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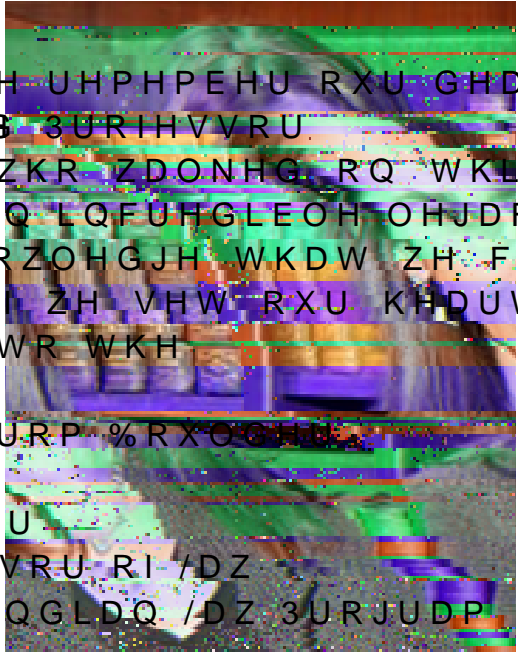
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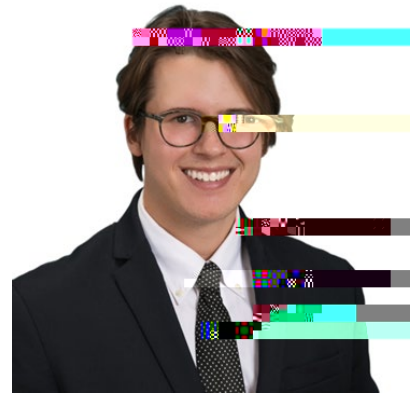
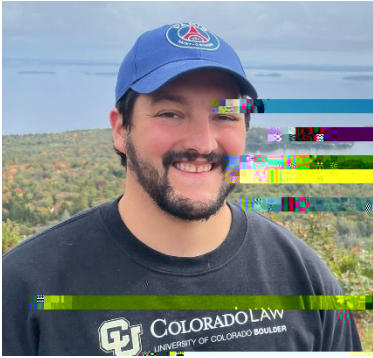


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A critical component of the American Indian Law Clinic is to get out of the classroom and into communities. Under the leadership of the director, Christina Stanton, students have been able to directly observe on-the-ground impacts of the laws they have been researching and analyzing on behalf of their clients. “It is important to me that students consider what it looks like to engage in place-based lawyering; what is the relationality of the homelands, territories, and reservations to our Indigenous clients

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Class of 2022

William Raley

Thinking back on his time at Colorado Law, William Raley, a 2L, shares his advice for incoming students. "It can be hard, within law school, to know which classes out of the multitude will actually be useful. My advice would be to generally follow your passion but take risks on classes which might not pique your interest. I took an estate planning class on a whim and that's ended up being a large part of my practice. As cliché as it is, the most important thing you learn is how to learn, because as a lawyer you will encounter completely novel problems every day. That's the essence of the profession."



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prioritize Indigenous Peoples’ language rights, sacred sites protection, and international repatriation as it rejoins the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization this year. Watch Co-Director Carpenter’s intervention on UN Web TV here.

Noe made an intervention on behalf of the Native American Rights Fund and the National Congress of American Indians during “Item 9: Interactive dialogue with UNPFII, the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and the UN Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples.” Noe highlighted the need for Indigenous Peoples to have full and effective participation in an upcoming diplomatic conference at the World Intellectual Property Organization to negotiate a legal instrument on Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources, and Traditional Knowledge Associated with Genetic Resources. Watch Co-Director Noe’s intervention on UN Web TV here.

