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Agenda

All events to take place in Room 2402, University of New Mexico, School of Law

Friday June 25, 2010

Breakfast 8:30-9 a.m.

Opening Remarks 9:00-9:30 a.m.

Kevin K. Washburn, Dean, University of New Mexico, School of Law

Stephen Handelman, Director, Center on Media, Crime and Justice, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Clark Bell, Director, Journalism Program, McCormick Foundation

John Oetzel, Chair, Department of Communication and Journalism, University of New Mexico

Opening Keynote

Magistrate Judge Henrietta Soland, McKinley County, New Mexico

Panel 1: Overview of Crime Trends in Indian Country 9:30-10:45 a.m.

Ada Pecos Melton, President, American Indian Development Associates

Robert Esquerro, Assistant Deputy Director, Public Safety, Bureau of Indian Affairs

Tracy Toulou, Director, Office of Tribal Justice, Department of Justice

Moderator:

Stephen Handelman, Director, Center on Media, Crime and Justice

Break 10:45-11:00 a.m.

Panel 2: Jurisdictional issues

11:00-12:30 p.m.

Bernadine Martin, Chief Prosecutor, Navajo Nation

Everett Little White Man, Chief of Police, Department of Public Safety, Oglala Sioux Tribe

Steve Yarbrough, First Assistant U.S. Attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of New Mexico

Duane Champagne, Ph.D., Professor of Sociology and American Indian Studies, UCLA

Moderator:

Jeff Harjo, Executive Director, Native American Journalists Association

Lunch 12:30-2:00 p.m.

Keynote speaker:

Brendan Johnson, U.S. Attorney for the District of South Dakota; chair, Attorney General's Native American Issues Subcommittee

Panel 3: Violence against Native Women is not traditional

2:00-3:30 p.m.

Corrine Sanchez, Co-Director, Tewa Women United

Donna O'Brien, Chief of Detectives, Comanche Nation

Virginia S. Davis, Deputy Director for Policy, Office on Violence Against Women, Department of Justice

Moderator:

Kara Briggs, Editor/Founder, American Indian News Service

Break 3:30-3:45 p.m.

Panel 4: Youth violence and substance abuse 3:45-5:00 p.m.

Marcus B. "Mac" McCaskill, Special Agent, FBI District of Albuquerque

Leann Yazzie, Advocate & mother of the Late Brooke Spencer

Darryl S. Wood, Ph.D. Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science & Criminal Justice, Washington State University, Vancouver

Moderator:

Antonia Gonzales, Anchor and Producer, Native News Net

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Panel 5: How theft of Native art/ artifacts erodes Native culture

9:00-10:30 a.m.

Taiawagi Helton, Professor of Law, The University of Oklahoma College of Law

Richard McKelvie, Assistant U.S. Attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Utah

Moderator:

Joseph Kolb, Publisher, Gallup Herald

Break 10:45-11:00 a.m.

Hands on Workshop 1: Finding and Verifying Tribal Crime Statistics

11:00-12:30 p.m.

Steven W. Perry, Statistician, Bureau of Justice Statistics, Department of Justice

Break 12:30-12:45 p.m.

Workshop 2: Story Wrap-Up

12:45-2:30 p.m.

Stephen Handelman, Director, Center on Media, Crime and Justice

Joe Kolb, Publisher, The Gallup Herald

Cara Tabachnick, Deputy Director, Center on Media, Crime and Justice

fellows

Jenny Michael, *Bismarck Tribune*

Jenny Michael was raised on a ranch outside Billings, Mont., where she played sports and participated in school and 4-H activities. After graduating as valedictorian from Shepherd (Mont.) High School in 2002, she attended the University of Mary in Bismarck, N.D. She graduated summa cum laude in 2006 with a Bachelor of Science degree in communications, with a minor in psychology. She interned for The Associated Press in 2006, where she covered the South Dakota Legislature and general assignments in South Dakota and North Dakota. Jenny became the police and courts reporter at the Bismarck Tribune in North Dakota in May 2006. She covers law enforcement, criminal justice system and public safety issues, as well as occasional features and general assignments.

Colleen Keane, *Freelance*

Colleen Keane has worked as a freelance journalist since 1989. Working for the Navajo Nation, she recently produced educational videos in Navajo and English addressing child welfare, jurisdictional and self sufficiency issues. She is currently working on a project about traditional ways to solve justice problems and writing and photographing a Resource Book for Navajo families, which includes services for families that are impacted by domestic violence and substance abuse. As a freelance reporter for National Native News, she reported on technology access, women leaders and native artists. Her documentary, *The River That Harms*, continues to bring attention to the 1979 UNC uranium tailings spill on Navajo Nation lands. Over the past several years, Colleen was instrumental in bringing attention to an effort called the Internet to the Hogans, which addresses equality issues related to technology access. Colleen holds a Masters Degree in Journalism from the University of Southern California.

