

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

ASSERTING SOVEREIGNTY: INNOVATIONS AND BATTLEGROUNDS



8:15-9:00 a.m.

Check In and Continental Breakfast

9:00-9:30 a.m.

Welcome and Opening Remarks (Union Ballroom)

- Opening Song and Prayer: **Vann Bighorse**, *Osage*
- Land Acknowledgement
- Presentation of Colors: Color Guard, Company G-7, National Society of Pershing Rifles
- Welcome:

LaVerne Bitsie-Baldwin, *Diné*

Indigenous Faculty and Staff Alliance Co-Chair & Director, Multicultural Engineering Program

Dr. Alex Red Corn, *Osage*

Indigenous Faculty and Staff Alliance Co-Chair, Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership; Coordinator for Indigenous Partnerships, and Executive Director, Kansas Association of Native American Education (KANAE)

9:30-10:20 a.m.



Keynote (Union Ballroom)

“Sovereignty of the Soul”

SARAH DEER, J.D.

Muscogee (Creek) Nation

Professor, University of Kansas, and Chief Justice, Prairie Island Indian Community Court of Appeals

Sarah Deer is a citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma and a professor at the University of Kansas. Ending violence against women is her life’s goal, which has led to her recent induction into the National

Women’s Hall of Fame. Her 2015 book, *The Beginning and End of Rape: Confronting Sexual Violence in Native America* is the culmination of over 25 years of working with survivors and has received several awards, including the Best First Book award from the Native American Indigenous Studies Association. A lawyer by training but an advocate in practice, Deer’s scholarship focuses on the intersection of federal Indian law and victims’ rights, using indigenous feminist principles as a framework. Deer is a co-author of four textbooks on tribal law and has been published in a wide variety of law journals. Her work to end violence against Native women has received national recognition from the American Bar Association and the Department of Justice. She has testified before Congress on two occasions regarding violence against Native women and was appointed by Attorney General Eric Holder to chair a federal advisory committee on sexual violence in Indian country. Professor Deer was named a MacArthur Foundation Fellow in 2014. She currently teaches at the University of Kansas (her alma mater), where she holds a joint appointment in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and the School of Public Affairs and Administration. Professor Deer is also the Chief Justice for the Prairie Island Indian Community Court of Appeals.

10:20-10:30 a.m. **BREAK**

10:30-11:20 a.m.



Keynote (Union Ballroom)

“Education as an Impediment or Imperative of Sovereignty?”

SUSAN FAIRCLOTH, Ph.D.

Coharie

Professor and Director of the School of Education, Colorado State University

Dr. Susan C. Faircloth (an enrolled member of the Coharie Tribe of North Carolina) is professor and Director of the School of Education at Colorado State University. Dr. Faircloth's research interests include: Indigenous education, the education of culturally and linguistically diverse students with special educational needs, and the moral and ethical dimensions of school leadership. She has published widely in such journals as *Educational Administration Quarterly*, *Harvard Educational Review*, *The Journal of Special Education Leadership*, *International Studies in Educational Administration*, *Values and Ethics in Educational Administration*, *Tribal College Journal of American Indian Higher Education*, *Rural Special Education Quarterly*, and *Journal of Disability Policy Studies*.

Dr. Faircloth serves as a senior associate editor of the *American Journal of Education*, a member of the editorial board of the *Journal of American Indian Education*, and Chair of the technical review panel for the *National Indian Education Study* conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics, the Office of Indian Education, and the Educational Testing Service. Dr. Faircloth is a former Fulbright Senior Scholar to New Zealand, Ford Foundation Postdoctoral scholar with the Civil Rights Project/Proyecto Derechos Civiles at the University of California Los Angeles, research Fellow with the American Indian/Alaska Native Head Start Research Center at the University of Colorado Denver, and a recent William C. Friday Fellow for Human Relations.

Dr. Faircloth and her husband, Lee, live in Fort Collins, Colorado, with their 9 year old, Journey; dogs, Teddy, Prince, and Apollo; and an assortment of other pets. She attributes her pathway into education to her parents, Gene and Marie, and her tribal elders. According to Dr. Faircloth, "they knew I was destined to be an educator long before I did."

