Seánna Howard

*Curriculum Vitae*

**EDUCATION**

**Master of Laws (LL.M.) Indigenous Peoples Law and Policy**

University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ  *May 2006*

# Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)

# University of Ottawa, ON, Canada  *May 2000*

**Bachelor of Environmental Studies (B.E.S.), Legal Studies Minor**

University of Waterloo, ON, Canada  *April 1996*

# ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

**Law Society of Ontario, Canada** *February 2002 – Present*

# EMPLOYMENT

## University of Arizona, Rogers College of Law *July 2006- present*

## *Director, International Human Rights Advocacy Workshop (Aug 2011 – present)*

## *Staff Attorney (July 2006- July 1, 2020)*

## *Professor of Practice (July 2020-present)*

* courses taught: International Human Rights Advocacy Workshop, International Human Rights and Indigenous Peoples, Indigenous Peoples Under International Law, Externships
* support the mandate of the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples: drafting annual reports to the UN General Assembly and UN Human Rights Council, responding to human rights complaints with letters to government, preparing expert testimony
* represented indigenous communities on cases before the Organization of American States, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), the United Nations (UN) and foreign courts including: Maya Indigenous Communities of Belize in the Supreme Court of Belize & Caribbean Court of Justice; Navajo Nation v. United States, IACHR; Hul’qumi’num Treaty Group, IACHR; Border Action Network, IACHR; Mary and Carrie Dann v. United States, IACHR & UN; Water Protector Legal Collective, IACHR & UN.

*Grants/Research Associate (July 2008- Aug 2013)*

# proposal writing, administration and reporting on grants from Ford Foundation ($150k/yr), Lannan Foundation ($60-200k/yr) and the Institute of International Education ($23k)

*Externship Coordinator (Aug 2013 – Aug 2017)*

* developed and implemented UA Law externship program, ensured compliance with ABA standards, Fair Labor Standards Act and other federal laws, conducted site visits, supervised student externships and taught classroom component

**University of Arizona, Native Nations Institute and IPLP Masters of Professional Studies in Indigenous Governance, January in Tucson Program**  *Jan 2014 – present*

Courses taught: Indigenous Peoples Rights Under International Law

## University of Arizona, School of Social and Behavioral Sciences *Jan 2018 – Dec 2018*

## Human Rights Practice Program

## *Affiliated Faculty*

Courses taught: Advancing Human Rights Law, Advancing Human Rights Law II

**University of the Arctic & University of Saskatchewan** *Feb. - May 2006*

Curriculum developer - Native Economic Development online course module

**Assembly of First Nations, Ottawa, ON, Canada**

Legal Analyst & Policy Advisor *Oct 2004 – July 2005*

# Children’s Aid Society of Hamilton, ON, Canada

Junior Legal Counsel *Oct 2003-Oct 2004*

**Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Young Professionals Program hosted by the Canadian Bar Association and Canadian Lawyers Association for Human Rights (**Field placement: Molo Songololo & Legal Resources Centre, Cape Town, South Africa)

 *Sept 2002-Mar 2003*

**Ministry of the Attorney General, Office of the Children’s Lawyer, Toronto, ON, Canada**

Articles in fulfilment of bar admission *July 2000 - Aug 2001*

# University of New Mexico, School of Law, Albuquerque

Human Rights Research Assistant *Jan 2000 - May 2000*

# University of Ottawa Community Legal Clinic, ON, Canada

Community Legal Worker *Sept 1998 - April 1999*

# Ministry of Community Safety & Correctional Services, Hamilton, ON, Canada

Probation & Parole Court Liaison Officer *June 1998 - Aug 1998*

# John Howard Society of Hamilton-Wentworth & District, ON, Canada

Case Manager for Alternative Measures, Victim Offender Mediation and Aggression Management Programs *June 1996 - Dec 1996*

**SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL LEGAL SUBMISSIONS**

## Forthcoming: Report to the United Nations General Assembly, **Situation of Indigenous Peoples living in Urban Areas**, Oct 2021

Forthcoming: Report to the United Nations Human Rights Council, **Covid-19 Recovery and Indigenous Peoples’ Rights**, Sept 2021

Communication to the United States regarding the impacts of the United States of America’s increased military presence in Guam and the failure to protect the indigenous Chamorro people from the loss of their traditional lands, territories, and resources, Jan 29, 2021

Stakeholder Report to the United Nations Human Rights Council, Universal Periodic Review Working Group, Review of the United States of America, Oct. 2, 2019

Criminalization of Human Rights Defenders of Indigenous Peoples Resisting Extractive Industries in the United States, Report to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, June 24, 2019

Indigenous Resistance to the Dakota Access Pipeline: Criminalization of Dissent and Suppression of Protest, Report to the UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Mar. 16, 2018

## Book Review: International Indigenous Rights in Aotearoa New Zealand" [2017] WkoLawRw 9; (2017) 25 Waikato Law Review 111

Compliance Report to the Caribbean Court of Justice, regarding the Maya Leaders Alliance v. A.G. Belize (co-authored) April 20, 2016

Compliance Report to the Caribbean Court of Justice, regarding the Maya Leaders Alliance v. A.G. Belize (co-authored) Jan. 21, 2016

Follow-up Report on Thematic Hearing: Impact of Extractive Industries and other Development Activities on the Sacred Places of Indigenous Peoples in the United States, Nov. 6, 2015

Report on Compliance to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, Case of the Maya Indigenous Communities of Belize, Oct. 28, 2015

Request for Precautionary Measures to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, Maya Indigenous Communities of Belize, June 23, 2015

Petition to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights on behalf of the Navajo Nation,

against the United States of America, Mar. 2, 2015

Alternative Report to the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, Review of the Periodic Report of the United States of American (Joint Submission with Minority Rights Group International) July 17, 2014

Report on Non-compliance to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights of the Organization of American States regarding the Case of the Maya Indigenous Communities of the Toledo District of Belize, March 13, 2013.

Update to the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in Relation to Early Warning and Urgent Action Decision 1(68) & Concluding Observations 6(72) (United States) submitted on behalf of Western Shoshone Defense Project, Jan. 31, 2012

Submission to the U.N. Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination by Hul’qumi’num Treaty Group in relation to Canada’s 19th and 20th Periodic Reports, Jan. 30, 2012

Update to the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in Relation to Urgent Action Early Warning Decision 1(68) and Concluding Observations 6(72) United States, Jan 31, 2012

Report on Non-Compliance to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, Regarding the Case of the Maya Indigenous Communities v. Belize, Nov. 22, 2011

Additional Observations Regarding the Merits of the Case, submitted on behalf of Border Action Network to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, Oct. 8 2010

Communication to the U.N. Special Rapporteurs on the Situation of Indigenous Peoples, Special Rapporteur on Racism, and Independent Expert on Cultural Rights, on behalf of the Maya Leaders Alliance, May 29, 2010

Merits Report to Inter-American Commission on Human Rights regarding Undocumented Migrant, Legal Resident and US Citizen Victims of Anti-Immigrant Vigilantes (USA) Nov. 13, 2009

**MEDIA**

[Radio Cachimbona](https://soundcloud.com/radiocachimbona), Property Rights Are Being Prioritized Over Human Rights, Oct. 2019.

WBIA, Free Speech Radio, NYC, First Voices Radio, June 4, 2019 7pm.

Turtle Talk, University of Arizona Law Clinical Director, Student to Testify before Organization of American States, May 2019.

Cultural Survival, The Criminalization of Indigenous Protestors in the United States, Apr. 26, 2018.

AZ Business Magazine, UA Program Secures Land-rights Win in Belize, May 10, 2015.

Rolling Stone Magazine, Border of Madness: Crossing the Line with Arizona’s Anti-Immigration Vigilantes”, Issue 1172/1173, Dec. 20, 2012 – Jan. 3, 2013 at p. 99.

UA News, Law Faculty Help Win Indigenous Land Rights Case in Belize, July 1, 2010

Elko Daily Free Press, WSDP Delegation Goes to Geneva, Nov. 5, 2010

### Censored News, Western Shoshone travel to UN for first US Human Rights Periodic Review, Nov. 1, 2010.

### Immigration Clearinghouse, [Border Action Network scores big win against Minutemen and other vigilante groups](http://immigrationclearinghouse.org/border-action-network-scores-big-win-against-minutemen-and-other-vigilante-groups/), Oct 3, 2009.