Grant Schulte, *The Des Moines Register*, correspondent for USA Today
Grant Schulte is a reporter for The Des Moines Register and a correspondent for USA Today. His beat focuses on state and federal courts, and stories of national interest. In the last three years, he has covered Iowa's historic floods, the aftermath of a record-setting immigration raid, and the state's landmark court decision to legalize same-sex marriage. Schulte's interest in American Indian issues began two years ago, when a photographer friend persuaded him to visit South Dakota's Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Stunned by the region's poverty, Schulte began research that now includes interviews with more than 100 members of the Oglala Lakota Sioux. He plans to write magazine articles and an eventual book about drugs on the reservation, health care, the economy and other problems. Schulte also has worked for The (Cedar Rapids, Iowa) Gazette, The (Toledo, Ohio) Blade, The Oregonian, and the Washington bureau of The Houston Chronicle.

Joseph O'Sullivan, *Watertown Public Opinion*

Joe O'Sullivan is a reporter for the Watertown Public Opinion, a six-day daily newspaper in Northeastern South Dakota. As a convergence journalist there, he covers city hall, courts, politics, rural issues and general assignment on a variety of media platforms. He has been a reporter since obtaining his print journalism degree from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn., in May 2008. In 2005 and 2006 he worked as a political operative on congressional and gubernatorial campaigns in Minnesota and Colorado. From 1999 to 2004, he attended American University and the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey for journalism and communications. In his spare time, he writes fiction and freelances for a South Dakota news magazine, www.ThePostSD.com.

Sandra McGee, *Rhode Island Suburban Newspapers*

Sandy McGee is a full-time staff writer and photographer for Rhode Island Suburban Newspapers (RISN), a newspaper group that includes The Woonsocket Call, The Pawtucket Times and Neighbors publications. McGee has worked in nearly every facet

of the newspaper industry from pre-press productions to editorial. She has worked in a daily, metropolitan newsroom for six years. Her articles vary from police and court reporting to enterprise stories. Her most recent work can be found at www.woonsocketcall.com and www.pawtuckettimes.com.

Sue Holmes, *Associated Press (Albuquerque)*

Holmes was born in El Paso, Texas, but grew up in Alamogordo, N.M., where her father had a store that sold Navajo and Zuni jewelry and Navajo rugs. She spent her childhood partly in northern Arizona near the Navajo Nation, and partly in central New Mexico's Rio Grande Valley, home to several Pueblos. She received a journalism degree with a political science minor from the University of New Mexico. During her final year there, her father ran the store at the Navajo community of To'hajillee, east of Albuquerque, where she spent many weekends. She worked three years in Oklahoma after college, and has worked for the AP in Albuquerque since.

Denise Dowling, *Freelance*

Dowling's reporting niche is crime and human rights, especially women's rights. She has written numerous campaign pieces for Marie Claire, and her Redbook article on domestic abuse survivors was a National Magazine Award finalist; a Marie Claire investigation of British-born Pakistani women and forced marriages is the basis of a Focus Features film. She has written for The New York Times magazine, Salon.com, The Boston Globe, Outside, and other publications.

Felicia Fonseca, *Associated Press (Flagstaff)*

Felicia Fonseca serves as the first-ever northern Arizona correspondent for The Associated Press, based in Flagstaff. She has helped build the AP's presence in a vast area, covering issues including mining, tourism, politics, the environment and major crimes. Much of her coverage is focused on American Indian tribes, and their traditions, cultures and customs. Fonseca joined the AP nearly five years ago in its Albuquerque, N.M., bureau after graduating from the University of New Mexico with a master's degree in journalism and Spanish. She previously worked as a copy editing intern at the Santa Fe New Mexican and the now-shuttered Albuquerque Tribune, and as a reporting intern at La Voz del Norte. She recently received the 2010 Associated Press-Robert Eunson Distinguished Lecturer Award from Northern Arizona University for her coverage of northern Arizona.

Karen Francis, *The Gallup Independent*

Karen Francis is a member of the Navajo Nation. She graduated from Chinle High School, located on the Navajo Nation, in 1995. She earned two associate of arts degrees in psychology and social science, respectively, from the tribal college - Diné College - in 1999 and went on to complete two bachelor of arts degrees in journalism and philosophy, respectively, at the University of New Mexico in 2003. She began writing for the Gallup Independent newspaper in Gallup, N.M., in September 2007 and continue to work at that newspaper to this day. In 2009, she became a Chips Quinn Scholar through a Freedom Forum program and received training in multimedia production. She is currently working on a Master of Arts degree in public administration at the University of New Mexico.

Angela Pompey, *NOKOA, The Observer*

Angela Pompey has been reporting the news for the last decade. She studied journalism at the University of Houston, (TX) and her portfolio reflects a background in socio-political and/or medical reporting. In the late 1990's, she worked as a field correspondent for the public access television program, *Blowin Up A Spot!* (now the Media Arts and Literacy Institute) in Houston. She was honored to be apart of this production, which garnered the 1997 Best Cultural Arts Award, Best Community Programming Award

and Best Educational Programming Award, among others. At the dawn of the millennium, she worked as a reporter for WebMD, a trusted health website throughout the medical and news industry. While at WebMD, she researched and reported from publications such as the Journal of the American Medical Association, the New England Journal of Medicine, and the Lancet. Her most recent work has been on a freelance basis for a venerated minority newspaper in Austin, TX - NOKOA, The Observer.

