Welcome from the NPLC Chair

Chokma!

Chokma is Chickasaw for “Hello.” As a member of the Chickasaw Nation I am filled with pride as I see a strong emphasis on the revitalization of the Chickasaw and other Native American languages. In that same way, we are all working on the continued strength and renewal of the Native Peoples Law Caucus. I am so proud to be serving as Chair this year – and returning to participation in the NPLC. I originally became involved at the start of my law librarian career in the 1990’s...the early days of NPLC as well. As have Chairs before me, I am proud to report that the NPLC continues to show a strong presence in our Association. Members have contributed Indian Law publications to various law reviews, magazine and newspaper editorials, and blogs over the past year. Our membership has stayed steady and our members continue to contribute to our profession.

This year our Caucus will participate at the AALL CONELL Marketplace with a table and copies of our newsletter; an opportunity to reach law librarians new to AALL and the profession and share the work and mission of the NPLC. And hopefully, gain lots of new members! While we will not have an official meeting at AALL this summer, I hope all members attending will reach out and greet one other and keep our ties to one another strong.

Please consider active participation in our group – we still need a member to volunteer to serve as secretary and our newsletter is always available to accept contributions of articles, book reviews, and news of member activities. The Caucus would be more than happy to assist with program ideas and support; reach out to your fellow members for ideas and contributions! Don’t hesitate to contact me with ideas and suggestions for projects and new Initiatives for the Native Peoples Law Caucus.

Gretchen Van Dam
Chair
2016-2017
Going to the Annual Meeting in Austin?

NPLC will be hosting a table at AALL Marketplace at The Conference of Newer Law Librarians (CONELL) on Saturday, July 15. If you’re in town, stop by the Hilton Austin Hotel Governor's Ballroom that morning to say hello to our chair, Gretchen Van Dam, and welcome new AALL Members!

We won’t be holding an official caucus meeting in Austin, but please keep an eye out for fellow NPLC members and say hello!
New Tribal Law Resource on HeinOnline:
A Microfiche Collection of Indian Tribal Law Codes

HeinOnline has recently added the 1981 and 1988 editions of Indian Tribal Codes: A Microfiche Collection of Indian Tribal Law Codes to their American Indian Law Collection. Edited by Ralph Johnson, Susan Lupton, and Richard Davies, and published by the Marian Gould Gallagher Law Library at the University of Washington School of Law, this impressive collection contains nearly 30,000 pages of tribal law.

- **Indian Tribal Codes: A Microfiche Collection, 1981 edition.** Ralph W. Johnson, editor; Susan Lupton, associate editor. This edition contains sixty-nine tribal codes and an excellent introduction to and analysis of tribal codes.

- **Indian Tribal Codes: A Microfiche Collection, 1988 edition.** Ralph W. Johnson, editor; Richard Davies, associate editor. This work contains fifty-six tribal codes and constitutions, but is more extensive than the first edition. Introduction and analysis of tribal codes are provided, as well as indexes of specific subject codifications within individual codes. This edition updates, but does not replace, the 1981 edition.

The two editions offer insight into the historical development of Indian tribal codes over time. Both editions include Tribal Constitutions and similar constitutional-type documents, and the updated 1988 edition also includes analyses of trends in coverage, enactments, and amendments of tribal codes since 1981. Through HeinOnline’s database integration, users can now browse the code by edition or tribe.

To access this new content, simply choose Indian Tribal Codes from within the American Indian Law Collection in HeinOnline.

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**Article of Interest**

A legal practitioner's guide to Indian and tribal law research., by Kelly Kunsch.


Part I of this article introduces the reader to the legal topic of the article and also introduces a type of research tool called “Boolean” searching. Part II describes federal Indian law and the treaties, statutes, cases, compacts, and secondary sources that cover this area of law and how to research them. Part III explains tribal law, why this area of law differs from federal Indian law, and why research in this area is equally important. Finally, Part IV states the conclusion and what the reader should have taken away from reading this article.

[http://digitalcommons.law.seattleu.edu/ailj/vol5/iss1/2](http://digitalcommons.law.seattleu.edu/ailj/vol5/iss1/2)
NILL’s Weekly Indian Law Updates
Now Include Tribal Court Opinions

Each week, the National Indian Law Library (NILL) provides free updates on Indian law through the Indian Law Bulletins. For over a decade, the library has offered access to federal and state court cases, legal news and scholarship, federal legislation, and regulatory action from agencies and departments like the Environmental Protection Agency and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. In 2017, the library added a bulletin covering tribal court opinions. Free access to tribal court opinion research has been a challenge to Indian law researchers, but now subscribers to the Indian Law Bulletins can learn about selected opinions published by tribal courts, some of which are found only on the NILL website. Bulletin updates are free, distributed via email, and available on our website.

Find the Indian Law Bulletins at http://narf.org/nill/bulletins/

The National Indian Law Library (NILL) is located in Boulder, Colorado.
NILL serves the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) as well as the public.
Please visit www.narf.org/nill for more information.
Presentation: Decolonizing Catalogs in Tribal College Libraries

Power structures embedded in the metadata of library catalogs often reflect the same power structures embedded in western society, including white supremacy and racism. This problem is especially prominent in tribal college libraries where students from tribal nations must routinely situate their information needs within the context of these oppressive ontologies. This compromising of Indigenous ways of knowing contradicts the mission of tribal colleges and undermines tribal sovereignty. As a result, decolonization of the catalog—rebuilding vocabularies to honor Indigenous knowledge and culture—is critical.

During the 2017 ALCTS Exchange (Association for Library Collections & Technical Services, a division of the American Library Association) in May, Hannah Buckland, director of Library Services at Leech Lake Tribal College, discussed how tribal college librarians confront the barrier that exists with current cataloging constructs and provided ideas for connecting local metadata with user needs in her presentation “Decolonizing Catalogs in Tribal College Libraries.” Due to the significance of this topic, ALCTS is releasing this presentation as open access and making it available on the ALCTS YouTube Channel. Explore the issues surrounding this pertinent topic in this compelling presentation.

View the presentation on YouTube: https://youtu.be/sUmS2dmngE0

Updates from the Library of Congress

New Subclass KI

Subclass KI, Law of Indigenous Peoples, is a new subclass of Law that has been developed at the Library of Congress. The subclass KI appears in Classification Web and is approved for use.

The Classification Schedule can be found here: https://www.loc.gov/aba/publications/FreeLCC/KIA-KIK.pdf?loclr=bloglaw

New Subject Heading

The Library of Congress's Monthly List for January 2017 (201701) included a new subject heading of interest:

Tribal government--Law and legislation

Check out the entire list at: https://classificationweb.net/approved-subjects/1701.html
Get To Know The NPLC

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MISSION & VISION

The aim of the Native Peoples Law Caucus (NPLC) is to provide a forum in which Native law and other issues that impact Indigenous Peoples worldwide can be discussed, ideas shared, information exchanged, and education offered. The Caucus encourages and facilitates the analysis, cataloging, collection, dissemination, management, organization, and preservation of Native law in accordance with cultural tradition.

JOIN THE NATIVE PEOPLES LAW CAUCUS!

Are you interested in Federal Indian and Tribal Law? Please join the Native Peoples Law Caucus!

Already a member? Please invite your colleagues! AALL Members can join our community by going to bit.ly/aallnplc, signing in, and clicking on the “Join Community” button.

All AALL members are welcome!