As we (finally) move past January, the Spring semester is officially out of the gate and off to the races. The NALSA executive board has been working harder than ever to maintain a
strong, loving, and healthy sense of community despite the separation and awkwardness of zoom-life. These efforts include 1L outreach and mentorship through curricular review workshops. In the fall, NALSA hosted tutoring sessions in torts, contracts, and exam writing facilitated by 3L students Joy Parker, Vince Redhouse, Softie Pierce, and Andrea Sharp (thanks again 3Ls). This semester, NALSA is planning three additional tutoring sessions in constitutional law, property, and citations. Stay tuned for dates! Please also check out our official school webpage here!

With February 14th just around the corner, NALSA is hosting a 5K run/walk from February 14-20. What better way to celebrate Valentine's Day than by showing your body some love! NALSA realizes that running and walking is an able-body privilege, and we encourage anyone who cannot walk or run to show themselves love by stretching, practicing mindful breathing, or meditating. See more info below in the events section.

The NALSA eBoard has also been working diligently in the area of recruitment. By working directly with the IPLP's Faith Liston, NALSA eBoard members have been able to meet with newly admitted students not once but twice weekly for the past three weeks in a row. This has been a wonderful opportunity for prospective students to directly connect with current students and NALSA leadership to get their first glimpse into how we operate here at UArizona. So far, the student's responses have been overwhelmingly positive. On behalf of NALSA, we would like to thank Faith for all her hard work in recruitment!

Lastly, we would like to congratulate NALSA member Michelle Pennington (1L) and Susan F. Filan (LLM) for their finalist placements in the 2021 Richard Grand Legal Writing Competition. Michelle's 2nd place win and Susan 3rd place win were announced on Wednesday at the competition's awards ceremony. Congratulations Michelle and Susan, you make NALSA very proud!

**Editor's Note:** We would also like to correct an oversight from the previous edition and credit Wayne Koelemeyer as the author of the insightful and heartfelt welcome of Pancho. Thanks Wayne, you're a rockstar!
Please also reach out to Daniel at dhartmanstrawn@email.arizona.edu if you'd like to request access to our google calendar so that you can get automated reminders for all of our events (including the silent auction!!).

**Executive Leadership Reports**

**President**

Amber Morning Star Byars (Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma) has been working with other student leaders and faculty members to plan multiple upcoming events. The Reparations Theories event with BLSA and ALR, and the Conversations on Allyship event co-sponsored by BLSA, ACS, and the Diversity Committee are two upcoming events that Amber is particularly looking forward to. Additionally, Amber has been busy securing artist donations for the upcoming NALSA Silent Auction set for the evening of April 1st. The upcoming NALSA elections and a speaker event featuring legendary Indian law scholar, Frank Pommersheim, are next in Amber’s queue.

**Vice President**

Dillon Dobson (Cowlitz) has been coordinating NALSA's admitted student outreach efforts and is so excited about all the amazing admitted students. Good job Faith!! Dillon has also been working with Justin on a professional development effort to connect NALSA students with IPLP alumni through a resume bank. He encourages all NALSA students looking for work to fill out this form and asks all alumni looking for amazing UA NALSA students to email Justin at justinboro1986@arizona.edu.

**Treasurer**

Edward Ornstein (Poarch Creek Descendant) has been working with other executive board members and university accounting to plan the upcoming NALSA Silent Auction. He's excited to see another big event coming together and hopes to leave the next Treasurer with a healthy budget going into the next year. If you're interested in running for Treasurer
for the 2021-2022 school year, don't hesitate to reach out to Edward with any questions at edwardrornstein@email.arizona.edu

Secretary

Daniel Hartman-Strawn (Ally) has been working to finalize the procedure for NALSA elections this spring. Please contact him if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions for our election process. Daniel has also been working with Amber, the Diversity Committee, and other student groups at Arizona Law to finalize the details for the Conversations on Allyship event.

Public Relations

Stephanie Monroe (Diné) has been assisting with setting up the NALSA wellness events, and preparing for the next elderly project. If you have any ideas on a community outreach project, please reach out to Stephanie. Stephanie is also coordinating a LinkedIn session set for Friday February 19th at 1pm to enhance any internship and job opportunities as students are limited in recruitment exposure during the pandemic.

Events

Hannah Goins (Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina) has been working on planning an intersectionality discussion co-sponsored by Pride Law. Hannah is also planning another Jeopardy social on February 27th at 7pm, because our first one was such a hit! Additionally, Hannah is assisting Stephanie with the next elderly project. If anyone has any ideas for a virtual NALSA social they would like to see, please let her know!

Spotlights

Student Spotlight - Hannah Goins

I am a member of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina. I was born and raised in Robeson County, North Carolina, the heart of Lumbee land. I am currently a 2L pursuing the IPLP certificate and I am also an M.P.S.
student studying Indigenous Governance. I work as a graduate research assistant for the Native Nations Institute focusing on Southeastern Indigenous research governance. I was drawn to American Indian Studies in undergrad and through that degree I was introduced to Indian law.

My Tribe has been fighting for full federal recognition for over 100 years. I wanted to study Indian law so that I could be well equipped to join this fight. I chose Arizona Law because there are countless opportunities with IPLP and plenty of Native students and professors that are doing some amazing work in Indian Country. Through my studies here at UofA I find that I am interested in the intersections between family and Indian law.

Faculty Spotlight - Melissa Tatum

I went to law school with the intention of specializing in international law, but while doing research for a paper, I discovered the existence of tribal governments, and I was immediately fascinated with how the questions of overlapping sovereignty play out here in the US. After graduating from law school in 1992, I clerked for three federal judges before joining the law faculty at the University of Tulsa in 1995, which at the time had one of the strongest Indian law programs in the country. I taught at TU for 13 years before joining the faculty at Arizona Law in 2009.

My scholarship focuses on issues of jurisdiction and on various aspects of law and culture, as illustrated by my latest book Reading American Indian Law: Foundational Principles (Cambridge University Press 2020) (co-edited with Grant Christensen), and my most recent law review article Customary Law of Indigenous Communities: Making Space on the Global Environmental Stage, 9 Mich. J. Envtl & Admin L. 77 (Fall 2019). I was also a contributing author to the 2005 edition of Cohen’s Handbook of Federal Indian Law, and I consulted with the Pascua Yaqui Tribe when it was selected as a pilot project tribe for VAWA 2013. I have also taught seminars on domestic violence and protection orders throughout the
United States for tribal governments, as well as for state and federal judges, attorneys, law enforcement, and victim advocates.

I became a law professor because I enjoy working with students. Twice in the last five years, I have written the problem for the National NALSA Moot Court Competition. I also currently serve as the IPLP Graduate Student Advisor, which allows me to work with LLM and SJD students. I am also a member of the faculty for the American Indian Studies Graduate Interdisciplinary Program, a role which enables me to work with many joint degree students and students across campus. I currently teach Conflict of Laws, Federal Indian Law, Writing SJD Dissertations, and Native American Law & Policy (essentially a federal Indian law course for non-lawyers; NALP is a course for students in the BA/MLS/MPS programs, as well as for graduate students across campus).

**Native Business Spotlight**

*Cara Romero Photography*

NALSA is excited to promote the work of Chemehuevi photographer, Cara Romero. Romero was raised between contrasting settings: the rural Chemehuevi reservation in Mojave Desert, CA and the urban sprawl of Houston, TX. Romero’s identity informs her photography, a blend of fine art and editorial photography, shaped by years of study and a visceral approach to representing Indigenous and non-Indigenous cultural memory, collective history, and lived experiences from a Native American female perspective.

As an undergraduate at the University of Houston, Romero pursued a degree in cultural anthropology. Disillusioned, however, by academic and media portrayals of Native
Americans as bygone, Romero realized that making photographs could do more than anthropology did in words, a realization that led to a shift in medium. Since 1998, Romero's expansive oeuvre has been informed by formal training in film, digital, fine art and commercial photography. By staging theatrical compositions infused with dramatic color, Romero takes on the role of storyteller, using contemporary photography techniques to depict the modernity of Native peoples, illuminating Indigenous worldviews and aspects supernaturalism in everyday life.

Maintaining a studio in Santa Fe, NM, Romero regularly participates in Native American art fairs and panel discussions, and was featured in PBS’ Craft in America (2019). Her award-winning work is included in many public and private collections internationally. Married with three children, she travels between Santa Fe and the Chemehuevi Valley Indian Reservation, where she maintains close ties to her tribal community and ancestral homelands.

Romero's work featured at the top of this month’s edition is of our own NALSA President, Amber Morning Star Byars, and was recently featured by Buzzfeed Photo. You can check out the feature [here](#). Learn more about the artist at [www.cararomerophotography.com](http://www.cararomerophotography.com).

**Events**

Please see the calendar and events below and note that they are being continually updated and are, therefore, subject to change. Additionally, please reach out to Daniel at [dhartmanstrawn@email.arizona.edu](mailto:dhartmanstrawn@email.arizona.edu) if you are interested in signing up for the NALSA-student listserv or getting access to our google calendar so that you can get automatic reminders for all of our events. Please send any IPLP event-related questions that you might have to Justin Boro at [justinboro1986@arizona.edu](mailto:justinboro1986@arizona.edu).
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Black History Month Special Topic: Reparations Theories & Possible Models

Join NALSA, Black Law Student Association (BLSA), and Arizona Law Review (ALR) for a star studded panel discussion on reparations. We will be joined by our very own Rebecca Tsosie (University of Arizona College of Law), Jody Armour (University of Southern California Law), and Katherine Franke (Columbia Law). Monday, February 22nd from 12pm - 1pm.
Register here in advance to receive your personal link.

NALSA 5K

Get moving and show your body some love! This all-ages NALSA virtual 5K will donate half of proceeds to a local Native organization. Registration fee starts at $10 per person. Be sure to share your pics on social media and tag our NALSA account @uarizonanalsa with the hashtag #NALSAWELLNESS. Register here. Reminder to encourage your friends and family to participate.

February 14-20, 2021
NALSA Jeopardy

We had such a good time at our NALSA Jeopardy social that we decided to have another one! The next Jeopardy social will be **February 27th at 7pm MST**. The zoom link is: [https://arizona.zoom.us/j/81261071824](https://arizona.zoom.us/j/81261071824). Please join us for some fun!

Here is a photo of both teams:

Here is a photo of the winning team: (GO TEAM LEMON)
NALSA/Pride Law Collaboration Event

NALSA will be partnering with Pride Law to develop a discussion around the importance of intersectionality in the LGBTQ+ community. We are in the early stages of planning for this event, but we are hoping to schedule it for the first or second week of March. The plan is to have the event before the allyship panel so that we can advertise the panel to our participants as an additional resource.

Conversations on Allyship Panel

Sponsored by the Native American Law Student Association, Black Law Student Association, American Constitution Society and Diversity Committee, Conversations on Allyship will be a 1.5 hour lunch-hour discussion on **Wednesday, March 17th**, organized to create an open and honest dialogue between minority communities here at Arizona Law and the students who wish to serve as allies for those communities. For purposes of this event, Allyship is being defined as “an active, consistent, and arduous practice of unlearning and re-evaluating, in which a person in a position of privilege and power seeks to operate in solidarity with a marginalized group. Allyship is not an identity - it is a lifelong process of building relationships based on trust, consistency, and accountability with marginalized individuals and/or groups of people. Allyship is not self-defined-work and efforts must be recognized by the people an individual seeks to ally themselves with.” See [https://theantioppressionnetwork.com/allyship/](https://theantioppressionnetwork.com/allyship/).

Silent Auction

Get your pocketbooks and mobile banking enabled smart devices ready!! We are gearing up for an incredible silent auction that you won't want to miss! You'll have a chance to bid on amazing Indigenous art, items from awesome Indigenous-owned businesses, and a ton of other cool offerings. An evening happy hour event will be held to kick off the auction on **Thursday, April 1st from 6:00-7:00pm**.
The event will include musical performances, IPLP alumni appearances, and a special presentation by 2Spirit Anishinaabe artist, Ryan Young.

Community Outreach
NALSA would like to gather activity based items for the Tohono O'odham nursing home elders. Items like coloring books, crayons, puzzles, etc. If you interested in planning, please email Stephanie at monroes@email.arizona.edu.

General Meetings
Please join us the last Tuesday of each month from 12pm - 1pm for our monthly general body meetings! General meetings will take place on January 26th, February 23rd, March 30th, and April 27th.

Link: https://arizona.zoom.us/j/87800848592

Until the Next Edition
We wish you the best in these unprecedented times and hope that you enjoyed this edition of the NALSA newsletter. If you’d like to submit an article or piece to the NALSA Newsletter, please contact Dillon Dobson at ddobson@email.arizona.edu. Finally, we want to thank our very generous supporters and we encourage anyone interested in donating to do so via Venmo @Edward-R-Ornstein.

With love,
Your UArizona NALSA Executive Board

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