Chandra Johnson, *The Taos News*

Chandra Johnson has been a full-time journalist for five years. A native of Montana, Johnson grew up with and immersed in American Indian culture. Johnson has wanted to be a journalist from childhood, and she graduated from the University of Montana's Journalism program in 2007 with a degree in print journalism and history. She currently covers crime, social services, politics and courts for New Mexico weekly The Taos News. She also writes investigative series and features for the paper. Johnson's work has earned her several journalism awards both nationally and at the state level. She has won five National Newspaper Association awards in the categories of breaking news, feature writing, and investigative series. She's also won three New Mexico Press Association awards in feature writing and public service writing and last year won the Inland Press Association's award for investigative journalism. She lives and works in New Mexico, where she is working on her Spanish.

Bill Rodgers, *Rio Grande Sun*

Rodgers is the cops reporter for the Rio Grande Sun, a weekly newspaper in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. His duties include breaking crime stories and investigations of news within the state and local police. Current projects include an investigation of deadly use of force used by New Mexico State Police and a murder that occurred within the Jicarilla Apache Nation. Prior to moving to New Mexico, he worked with The Tribune Chronicle, a daily newspaper in Warren, Ohio. In his four years there, he covered crime stories, which gained national coverage such as the execution of Kenneth Biros under an untested combination of drugs, and an extradition conflict with Brazil over a murder suspect who fled the country. Rodgers graduated in 2006 from Youngstown State University in Ohio. In addition to being the assistant editor for the student newspaper, he was a member of the University Honors Scholars.

Dan Gunderson, *Minnesota Public Radio*

Dan Gunderson is a native Minnesotan who has reported on rural issues for Minnesota Public Radio since 1987. While covering a large geographic beat, his coverage has focused on the environment, criminal justice, and American Indian issues. His work has been recognized with numerous awards including two Gracie's for coverage of women's issues, a Silver Gavel for coverage of discrimination in the criminal justice system and two Unity Awards in Media for coverage of minority or disadvantaged populations.

Lindsay Whitehurst, *Salt Lake Tribune*

Whitehurst grew up in the Chicago suburbs and graduated from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. She started her reporting career more than five years ago at The Herald Bulletin in Anderson, Ind., where one of her first major stories was about a police chief accused of stalking one of his female officers. She also covered the faltering auto industry and city government in the former General Motors town. From there she moved to the Daily Times in Farmington, N.M., the Navajo Nation's largest neighboring city. Covering the reservation was her first assignment, and she loved writing about such a vibrant culture so different from my own. While on the beat, she investigated the CEO of BCDS Manufacturing, Inc., who now appears to have taken a Navajo Nation loan meant to help launch his business and run, leaving the tribe millions of dollars in debt. She moved north to the Salt Lake Tribune about a year later and is building a reservation justice beat.

Melanie Moore, *Blackfoot Morning News*

Melanie Moore is a reporter for the Blackfoot Morning News in Blackfoot, Idaho. She began working at the newspaper eight months ago after graduating from Mesa State College. Prior to moving to Idaho, Melanie worked at a small weekly paper in Fruita, Colorado while freelancing for the Grand Junction Free Press. She was also a contributor to the Grand Valley Magazine in Grand Junction. During her time as a reporter at the Blackfoot Morning News, Melanie has developed a strong working relationship with the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes on the Fort Hall Reservation. She has written articles about the tribes' new Tribal Justice Center as well as jurisdictional issues between the Tribes and surrounding counties.

Troy Turner, *The Daily Times*

Troy is among the nation's most decorated journalists for providing coverage and passionate dedication to diversity issues, including work in investigative journalism, promotion of cultural diversity, and combating racism. His work carries special emphasis on American Indian issues and Southern history of the Civil Rights movement, and on international affairs. He is the most recent recipient of the Robert G. McGruder Award, which is the nation's highest newspaper honor recognizing diversity leadership. The award was presented to Troy in St. Louis last October by the Associated Press Managing Editors, American Society of News Editors, and the Freedom Forum located in Washington, D.C. It is the only award annually decided and given by these three organizations working together. He is the former executive editor of the highly respected Anniston Star in Alabama, and he currently serves as editor of The Daily Times in Farmington, New Mexico, at the largest media entity in the Four Corners region, serving readers in four states and the Navajo, Ute and Apache tribes.

Lou Mattei, *Rio Grande Sun*

Lou Mattei is the education reporter for the Rio Grande SUN, a 13,000 circulation weekly newspaper based in Española, New Mexico. He covers all aspects of the education system in Rio Arriba and northern Santa Fe Counties, from the politics and shady movidas on the back end to the struggles and successes that mark the student experience. Before working for the SUN, he wrote and edited for In These Times, a progressive political magazine based in Chicago. He graduated in 2007 from The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, with a degree in English and a minor in philosophy.

