

# Indigenous Access to Justice Global Conference

February 1-3, 2023  
Arizona State University | Tempe, AZ

**Please note: all times are MST**

## Wednesday, February 1, 2023

- 2:00 – 2:10 pm      **Welcome: Rebecca Sandefur**  
Professor and Director, School of Social and Family Dynamics, Arizona State University; Faculty Fellow, American Bar Foundation
- 2:10 – 2:30 pm      **Keynote: Mary Smith**  
President-Elect, American Bar Association
- 2:30 – 3:45 pm      **Opening Plenary: A Conversation on Indigeneity and Access to Justice**  
  
Panelists:  
B. Anderson, Founder and Director, Song of The Spirit Institute  
Delme Cupido, Southern Africa Hub Director, Natural Justice  
Karen Drake, Associate Dean & Associate Professor, Osgoode Hall Law School  
Stephanie Hudson, Executive Director, Oklahoma Indian Legal Services  
  
Moderator: Rebecca Sandefur (Arizona State University, U.S.)
- 3:45 – 4:00 pm      **Break**
- 4:00 – 5:00 pm      **Decolonizing Access to Justice: Language, Meaning and Theory**  
  
“What does First Nations Access to Justice in Civil Law Mean? Reflections on the Australian Experience”  
Fiona Allison (Presenting Author) and Chris Cunneen (Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research, University of Technology, Sydney, Australia)  
  
“Indigenous legal rhetoric as indigenous access to justice”  
Lucy Jewel (University of Tennessee College of Law, U.S.)  
  
“Conceptual and Technological Decolonisation as Key to Accessing Justice in Indigenous Legal Systems: An African Perspective”  
Olubukola Olugasa (Babcock University School of Law and Security Studies, Nigeria)  
  
Moderator: Michele Statz (University of Minnesota Medical School, U.S.)

## Thursday, February 2

10:00 – 11:00 am

### **Recognizing, Documenting, and Defending Indigenous Rights**

“Indigenous Rights-Holders and the Capacity to Sue: An Incoherence in Canadian Law”

Karen Drake (Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Canada)

“Seeking Justice, Understanding Law”

Caroline Hodes (University of Lethbridge, Canada)

“Indigenous Peoples Before United State Courts: New Data and Findings”

Todd Curry (Presenting Author) and Rebecca Reid (University of Texas at El Paso, U.S.) and Mark Hurwitz (Presenting Author) (Western Michigan University, U.S.)

Moderator: Rebecca Sandefur (Arizona State University, U.S.)

11:00 – 11:15 am

### **Break**

11:15 am – 12:15 pm

### **Gender, Indigeneity, and Access to Justice**

“African Feminism and The Role of Indigenous Women’s Institutions in Realizing Access to Justice in Ethiopia”

Muluken Kassahun Amid (Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia)

“Gender Based Violence and Women’s Access to Indigenous Justice in Cameroon”

Elisabeth Ayuk-Etang (University of California Santa Barbara, U.S.)

“Indigenous women’s access to justice in cases of gender-based violence: Lessons from Ecuador”

Liliam Fiallo (University of Massachusetts Amherst, U.S.)

Moderator: Sindiso Mnisi Weeks (University of Massachusetts Amherst, U.S.)

12:15 – 1:30 pm

### **Break**

1:30 – 2:30 pm

### **Indigenous Reparations: Where the Past Meets the Present**

“Undoing “Terra Nullius”, Undoing “Lex Nullius”: Repairing South Africa’s Land Injustice Using Ubuntu’s Alter-Native Legalities”

Sindiso Mnisi Weeks (University of Massachusetts Amherst, U.S.)

“Confronting Legacies of Indigenous Injustice: Lessons from Sweden”

Sara L. Ochs (University of Louisville, Louis D. Brandeis School of Law, U.S.)

“1st People Lives Matter”

Steve Reid (Caribbean Rastafari Organization, Barbados)

“The First People of the World: Africans and Land in Trinidad”

Liseli Fitzpatrick (Wellesley College, U.S.)

Moderator: Jasmine Mickens (Open Society Foundations, U.S.)

2:30 – 2:45 pm

**Break**

2:45 - 3:45

**Land and Legal Pluralism**

“The calls for land back in South Africa”

Thuli Zulu (Center for Applied Legal Studies, University of Witwatersrand, South Africa)

“Access to Justice and Aboriginal Title: Private land, Indigenous law, and the limits of Canadian Law”

Sarah Morales (University of Victoria Law, Canada) and Estair Van Wagner (Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Canada)

“(Re)Interpreting Article 371A: A Case Study of the Land-Holding and Resource Management System in the State of Nagaland”

Kamongla Longkumer (West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, India)

Moderator: Karen Drake (Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Canada)

3:45 – 4:00 pm

**Break**

4:00 – 5:00 pm

**Citizenship and Tribal Sovereignty**

“Imposed Citizenship and Access to Justice: Haudenosaunee Case Studies from the Early 20th Century”

Lila Teeters (Historic New England, U.S.)

“Tribal Constitutions Project”

Beth Redbird (Northwestern University, U.S.)

"Navigating Sovereignty and Citizenship: An Analysis of Tribal Policing Agreements"

Brianna Watters (University of Minnesota, U.S.)

Moderator: Lisa Moore (Canadian Forum on Civil Justice, Canada)

## Friday, February 3

9:15 – 9:45 am

**Keynote: Justice Anne McKeig**  
Associate Justice, Minnesota Supreme Court

9:45 – 10:45 am

### **Indigenous Judges' Experiences and Perspectives**

Justice Anne McKeig (Minnesota Supreme Court, U.S.)  
Judge Megan Treuer (Bois Forte Tribal Court, U.S.)  
Judge Korey Wahwassuck (Itasca County Court, U.S.)

Moderator: Michele Statz (University of Minnesota Medical School, U.S.)

10:45 – 11:00 am

### **Break**

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

### **Taking Back the Law: Enabling and Empowering Community Legal Advocates**

“A Case Study for Training Advocates in Tribal Court”  
James Schanandore (Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe University, U.S.)

“Community Justice Workers in Alaska”  
Nikole Nelson (Alaska Legal Services Corporation, U.S.)  
Robert Onders (Maniilaq Health Center, U.S.)

“The Justice Problems of Tharu Indigenous Women and the  
Role of Community Paralegals: A Case Study of the Far-Western  
Region of Nepal”  
Neetu Pokharel (Nepal Institute of Peace, Nepal)

“Tribal Advocate Incubator Program in Montana”  
Valerie Falls Down (Montana Legal Services Association, U.S.)

Moderator: Matthew Burnett (American Bar Foundation, U.S.)

12:00 – 1:15 pm

### **Break**

1:15 – 2:15 pm

### **Mobilizing Indigenous Rights**

“Indigenous Peoples at the Supreme Court: Comparative perspective  
on Brazilian and Ecuadorian Indigenous legal experiences of access to justice”  
Catarina Costa and Giovanna Valentim (University of São Paulo, Brazil)

“Buen Vivir and the Right to Not Migrate among Maya Youth in Guatemala”  
Lauren Heidbrink (California State University Long Beach, U.S.)

“Indigenous Identity and Allyship across Geographical Borders”  
Koushik Paul (University of Minnesota Medical School, U.S.)

"Kpaale: We Walk in the Footprints of our Ancestors, Answering their Call for Recognition"

Annette Fitzpatrick (United Maroon Indigenous Peoples, Trinidad)

Moderator: Delme Cupido (Natural Justice, South Africa)