

## EDITORIAL FOREWORD

The members of the *Arizona Journal of International and Comparative Law* are proud to publish this year's symposium edition. This year's editorial board decided to dedicate its symposium to the career and accomplishments of James Anaya, former United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples from May 2008 to June 2014 and professor at the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law.

For his work as Special Rapporteur, Professor Anaya was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in February 2014. At the College of Law, Professor Anaya teaches courses on international human rights, and his expertise, experience, and passion for teaching make him an integral part of the law school community.

In addition to this printed edition, the *Journal* hosted a conference on January 23, 2015 to celebrate Professor Anaya's accomplishments. It was attended by Professor Anaya and many of his colleagues from around the world. In addition to Professor Anaya, the panelists included Gina Cosentino (Visiting Scholar at the Institute for the Study of Human Rights at Columbia University and former Director of Indigenous and Communal Conservation at The Nature Conservancy), Professor Andrew Erueti (Senior Lecturer and Faculty of Law at the University of Auckland, New Zealand), Professor Clair Charters (Senior lecturer and Faculty of Law at the University of Auckland and former Secretary of the U.N. Expert Mechanism of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples), and Professor Angela Riley (Professor of Law at UCLA School of Law and Director of the UCLA American Indian Studies Center). The conference was attended by students and faculty of the College of Law, students and faculty of the greater University of Arizona community, and members of the Tucson community.

Funding for the event came partially from the University's Graduate and Professional School Council and the College of Law's Student Bar Association. Special thanks to both those organizations for helping make the event possible.

This edition begins with a selection of United Nations reports written by Professor Anaya during his tenure as Special Rapporteur. It also includes written comments from each of the aforementioned conference panelists and from Kanyinke Sena, a student in the College's Indigenous Peoples Law and Policy Program. Finally, it features two notes written by student members of the *Journal*. Professor Anaya's reports are interesting, well-written, and insightful pieces that illuminate the challenges facing the human rights of indigenous peoples around the world.

Once again the *Journal* is proud to publish this symposium edition, and it is honored and thankful that Professor Anaya and his colleagues were so willing to participate and assist in its publication. The members of the *Journal* appreciate the interest and support of all those reading this edition, and it is our hope that the distribution of this symposium edition may promote positive change and further the efforts of those seeking improved human rights conditions.

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