Dennis Wagner, *The Arizona Republic/USA Today Correspondent*

Dennis Wagner, a senior reporter at The Arizona Republic, is the newspaper's statewide rover and U.S.-Mexico border reporter. He also is USA Today's Arizona correspondent. Wagner, 57, has been in the news business 33 years. He came to The Phoenix Gazette in 1983, transferring to the Republic in 1997 when the afternoon paper shut down. As the Republic's statewide rover, he has done extensive reporting in Indian country. Wagner's work has been honored in the past by awards from Best of the West, Sigma Delta Chi, the Associated Press and the Arizona Press Club for beat coverage, investigative reporting, feature writing, deadline reporting, column writing and First Amendment service. Wagner previously worked at three publications in California: the Ventura County Star-Free Press, the Whittier Daily News and the Coronado Journal. He is a graduate of San Diego State University, where he received a journalism degree in 1977.

Astrid Galvan, *The Albuquerque Journal*

Astrid Galvan has covered the night police beat at The Albuquerque Journal since March 2010. Prior to that, she was a reporter at the Arizona Republic in Phoenix, Arizona. She started her career at the Republic in January 2008 as a police reporter covering the town of Gilbert, population 215,000. She was assigned to cover Gilbert neighborhoods. She also briefly covered government in the town of Queen Creek. Galvan attended the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism at Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona, where she worked at the student paper, the State Press, for three semesters. Galvan is a native of El Paso, Texas, where her family still lives.



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Panelist Biographies:

Briggs, Kara

Editor/Founder

American Indian News Service

Kara Briggs, Yakama and Snohomish, is a journalist and a communicator. Her business Red Hummingbird Corporation produces the American Indian News Service for the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian. The news service, which she created, distributes news and photographs to more than 1,500 news media outlets in the U.S. and Canada. She is author and editor of "Shoot the Indian: Media, Misperception and Native Truth," a book that is taught in several universities. She previously ran the American Indian Policy & Media Initiative, which was a think tank based at Buffalo State College. She is an award winning journalist, having worked as staff writer at the Oregonian in Portland, Ore., and at other daily newspapers, and a columnist for Indian Country Today. She began her journalism career as a criminal justice reporter. She has covered issues of violence against Indian women, the state of Bureau of Indian Affairs and tribal jails, the Bush Administration's 2006 firing by of five U.S. attorneys who were focused on justice in Indian Country and the 2003 death of a student at a federally-operated Indian boarding school. She is a past president of the Native American Journalists Association and of Unity: Journalists of Color.

Champagne, Ph.D., Duane

Professor

University of California, Los Angeles

Duane Champagne is a member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa from North Dakota. He is Professor of Sociology and American Indian Studies, a member of the Faculty Advisory Committee for the UCLA Native Nations Law and Policy Center, Senior Editor for Indian Country Today, and a member of the TLCEE (Tribal Learning Community and Educational Exchange) Working Group, and contributor of the education chapter to the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues' (UNPFII) State of the World's Indigenous Peoples Report. Professor Champagne was Director of the UCLA American Indian Studies Center from 1991 to 2002 and editor of the American Indian Culture and Research Journal from 1986 to 2003. He wrote or edited over 125 publications including Social Change and Cultural Continuity Among Native Nations; Native America: Portraits of the Peoples; The Native North American Almanac; Social Order and Political Change: Constitutional Governments Among the Cherokee, Choctaw, Chickasaw and Creek, and Social Change and Cultural Continuity Among Native Nations. Champagne's research and writings focus on issues of social and cultural change in both historical and contemporary Native American communities, the study of justice institutions in contemporary American Indian reservations, including policing, courts, and incarceration, and policy analysis of cultural, economic and political issues in contemporary Indian country. He has written about social and cultural change in a variety of Indian communities including: Cherokee, Tlingit, Iroquois, Delaware, Choctaw, Northern Cheyenne, Creek, California Indians, and others.

Davis, Virginia

Deputy Director for Policy, Office on Violence against Women

U.S. Department of Justice

Virginia Davis is the Deputy Director for Policy at the Office on Violence against Women at the Department of Justice. Prior to joining DOJ, she served as Counselor in the Office of the General Counsel at the Department of Homeland Security where she advised on immigration and national security matters. Previously, Virginia was Counsel and Senior Policy Advisor at the

National Congress of American Indians where she was responsible for a wide range of issues impacting tribal governments including tribal justice, Native women's issues, and economic development. At NCIA Virginia managed the NCIA Task Force on Violence against Native Women and established the NCIA Project on the Judiciary. She also served on the DOJ/OVW Task Force on Violence against American Indian and Alaska Native Women. Before joining NCIA, Virginia was a Women's Law and Public Policy Fellow at Georgetown University and worked at the National Women's Law Center where she focused on employment discrimination and the role of the federal courts in women's lives. Ms. Davis has written and spoken widely on criminal justice issues, civil and women's rights, federal Indian law and policy, and international human rights. She is a graduate of Yale University and Harvard Law School.

Esquerra, Robert

Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Office of Justice Services

U.S. Department of the Interior

Mr. Esquerra has been employed with the federal government for approximately ten years, during those ten years he has served in many different capacities in the BIA, Office of Justice Services. Mr. Esquerra started his career as a Special Agent in Parker, Arizona where he investigated major federal crimes on four reservations. He has served as the Chief of Police at the Truxton Canon Agency in Peach Springs, Arizona where he over saw police operations for the Havasupai Field Station in Havasupai, Arizona. Mr. Esquerra has also served as the Deputy Associate Director of the Professional Standards Division of the BIA, Office of Justice Services. Mr. Esquerra is a graduate of Southern Utah University in Cedar City, Utah with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education. Mr. Esquerra also served for approximately 10 years as a probation officer in the State of Arizona, providing services to both adult and juvenile clients. Mr. Esquerra is an enrolled member of the Chemehuevi Indian Tribe at Havasu Landing, California.

Gonzales, Antonia

Anchor/Producer

National Native News

Antonia Gonzales is a member of the Navajo Nation and grew up in Arizona and New Mexico. She is the Anchor and Producer of the award winning nationally syndicated radio program National Native News that airs on tribal and public radio stations across the United States and Canada; covering social, economic and cultural issues that impact Indigenous people worldwide. Antonia has worked for Koahnic Broadcast Corporation for more than five years. She started out as an Associate Producer for KBC's nationally syndicated talk show Native America Calling. Before joining the Koahnic family, she was a one-woman-band television reporter for a CBS affiliate in Southeastern New Mexico where she covered two counties and followed stories such as large drug busts, cave rescue trainings and the famous annual bat flight at Carlsbad Caverns National Park. Antonia received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Mass Communication and Journalism from the University of New Mexico and minored in Native American Studies.

Antonia is a board member of the Native American Journalists Association that serves and empowers Native journalists. Seeing a need for more Native journalists, she encourages Native youth to take an interest in the journalism field, especially broadcasting. Antonia lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico with husband Clay McConkey and their two young boys Colin and Christian. She also enjoys spending time with her parents Tom Gonzales and Evelyn Begay Gonzales, hanging out with friends, working out at the gym and dancing.

Handelman, Stephen

Director, Center on Media, Crime and Justice

John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Mr. Handelman, appointed in May 2007 to head the CMCJ, is a prizewinning former columnist and senior writer for Time Maga-

zine and The Toronto Star. He capped a 35-year career as an investigative reporter and foreign correspondent with the publication of two internationally acclaimed books, Comrade Criminal: Russia's New Mafiya (Yale University Press: 1995), which was on The New York Times Notable Books of the Year; and Biohazard (Random House, 1999), which unraveled the Soviet bioweapons program. His articles and op-eds have appeared in newspapers, magazines, and academic journals around the world, including The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, The London Spectator and Foreign Affairs. A graduate of City College (CUNY) and the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, he has taught and lectured at universities around the U.S., including the National War College and the U.S. Foreign Service Training Institute; trained investigative journalists in Latin America and Eastern Europe; and served as a unpaid consultant to the United Nations and U.S. law enforcement agencies, including the FBI, on Russian and transnational crime. He is currently consulting managing editor for Americas Quarterly, and editor in chief of TheCrimeReport.org.

Harjo, Jeffrey

Executive Director

Native American Journalists Association

May 15, 2007 – present

Jeff Harjo is the Executive Director of Native American Journalists Association, a national non-profit Journalism Organization that provides scholarships to Native Students, and training for journalism professionals. He submits proposals for funding and directs the activities and expenditures of the national office. Jeff is an enrolled member of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma and a Member of the 28-member Seminole Nation General Council, first elected in February of 2003 until September 2005. Re-elected Spring of 2006 until September of 2009 and re-elected in September of 2009 to present. Jeff is a December 1989 graduate of Northeastern Oklahoma State University in Tahlequah, OK with a Bachelor of Arts in History.

Helton, Taiawagi

Professor of Law

University of Oklahoma School of Law

Professor Taiawagi Helton joined the University of Oklahoma School of Law faculty in 2001, and teaches environmental law, property, and Indian law. Helton received his juris doctorate at the University of Tulsa College of law, where he earned certificates in environmental law, Indian law, and public policy. He served as editor-in-chief of the Tulsa Law Journal, and was named the Outstanding Law Student of the Class of 1999 by the Oklahoma Bar Association. He began his legal career as a clerk for the Honorable Robert H. Henry, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. Admitted to the Oklahoma Bar in 1999 and the Cherokee Nation Bar in 2000, Helton is a member of the Order of the Curule Chair and Phi Kappa Phi. He has lectured extensively on topics relating to Native American issues, is a member of the Board of Directors of Oklahoma Indian Legal Services, and is a Special Justice for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Supreme Court.

Johnson, Brendan

U.S. Attorney, District of South Dakota

U.S. Department of Justice

Brendan Johnson is a fifth-generation South Dakota native, born in Vermillion. He attended the University of South Dakota where he was selected to be a National Truman Scholar. He later received his law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law. Brendan moved to Hill City, South Dakota after law school to serve as an attorney for Chief Judge Karen E. Schreier in federal district court in Rapid City. Following his work in Rapid City, Brendan moved to Sioux Falls and joined the Minnehaha County State's Attorneys Office as a criminal prosecutor. On October 26, 2009, Brendan was unanimously confirmed by the Senate as United States Attorney for the District of South Dakota. He is currently the chairman of Attorney

General Eric Holder's Native American Issues Subcommittee and a member of the Terrorism/National Security Subcommittee. Brendan resides in Sioux Falls with his wife, Jana, and their four children.

