

## **CURRENT POSITION**

**Assistant Professor of Law and IPLP Program Graduate Advisor** July 2018–present  
University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law

- Teaching Critical Race Theory to J.D. students and Public International Law to B.A. in Law students and Masters of Legal Studies students.
- Advising LL.M. and S.J.D. students in the Indigenous Peoples Law and Policy Program.

## **EDUCATION**

**University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, Tucson, AZ**

Master of Laws in Indigenous Peoples Law & Policy, May 2013

- Concentration in Human Rights
- Research Assistant to Prof. Robert A. Williams, Jr.; Supreme Court Teaching Fellow; International Human Rights Advocacy Workshop

Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*, May 2012

- Certificate in Indigenous Peoples Law & Policy
- Arizona Law Review; Research Assistant to Prof. Robert A. Williams, Jr.; Indigenous Peoples Law & Policy Clinic; International Human Rights Advocacy Workshop; UN Special Rapporteur Workshop; Constitutional Law Mentor
- Law College Association Award; International Human Rights and Humanitarian Award; Snell & Wilmer Best 2L Note Award; Ralph E. Long Memorial Award; Victor J. Hayek Scholarship; Law College Association Scholarship

**Davidson College, Davidson, NC**

Bachelor of Arts in Religion, double major in Political Science, August 2006

## **EXPERIENCE**

**Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker, LLP**

*Of Counsel.*

June 2018–present

*Associate.*

October 2013–June 2018

Representing tribal governments and national tribal organizations on matters including government relations, international repatriation, cultural and natural resource protection, health care, education, and tribal gaming.

**Georgia State University College of Law**

Fall 2013

*Adjunct Professor.* Co-taught Public International Law with an emphasis on experiential learning.

**Galanda Broadman, PLLC**

March–September 2013

*Law Clerk.* Conducted legal research and writing; drafted memoranda, pleadings, and affidavits for tribal citizen clients; drafted filings related to indigenous prisoners' religious freedoms.

**University of Arizona**

Spring 2013

*Supreme Court Teaching Fellow.* Teaching Assistant for undergraduate course Law 389, "Race, Sex and Power in the Supreme Court."

**University of Arizona**

February 2012–February 2013

*Research Assistant.* Assisted in editing Prof. Robert A. Williams, Jr.'s book *Savage Anxieties: The Invention of Western Civilization*.

**Indian Country Justice Partners**

Spring 2013

*Legal Intern.* Drafted and filed state incorporation papers and 501(c)(3) application and assisted grant writing.

**Human Rights Research Fund**

Summer 2011

*Legal Intern.* Helped prepare international human rights litigation strategy for the Gullah-Geechee community of Harris Neck, Georgia.

**Western Shoshone Defense Project**

Summer 2010

*Legal Intern.* Prepared filings to U.N. CERD and U.N. Special Rapporteurs regarding violations of indigenous human rights. Assisted with office management.

**Cavanaugh-Bill Law Office**

Summer 2010

*Legal Intern.* Conducted legal research, wrote memoranda, and drafted pleading concerning Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act.

**Independent Contractor**

May 2004–May 2009

*Researcher, Editor, Consultant.* Clients included Dr. Russell Crandall of Davidson College, Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, SEIU-United Healthcare Workers West, Sonoma County Housing Advocacy Group, and South End Press.

**PUBLICATIONS**

Natsu Taylor Saito and Akilah J. Kinnison, "Perspectives and Methods: Critical Race Theory," in *Oxford Handbook of Children's Rights*, eds. Jonathan Todres and Shani King (forthcoming).

Akilah Jenga Kinnison, "Indigenous Consent: Rethinking U.S. Consultation Policies in Light of the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples," 53 ARIZ. L. REV. 1301 (2011).

Co-author (unattributed), "Latin America," *Strategic Survey 2008/09*. London: International Institute for Strategic Studies, 2009.

Russell Crandall with Akilah Jenga, "US Policy During the First Uribe Administration, 2002-2006," and "US Policy at the Start of the Second Uribe Administration," in *Driven By Drugs: US Policy Toward Colombia*, 2nd ed. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2008.

Co-author (unattributed), "Latin America: Slower Movement to the Left," *Strategic Survey 2007/8*. London: International Institute for Strategic Studies, 2008.

Akilah Jenga and Russell Crandall, "El colapso de la revolución bolivariana: el deterioro del regimen de Chávez y sus implicaciones para la democracia venezolana (1988-2002)," *Venezuela en retrospectiva. Los pasos hacia el regimen chavista*. Madrid: Bibliotheca Ibero-Americana, 2007.

Co-author (unattributed), "Latin America: The Limits of Populism," *Strategic Survey 2006/7*. London: International Institute for Strategic Studies, 2007.

\_\_\_\_\_, "Latin America: Swing to the Left," *Strategic Survey 2005/6*. London: International Institute for Strategic Studies, 2006.

\_\_\_\_\_, "Retgression in the Andes," *Strategic Survey 2004/5*. London: International Institute for Strategic Studies, 2005.

\_\_\_\_\_, "New Complications in the Andes," *Strategic Survey 2003/4*. London: International Institute for Strategic Studies, 2004.

## **REPORTS**

Joint Submission to the U.N. Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, Concerning Religious Freedoms of Indigenous Persons Deprived of their Liberty in the United States of America (August 1, 2014), prepared by Gabriel S. Galanda and Akilah J. Kinnison.

Submission to the U.N. Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination by the Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group in Relation to Canada's 19th and 20th Periodic Reports (January 30, 2012), prepared by Seánna Howard and Akilah Jenga Kinnison.

Submission to the U.N. Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination by the Western Shoshone Defense Project, Report on the Effects of Canadian Transnational Corporate Activities on the Western Shoshone Indigenous Peoples (January 30, 2012), prepared by Julie Cavanaugh-Bill, Seánna Howard, and Akilah Jenga Kinnison.

## **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

Invited Lecture, "Of Rights and Resistance: Contemporary Challenges Facing American Indians." 2018 John Lewis Fellowship Program, Center for Civil and Human Rights/Humanity in Action (July 2018).

Invited Lecture, "Coalition Building in Federal Law and Policy Making."  
Distinguished Alumni Speaker Series, University of Arizona Indigenous Peoples Law & Policy  
Program (March 2018).

Panel Presentation, "Looking Ahead to Year 2 of the Quality Payment Program."  
2017 National Tribal Health Conference, National Indian Health Board (September 2017).

Panel Presentation, "Medicare Medicaid Payment Reform."  
2015 Annual Consumer Conference, National Indian Health Board (September 2015).

### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & ACTIVITIES**

American Bar Association Center for Human Rights, Special Advisor, 2016–present  
Native American Bar Association DC Chapter, Board Member, 2016–2017  
Federal Bar Association, Indian Law Section, Member  
National Lawyers Guild, Member

### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

State of Georgia, admitted November 2013  
District of Columbia, admitted January 2015