The Implementation Project held a side event on July 19, 2023, entitled “Sacred Sites and Human Rights: Implementing the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples’ Articles on Religious Freedoms, Free Prior and Informed Consent, and Rights to Land & Water.” Panelists were S. James Anaya, Distinguished Professor at the University of Colorado Law School and Former UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; Hannah McGlade, Member of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues; Eirik Larsen, Political Advisor to the Sami Parliament in Norway, and Councilwoman White Pipe. Commenters were newly appointed Chair of EMRIP Sheryl Lightfoot and Vice-Chair Antonina Gorbunova. The presentations converged around the sacred relationship between Indigenous Peoples and their lands, values that are inadequately protected by current laws. Panelists discussed the Black Hills, Oak Flat, and Thacker Pass (all in the United States); Juukan Gorge (Australia); and Fosen (Norway)—places where Indigenous Peoples are advancing a human rights framework to address the inadequacy of local and national laws.

Kristen Carpenter, who served on EMRIP from 2017-2021, was recognized during “Item 6: Country Engagement” for work completed during her time as Chair of the Mechanism. During this time, EMRIP assisted the Yaqui People, a cross-border Indigenous nation from the U.S. and Mexico, in their claim to repatriate a ceremonial deer head known as the Maaso Kova from Sweden. As EMRIP’s chair, Carpenter facilitated dialogue among Sweden and the Yaqui, leading to a 2020 agreement and the ultimate repatriation in 2023. The Yaqui-Sweden matter was hailed as a standard for EMRIP country engagements, which aim to give practical effect to the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

This session also commemorated the 1000.9 (gi)-46 (v27 (1)-1P8-)Tj0.337 0 Td{bo}10.9yele ia

The American Indian Law Program Welcomes New Fellow

Dr. Elizabeth Cook-Lynn, a leading scholar in the field of American Indian Studies, returned to school at the University of Colorado Law School to study for her Ph.D. in American Indian Language and Culture.

Dr. Cook-Lynn is a member of the American Indian Law Program and will be teaching in the American Indian Law Program.

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AILP Course Offerings

Fall 2023 – Spring 2024

Hannah Ahders (Coquille) - President

Hannah interned at Colorado Supreme Court this summer. She enjoyed learning about the judicial system from the perspective of Supreme Court justices and clerks. She is looking

forward to taking American Indian law classes and serving the NALSA student body.

Taylor Courchaine – Secretary

Taylor interned with Judge Harris at the Colorado Court of Appeals this summer. His favorite part was watching trials, he enjoyed seeing how Judges handle the

Jenny Jones (Amskapi Piikani/Blackfeet Nation) – Vice President

Jenny interned with an environmental nonprofit, focusing on clean energy policy as well as improving equity in the legislative and policy-making processes. The highlight of her summer was traveling with her kids back to their reservation for the

annual powwow, for the first time since before the pandemic.

Josh Bertalotto (Tunica-Biloxi) -Treasurer

Josh spent the summer as a summer associate with Peebles Kidder, a mid-sized law firm with offices throughout the U.S. which focused solely on serving Tribal Nations. His favorite part of the summer was visiting the Federal District

Court for the Eastern District of California and witnessing his first hearing in-person and seeing how the interests of Tribal Nations are argued in the federal court system.

Adapted from article originally posted on the Getches-Wilkinson Center website on July 19, 2023.

The University of Colorado Law School, the American Indian Law Program, and the Getches-Wilkinson Center. In 1971, he joined the National American Indian Legal Center, helping to shape the organization's policies. He worked with Richard Collins, and NARF Executive Director, on treaty rights litigation and established the

Wilkinson was a passionate and influential mentor to his colleagues at law schools throughout the country. His mark, not just on legal education and

“Charles’s enormous legacy touches everyone,” said Professor Sarah Krakoff. “He blended his work with the general public while also influencing the legal profession. He was optimistic, kind, and huge-hearted for someone of his size. I wish I might have—

In Memoriam: Remembering Professor Charles Wilkinson

As a prolific writer, Wilkinson authored fourteen books, which stand as seminal works that shaped the fields of Indian Law and Federal Public Land Law. These include highly regarded casebooks and general audience books, including *Crossing the Next Meridian*, that tackled pressing issues related to land, water, the West, Indigenous rights, and the complex histories that shape our nation. His writings, marked by their clarity and profound insights, resonated with scholars, practitioners, and the general public, making him an influential voice in legal and environmental discourse. He was an early thought leader