Kolb, Joseph

Founder and Editor

The Gallup Herald

Mr Kolb, 51, is the founder and editor of The Gallup Herald located in Gallup, N.M. Because of its proximity to the Navajo and Zuni Indian Reservations, Gallup is known as "The Indian Capital of the World." This has provided The Gallup Herald with a plethora of provocative news stories that have been picked up by national and international media outlets. Mr Kolb received undergraduate and graduate degrees from Adelphi University, N.Y., and was a Sulzberger Fellow in 2008-2009 at Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism. He has written about Indian crime in the New York Times. He has also written general features and columns for the Albuquerque Journal, American Indian Report, and the Navajo Times.

Little Whiteman, Everett

Chief of Police

Oglala Sioux Tribe

Everett Little Whiteman is the Chief Operating Officer/Chief of Police for the Tribe's Department of Public Safety, with primary responsibility for all aspects of public safety on the Reservation, including command of all sworn forces and all administrative functions, as directed by a Board of Trustees. With a sworn force of 45 officers, he manages one of the area's largest police organizations, with more than 350,000 service calls annually through their 911 dispatch center. He has spent more than 45 years in law enforcement, 35 in command or management positions, with consistent increases in authority and responsibility. Rising through the ranks in BIA to Regional Supervisory Criminal Investigator (functional Chief of Police), he served the Oglala Sioux, Hopi, Urintah and Ouray, San Carlos, Crow Creek Sioux tribes, and in Phoenix and Billings Regional law enforcement providing service to Indian Country in Montana, Wyoming, Arizona, Nevada, and Utah. Whiteman was born and raised on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota and is an enrolled member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe. He has a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Criminal Justice, Huron College, Huron, SD. Completed FBI National Academy, Quantico, VA; Idaho Police Institute, Pocatello, ID; Oregon State Police Academy, Portland, OR; Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers Criminal Investigator School in Washington, D.C. (now Glynco, GA); and over 6000 hours of training in various law enforcement subject matters.

Martin, Esq., Bernadine

Tribal Chief Prosecutor

Navajo Nation

Ms. Martin, an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation, was born into the Bitter Water Clan and for the Black Streak People Clan. She was born and raised on the Navajo Nation and serves as the Navajo Nation Chief Prosecutor. Prior to being appointed Chief Prosecutor, Ms. Martin was Deputy District Attorney for McKinley County, New Mexico, where she prosecuted crimes against women and children. She is licensed to practice law in the Federal District Court for the District of New Mexico, New Mexico courts, and the Navajo Nation courts. Ms. Martin graduated from the University of Denver with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree and the University of Arizona with a law degree.

McCaskill, Marcus B.

Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Albuquerque Division

SA McCaskill, a native of New Mexico, earned a Bachelor of Criminal Justice from New Mexico State University in 1990 and a Juris Doctorate from Stanford University in 1993. He then

served four years in the United States Army as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician. Since 1998, SA McCaskill has been a Special Agent with the FBI, serving in the San Francisco Division and the Albuquerque Division, investigating White Collar criminal matters, including Financial Institution Fraud and Public Corruption, and Violent Crime matters in Indian Country, including Child Sexual Assault and Homicide. SA McCaskill is a Crisis Negotiator and the Albuquerque Division's principal coordinator for the National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime program, focusing on Behavioral Analysis. He is also a certified law enforcement instructor, and teaches in the areas of Crisis Negotiations, Interview and Interrogation, and Homicide Investigation.

McKelvie, Richard

*Assistant U.S. Attorney, Utah
U.S. Department of Justice*

In February, 1988, Mr. McKelvie became an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Utah, and Assistant Director of that office's Statewide Prosecution and Illegal Narcotics Enforcement. During his employment at the Attorney General's Office, Mr. McKelvie was appointed as a Special Assistant United States Attorney under the cross-designation program. Mr. McKelvie became an Assistant United States Attorney in April, 1990. He was initially involved as a general crimes prosecutor, handling matters ranging from bank robberies to defense procurement fraud and white collar crime. As a drug prosecutor assigned to the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force, Mr. McKelvie has been involved as trial counsel in numerous federal prosecutions, resulting in convictions and lengthy sentences of many offenders. Additionally, Mr. McKelvie has used federal RICO statutes to prosecute violent gangs, including the Sundowner's Motorcycle Club, the King Mafia Disciples, and the Soldiers of the Aryan Culture. In 2006, he was assigned as lead prosecutor in a wide-ranging investigation involving the illegal excavation and sale of Native American Artifacts. Mr. McKelvie is an Adjunct Professor of Law and director of the Trial Advocacy Program at the S.J. Quinney University of Utah College of Law, and frequent instructor of Trial Advocacy at the U.S. Department of Justice National Advocacy Center. Mr. McKelvie graduated from Weber State University in June, 1978. He graduated from the University of Utah College of Law in 1981, where he was a William Leary Scholar

O'Brien, Donna

Chief of Detectives

Comanche Nation Police Department

Donna Esparza O'Brien has been in Law Enforcement for approximately nine years with Comanche Nation Police Department. She in the Patrol Division and became the Lieutenant of the Patrol after two years with the department. She was in the position for two years before she went to the Oklahoma State Criminal Investigation school and graduated. After graduation, the first ever detective division was formed within the department. She was a part of a two-man division until 2008 when she was promoted to the Chief of Criminal Investigations. In December, 2009, she graduated from the Criminal Investigations Program of Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) in Glynco Georgia. She currently holds the Vice Chair position with the All Nations against Domestic Violence. She is a member of the National Native American Law Enforcement Association of Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Chiefs Association and the Professional Women's Association.

