader	2012-2013
Native American Institute, Providing Research and Project Assistance	2011-2013
Diversity Consortium, Supporting Diversity within the Law School	2010-2013
Ad Hoc Committee, Reviewer for Joseph J. Lupton, Jr. Scholarship	2013

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Volunteer, Veterans Guest House	2016
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NNALSA Moot Court Brief Judge	2016
Reviewer, AIGC Student Applications	2014
Gathering Society (Devoted to Cultural Preservation), Member	2013
Board of Directors, Urban Indian Center, Salt Lake City, Utah	2006-2008
Cultural Liaison with Indigenous Tribes in Panama	2007
American Friends for Poland, Warsaw, Poland, Member	1998-2000