Ladysmith Chronicle, Government Responds to Human Rights Compliant, Mar. 30, 2009,

Arizona Native Net, Podcast, An interview with Seanna Howard about the Organization of American States, Jan. 2009.

## PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES, SYMPOSIA, WORKSHOPS

Moderator, Virtual Consultation on the Situation of Indigenous Peoples Living in Urban Areas, United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights & University of Arizona College of Law Indigenous Peoples Law and Policy Program (Mar. 17, 2021)

Panelist, Virtual Dialogue on the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, United Nations Working Group on Business and Human Rights and First Peoples Worldwide (Dec. 4, 2020)

Panelist, *Human Rights Delegation and Symposium*, Thompson Rogers University, Kamloops, BC, Canada (Mar. 2020)

Speaker, *International Human Rights Law and Indigenous and Afrodescendant Communities,* Study of the U.S. Institute (SUSI) for Student Leaders from Latin America, University of Arizona (July 2019 and Jan. 2020)

Speaker, *Indigenous Peoples Rights Under International Law: The Maya of Belize,* Center for Latin American Studies, University of Arizona, Charlas Con Café Speaker Series (Dec. 2019)

Speaker, *Researching Country Conditions within the UN and OAS systems,* Florence Immigration and Refugee Rights Project, Tucson, AZ (Nov.1, 2019)

Speaker, *International Human Rights Advocacy and the Inter-American System,* Women Leading Change: Human Rights and Environmental Justice in Latin America, University of Florida (Apr. 26, 2019)

Moderator, *Dakota Access Pipeline Resistance and the Criminalization of Indigenous Human Rights Defenders*, side-event at the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, UN Headquarters NYC, New York (Apr. 19, 2018)

Panel with Profs. Sarita Cargas - UNM, Danielle Aldawood- ASU, Shayna Plaut- Univ. of Winnipeg, William Simmons, UofA, *Tackling global challenges with HRE*, 8th International Conference on Human Rights Education, Montreal, Quebec (Dec. 1, 2017)

Speaker, Concurrent Presenter and Workshop Facilitator, *Cultural Competence*, Mountain West Regional Clinical Conference, University of Arizona, (Nov. 4, 2016)

Panel with Professors Christine Zuni-Cruz and Cheryl Fairbanks – UNM, Nicole Friedericks – Suffolk and Sarah Buhler - Univ. of Sask., *Community Engagement: Decolonization, Clinics, and Community as Client,* AALS 39th Annual Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Baltimore Maryland (May 1, 2016)

Speaker, *Efforts to protect the San Francisco Peaks*, Academic Event hosted by the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (June 18, 2015)

Speaker, *International Law and Tribal Environmental Issues,* State Bar of Arizona CLE (Jan. 28, 2015)

Panel with Professors Paul Bennet, Lorraine Ginn, Kendall Kerew-Georgia State College of Law and Renata Turner-Atlanta’s John Marshall Law School, *Training the People Who Train Our Students: Common Threads and Lessons Learned,* Externships 7 Conference, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Colorado (Feb. 28, 2014)

Speaker, *Defining Experiential Learning*, Experiential Learning CLE, University of Arizona, College of Law (Oct. 24, 2013)

Speaker, Indigenous Peoples and the Inter-American System, Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission, (July 10, 2013)

Speaker, *Indigenous Peoples and the Inter-American Human Rights System,* 60 Minutes in Indian Country Series, University of Arizona, American Indian Studies, Native Nations Institute & Native Peoples Technical Assistance Program. (Feb. 22, 2013)

Speaker*, Indigenous Peoples and Extractive Industries, Engaging the Inter-American System,* University of Arizona, Center for Latin American Studies Human Rights Initiative and IPLP Program Rogers College of Law: Human Rights, Indigenous Peoples and Extractive Industries across the Americas (Feb. 1, 2013)

Panelist, *International Human Rights and Indigenous Peoples,* IPLP 10th Anniversary Conference, University of Arizona (Oct. 8, 2011)

Panelist, *Corporate Accountability in the Obama Era,* United Nations side-event hosted by Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR), EarthRights International, the Western Shoshone Defense Project and the International Network for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland (Nov. 4, 2010)

Participant, Minority Rights Summer School, National University of Ireland (June 2009)