Pecos Melton, Ada

President

American Indian Development Associates

Ada Pecos Melton an enrolled citizen of the Pueblo of Jemez is President/Owner of American Indian Development Associates (AIDA), a 100% Indian woman owned technical assistance, training, research, and evaluation firm since 1989. Ms. Melton provides services to Indian nations and other Indigenous

Peoples in infrastructure, program and policy design and development to address justice, social, economic, health and education needs with special emphasis on the use of indigenous knowledge and culture. AIDA assists tribes with design of integrated information systems that enables tribes to share and exchange information that supports better response to tribal needs and increases cross jurisdictional collaboration and coordination. Her public service includes work as a Probation Officer, Court Administrator, and Director of justice related programs. Ms. Melton also works on international peacemaking efforts worldwide. In 1995, she took an one year sabbatical to establish the American Indian & Alaska Native Desk in the US Department of Justice (USDOJ), Office of Justice Programs. She has a Masters of Public Administration and Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice, both from University of New Mexico. She is co founder of the Tribal Juvenile Justice Council, a member of the Global Privacy & Information Quality Working Group, NM Justice Information Sharing Council, and serves on several other Boards and Committees aimed at improving the quality of life for Indian people.

Perry, Steven

Statistician, Bureau of Justice Statistics

U.S. Department of Justice

Perry, Steven W. is a Statistician for the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS). Mr. Perry's portfolio of responsibility includes serving as the national program manager for the: 1) the National State Court Prosecutors series; 2) the Justice Expenditures and Employment; and 3) the development of the Indian Country Justice Statistical program at BJS. Mr. Perry has authored several BJS publications, including Prosecutors in State Courts, 2005; American Indians and Crime, 1992-2001; Census of Tribal Justice Agencies, 2002; and Improving Criminal History Records in Indian Country, 2004-2006. He helped develop and manage many public safety grant programs, including, the current Justice Department's Recovery Act: Tribal Crime Data Collection and Estimation program. Prior to joining BJS in 2003, Mr. Perry was a Survey Statistician for the Census Bureau. Mr. Perry received his B.A. in sociology with a minor in criminal justice from Norfolk State University and his M.A. in sociology with a minor in survey methodology from the Ohio State University. Mr. Perry served in the U.S. Army working in Communication Security, where he was awarded the National Defense and Army Achievement medals in 1992.

Sanchez, Corrine

Co-Director

Tewa Women United

Corrine Sanchez, Tewa Towah from San Ildefonso Pueblo, NM. Ms. Sanchez is Co-Director of Tewa Women United and Program Manager of TWU's V.O.I.C.E.S. Program, a cultural and linguistic-based model for responding and intervening to sexual violence in Indian Country for child, youth and adult survivors. Ms. Sanchez is a Forensic Interviewer with over 14 years experience in the field. Corrine founded Brave Voices Forensic Interviewing Program in 2003 in Espanola, NM. Corrine was instrumental in the development and establishment of the Rio Arriba/ Los Alamos/ N. Santa Fe County MDT and the Regional Federal MDT. Corrine has 14 years in the development, coordination and facilitation of multi-disciplinary teams. Ms. Sanchez helped to create the first co-location site in New Mexico for child sexual abuse investigations. Ms. Sanchez conducts training on state, city, tribal, federal and international level on responding to and addressing child sexual abuse, sexual assault, cultural competency/ sensitivity, forensic interviewing, advocacy, mandatory reporting, multi-disciplinary teams, youth development, environmental justice, reproductive justice and the empowerment of Indigenous women and girls. Ms. Sanchez is the former President of the New Mexico Children's Safehouse Network, former board member of the Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Board, former Chair of the

Native American Fund of the Santa Fe Community Foundation, former Vice-President of the NM Environmental Law Center and is currently the President of the Native American Children's Alliance, a national organization, addressing child sexual abuse and promoting MDT development in Indian Country.

Soland, Henrietta

Magistrate Judge

McKinley County, New Mexico

Henrietta S. Soland became the first Native American female to be certified as a New Mexico State Police Officer in 1991 and was transferred into the NMSP Criminal Investigations Section Bureau in 1997. During her career in law enforcement, Henrietta received the Governor's Award for Outstanding New Mexico Women and traveled to Lyon, France representing the New Mexico State Police as part of a Professional Group Study Exchange Program. In 2007, Henrietta was appointed by the Governor of New Mexico as Magistrate Judge in McKinley County. In addition to the duties as Magistrate Judge, Henrietta is a board member of the New Mexico Magistrate Judge's Association and Tribal/State Judicial Consortium as well as being a member of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals. Recently appointed Presiding Judge of McKinley County, Henrietta continues to provide quality service to the County of McKinley and encourages effective positive change to benefit the public, law enforcement, attorneys, and the court. Henrietta is married to Darren Soland, Captain/NMSP, and has three daughters: Jessica, a graduate of the University of Northern Colorado, Juaquina, a Midshipmen and Training Officer at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, and Tara, a student at Chief Manuelito Middle School.

Tabachnick, Cara

Deputy Director, Center on Media, Crime and Justice

John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Cara Tabachnick was appointed Deputy Director of the Center on Media, Crime and Justice in March, 2008. As a police and crime reporter, she has freelanced for Newsday in New York City and Long Island, and has written for Newsweek, Scientific American online, the New York Post, UPI, and, AM New York, among others. Prior to her appointment, Ms. Tabachnick produced a live two-hour travel talk show to 136 stations, and has accumulated wide experience in website management and broadcasting. She is a graduate of the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, and the CUNY BA Program at Baruch College, where she won the Elyse Brows Community Service Scholarship, awarded for academic merit and community service.

Toulou, Tracy

Director

Office of Tribal Justice, Department of Justice

Tracy Toulou is the Director of the Office of Tribal Justice (OTJ) at the Department of Justice. OTJ is the primary point of contact for the Department of Justice's government to government relationship with Indian tribes. The Office also serves as a source of Indian law expertise for the Department. Prior to his current position, Mr. Toulou was an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Montana where his duties included tribal outreach and the prosecution of violent crime in Indian country. He began his career with the Department as an attorney in the Criminal Division. Mr. Toulou attended law school at the University of New Mexico, during which time he had the opportunity to clerk for DNA legal Services on the Navajo Nation and for the Laguna Pueblo Tribal Court. Before attending law school Mr. Toulou worked for the U.S. Agency for International Development and the U.S. Peace Corps in Africa, Central America and the Caribbean. He is a descendant of the Colville Confederated Tribes located in Washington State.

Wood, Ph.D., Darryl

Assistant Professor

Washington State University Vancouver

Darryl Wood is an Assistant Professor in the Criminal Justice Program of Washington State University Vancouver. Prior to 2007 he was with the University of Alaska Anchorage for 12 years as an Assistant and then Associate Professor. In 2004 he completed an NIAAA postdoctoral fellowship in the School of Public Health at the University of California, Berkeley. After receiving Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Criminal Justice from New Mexico State University, he earned his PhD in Criminology in 1997 from Simon Fraser University for research on alcohol use and violence among the Inuit of the eastern Canadian arctic. Dr. Wood's most recent research includes the study of police and prosecutorial processing of sexual assault and domestic violence cases in rural Alaska as well as an evaluation of police efforts to reduce illegal alcohol trafficking into isolated Alaska Native villages. His primary research interests revolve around the community and criminal justice system responses to violence in rural and indigenous communities. Dr. Wood was born in Española, NM and raised throughout the northern part of the state.

Yarborough, Steve

Assistant United States Attorney, New Mexico

U.S. Department of Justice

Steve Yarbrough has been an Assistant United States Attorney for the last thirteen years. He is currently serving as the First Assistant United States Attorney. Prior to becoming the First Assistant in February 2008, he prosecuted numerous significant cases. In January 2008, he completed a two week trial in which a jury convicted the former Deputy Superintendent of the New Mexico Insurance Division of thirty-one counts of public corruption. In 2006, Steve was part of the team that tried and convicted the former Treasurer for the State of New Mexico of public corruption. Immediately prior to this Steve worked on a twelve-defendant RICO death penalty case that resulted life sentences for three defendants and significant terms of imprisonment for most remaining defendants. All major defendants in this case pled guilty shortly before a six-month trial with more than 300 government witnesses was about to commence. Prior to becoming an Assistant United States Attorney, Mr. Yarbrough worked as a law clerk for the Honorable Bruce D. Black. He graduated, cum laude, from the University of New Mexico School of Law in 1995. He has authored several publications and has been the recipient of writing awards. Steve received his Bachelor of Arts degree in quantitative economics and psychology/decision sciences from Stanford University in 1991.

Yazzie, LeAnn

LeAnn Yazzie is the mother of Brooke Linelle Spencer (May 17, 1988 to June 7th, 2006). Brooke was a victim of domestic violence. She will be telling the story of Brooke; her personality; her love for life; her accomplishments; her future goals; what we as the family knew and didn't know about her relationship. Yazzie was home with her daughter the night her ex-boyfriend stabbed herShe will go through the details of what happened and what Brooke and her mother endured that night; what her family endured and is currently coping with. Brooke is survived by her Brother, BJ Spencer; father, Bennie Spencer Jr; and Mother, LeAnn Yazzie. Yazzie is a Navajo woman working for the Navajo Area Indian Health Service as an Accountant and currently residing in St. Michaels, Arizona.

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