

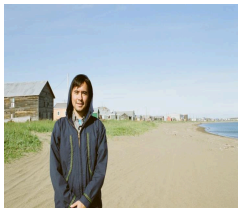
SOVEREIGNTY & SURVIVAL: INDIGENOUS PERSPECTIVES ON FEDERAL LAW AND POLICY
FRIDAY, February 17, 2012, 5:15 PM, Room ###

The majority of law students are unlikely to pursue a career practicing law in Indian Country; yet everyone who helps author, pass, or practice United States law and policy will interact with the integral idea that Indigenous peoples of this continent are sovereign communities. This panel strives to bring clarity to what that sovereignty means, both as an abstract idea and as a concrete reality shaping people's lives and autonomous movement in the world. Speakers will address the complex realities of sovereignty – the cultural context it arises from and has shaped, the vital resistance and forms of survival it nourishes, and the governmental interplay around particular decisions made in Tribal court systems – from their own personal, political perspectives. *Organized by the Population & Development (PopDev) Program, Hampshire College.*



Moderator: Katie McKay Bryson

Katie McKay Bryson is Assistant Director of the PopDev program at Hampshire College, where she edits the free feminist publication [DifferenTakes](#), works with a cohort of undergraduate Political Writing Interns, and helps build a 1000+ person reproductive justice activist conference each April. Katie grew up on occupied Athabaskan land in Alaska and has previously worked on issues of environmental justice and military contamination in rural communities. She teaches a course on Indigenous Environmental Justice issues at Hampshire.



Panelist: Tim Aqukkasuk Argetsinger

Tim Aqukkasuk Argetsinger (Iñupiaq) is a graduate student from Anchorage, AK studying education policy at Harvard Graduate School of Education. Prior to graduate school, Tim spent several years in various advocacy roles working on Alaska Native and Inuit education and language revitalization issues in Alaska and Nunavut, Canada.



Panelist: David Cornsilk

David Cornsilk, a dual member of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians, is the managing editor of independent newspaper *The Cherokee Observer*, and one of the founders of the Cherokee National Party. His lifelong activism has included working to expose the problem of Indian art fraud in eastern Oklahoma; co-founding the WhitePath Foundation, the first organization to publish information on HIV/AIDS in the Cherokee language; supporting equal marriage rights for gay, lesbian, and Two Spirit Cherokee citizens; passionate advocacy for Cherokee Freedmen citizenship, and exposing ethnic identity fraud.



Panelist: J. Kēhaulani Kauanui

J. Kēhaulani Kauanui is an Associate Professor of American Studies and Anthropology at Wesleyan University and author of *Hawaiian Blood: Colonialism and the Politics of Sovereignty and Indigeneity* (Duke University Press, 2008). Kauanui is the producer and host of a public affairs radio program, "Indigenous Politics: From Native New England and Beyond" (WESU). Kauanui was part of a six-person steering committee that worked to found the Native American and Indigenous Studies Association. She serves on the advisory board for the US Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel.