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Pre-Law Summer Institute
Graduation & Awards Ceremony*



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The PLSI Class of 2010

Tahda Ahtone – Kiowa, Choctaw, Cherokee
Jesse Allen – Muscogee Creek Nation
Tanner Amdur-Clark – Citizen Potawatomi Nation
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Grant Birtcher – Navajo Nation
Jacqueline Bisille – Navajo Nation
Aubony Burns – Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
Henry Castillo – Tarahumara
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Francys Crevier – Algonquin
Nellie David – Tohono O'odham
Emily Dillon – Oglala Sioux
Joshua Dorries – Citizen Potawatomi Nation
Victoria Hatch – Minnesota Chippewa Tribe
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Neomi Gilmore – Navajo Nation
Loya Henderson – Navajo Nation
Lucas LaRose – Northern Cheyenne Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska
Summer Morris – Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
Matt Murdock – Three Affiliated Tribes/Standing Rock Sioux
Jody Olney – Muscogee Creek Nation
Katie Parker – Choctaw Nation
Jeremiah Ross – Muscogee Creek Nation
Micah Runnels – Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma
James Simermeyer – Coharie/Navajo Nation
Coell Simmons – Chickasaw Nation
Madison Simmons – Chickasaw Nation
Shannon Swimmer – Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Jeremiah Thompson – Little Traverse Bay Band Odawa/Seneca
Tela Troge – Shinnecock Indian Nation
Brandon Vigil – Ohkay Owingeh
Lisa Whitepipe – Rosebud Sioux
Jim Wolgemuth – Inupiaq Eskimo

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PLSI Professors

Angelique EagleWoman – Sisseton-Wahpeton Dakota Oyate,
University of Idaho
Matthew Fletcher – Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians,
Michigan State University
Maymangwa Flying Earth – Gila River Indian Community
Michael Oeser – Ho-Chunk Nation, University of Wisconsin
Rebecca Tsosie – Yaqui, Arizona State University

PLSI Teaching Assistants

Natasha Cuylear – Jicarilla Apache, University of New Mexico
Kelly Dennis – Shinnecock, University of New Mexico
Onawa Lacy – Navajo Nation, University of New Mexico
Ryan Tallmadge – Ho-Chunk Nation, Temple University

PLSI Moot Court Judges

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| Cynthia Aragon, Esq. | Hon. Robert Medina |
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| Georgene Louis, Esq. | |

Keynote Speakers

John Harte

John Harte is an alumus of the PLSI Class of 1993 and a tribal member of the Pueblo of San Felipe. He recently became Partner at the Mapetsi Policy Group, a federal government relations firm that exclusively represents tribal governments and organizations. Prior to joining Mapetsi, Harte was the Policy Director for the Majority on the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs and was the key staff person to work on S. 797, the Tribal Law and Order Act, that was signed into law by President Obama on July 29, 2010. Harte's previous experience also includes serving as General Counsel and Legislative Director of the National Indian Gaming Association and as Deputy Director of the Office of Tribal Justice within the U.S. Department of Justice. Harte received his LL.M. in International and Comparative Law from Georgetown University Law Center and a JD from the University of New Mexico School of Law. He has taught "Federal Indian Law & Policy" at Catholic University's Columbus School of Law, American University's Washington College of Law, and American University's Washington Internships for Native Students Program.

Kyle Nayback

Kyle Nayback attended the 1993 PLSI and was a PLSI teaching assistant in 1994. A member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Mr. Nayback is a 1996 graduate of the University of New Mexico School of Law, with an Indian Law Certificate, and where he was an editor for the New Mexico Law Review. After law school, he went to work in Washington, D.C., first working for the Sonosky Law Firm, and then serving in several federal agencies working on Indian Law issues. He was the Director of Congressional and Public Affairs at the National Indian Gaming Commission, and then moved to the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Tribal Justice where he served as Deputy Director. Mr. Nayback is now an Assistant United States Attorney in Albuquerque, New Mexico

Program

Emcee - Heidi Nesbitt

Social Gathering

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Helen B. Padilla, Esq., AILC Director

Keynote Address

*John Harte, Partner, Mapetsi Policy Group, PLSI '93
Kyle Nayback, Assistant United States Attorney, PLSI '93*

Introduction of PLSI Teaching Assistants

Heidi Nesbitt, PLSI Director

Book Awards

*Prof. Maymangwa Flying Earth - Advocacy
Prof. Michael Oeser - Advocacy
Prof. Angelique EagleWoman - Civil Procedure
Prof. Matthew Fletcher - Federal Indian Law
Prof. Rebecca Tsosie - Property*

Student Graduation Certificates

Heidi Nesbitt and Helen B. Padilla

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Closing Remarks

Helen B. Padilla