11:20-11:40 a.m. BREAK and GET LUNCH

11:40 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

Video Screening and Roundtable Discussion (Union Ballroom)

- **"Protect Our Land"** – Directed by **Ryan Red Corn**, *Osage*, Paramount Network Take Action Series
- **"Saving the Osage Language"** – Directed by **Ryan Red Corn**; produced by **Jeremy Charles**, *Cherokee*, and **Sterlin Harjo**, *Muscogee (Creek) and Seminole*, Firethief Productions, Invisible Nations and Finding America Series
- **"The Sixth World"** – **Nanobah Becker**, *Diné*

Discussion Facilitators:

- **Dr. Debra Bolton**, *Ohkay Owingeh/Diné/Ute*, Director of Intercultural Learning and Academic Success
- **Dr. Lisa Tatonetti**, Professor of English, Queer Indigenous Studies

1:15-1:30 p.m. BREAK

1:30-2:20 p.m.

Breakout Panels

Session 1: Tribal Criminal Law (Big 12 Room)

- **Sarah Deer, J.D.**, *Muscogee (Creek) Nation*, Professor, University of Kansas, and Chief Justice, Prairie Island Indian Community Court of Appeals
- Moderator: **Dr. April Petillo**, KSU Assistant Professor of American Ethnic Studies, Native/Indigenous Studies Emphasis

Session 2: Indigenous Education (Ballroom)

- **"Teaching Hard History: Insights from Curricular Frameworks and Podcasting"** (a project with Teaching Tolerance and the Southern Poverty Law Center) – **Dr. Meredith McCoy**, *Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa descent*, Assistant Professor and Andersen Fellow of American Studies and History, Carleton College
- **"National Indian Education Study: An Overview"** **Dr. Susan Faircloth**, *Coharie*, Professor and Director of the School of Education, Colorado State University
- Moderator: **Dr. Lisa Tatonetti**, Professor of English, Queer Indigenous Studies

Session 3: Osage Language Preservation (Room 206)

- **Vann Bighorse**, *Osage*, Director, Osage Nation Language Department, Educational Leadership Graduate Student
- **John Maker**, *Osage*, Director, Osage Nation Congressman, Educational Leadership Graduate Student
- **Robynn Rulo**, *Osage*, Pawhuska Nest, Center Manager, Daposka Ankodapi ("Our School" Osage Language Immersion School), Educational Leadership Graduate Student
- Moderator: **Dr. Alex Red Corn**, *Osage*, KSU Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership

Session 4: Indigenous Community Health (Room 207)

- **"Discussing Indigenous Community Health Disparities"** **Victor Andrews, MPH**, *Walker River Paiute*, Graduate Student and Indigenous Health Disparities Scholar, College of Health and Human Sciences
- Moderator: **Audrey Swartz**, *Miami*, K-State Libraries

Session 5: We are the Medicine Wheel (Room 227)

• Donna Ann Joseph, *Lakota/Dakota*

• Moderator: Dr. Debra Bolton, *Ohkay Owingeh/Diné/Ute*, Director of Intercultural Learning and Academic Success

2:30-3:20 p.m.



Keynote (Union Ballroom)

“Settler Colonial Realism: Historical Considerations for Contemporary Educational Sovereignty”

MEREDITH McCOY, Ph.D.

Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa descent

Assistant Professor and Andersen Fellow of American Studies and History, Carleton College

Meredith McCoy (Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa descent) is an Assistant Professor and Andersen Fellow of American Studies and History at Carleton College where she teaches classes about Indigenous activism, Indian education history, and Indigenous research methods. Her research uses Critical Race Theory to shed light on histories of structural violence and Indigenous agency during two hundred years of United States schooling. McCoy has previously worked as a public school teacher, a Policy Assistant at the White House Initiative on American Indian and Alaska Native Education, and an instructor at both Turtle Mountain Community College and Freedom University. She is a graduate of the Native Leadership Institute, a leadership development program that trains participants in strategies to promote tribal sovereignty through governance and finance. McCoy is also the founder of www.nativeninetypercent.com, a creative digital space for Indigenous people writing about diaspora, relocation, and reconnection.

3:20-3:30 p.m.

Closing Song and Remarks (Union Ballroom)

3:30-4:30 p.m.

Kansas Association of Native American Educators (KANA E) Meeting (Big 12 Room)



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