

SEMINAR AGENDA

Day 1 | July 15, 2026

ROOM: CONFERENCE ROOM A

Time	Agenda Item
8:00 AM	Registration and Full Breakfast
9:00 AM	Opening Prayer, Welcome, and Introductions
9:15 AM	SESSION 1 What is a Constitution? And What Do They Look Like and Do in Indian Country? ○ Defining a constitution in the broadest sense ○ The foundations of effective governments: What does a government do? ○ The diversity of constitutions and governing systems across Indian Country ○ Questions & Answers
10:00 AM	SESSION 2 An Overview of the Native Nation Building Model ○ The standard approach to Native community and economic development ○ The nation-building approach to Native community and economic development ○ The research findings ○ Questions & Answers

Time	Agenda Item
10:45 AM	Break
11:00 AM	SESSION 3 Federal Indian Law and the Impact on Native Nations + REBECCA TSOSIE, Regents Professor of Law and Morris K. Udall Professor of Law, <i>College of Law, University of Arizona</i> ○ Overview of key federal laws and policy eras ○ The impact of federal Indian Law on Native nations ○ The impact of removal of the Secretary of Interior approval clause in tribal constitutions ○ Tribal governments relationship to federal, state, and local governments ○ A look at key issues facing Indian Country ○ Questions & Answers
12:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM	SESSION 4 What Kind of Constitution Does Our Nation Need? ○ Does our nation need to launch a constitutional process? ○ Key questions to address in a constitution ○ Emerging trends in constitutions
2:00 PM	Break

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2:30 PM	SESSION 5 Tribal Panel #1: Tribal Experiences in Remaking Tribal Constitutions + STACEY HALFMOON (Caddo Nation), Caddo Constitution Commissioner, <i>Caddo Nation</i> & Senior Director, <i>Choctaw Cultural Center</i> + DAUNE CARDENAS (Pascua Yaqui Tribe), Chief Executive Officer, <i>Pascua Yaqui Development Corporation</i> + VANCE GILMORE (Quapaw Nation), Constitution Committee Chair, <i>Quapaw Nation</i>
3:30 PM	Small Group Discussion: “Is Your Nation Ready for Remaking Its Constitution?”
4:30 PM	Small Group Report Outs
4:45 PM	Day 1 Q&A, Homework, and Wrap-Up
5:00 PM	End of Day 1

Day 2 | July 16, 2026

ROOM: CONFERENCE ROOM A

Time	Agenda Item
8:00 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM	Welcome Back, Debrief and Today's Agenda
9:30 AM	SESSION 6 How Do We Make Change Happen? The Process of Developing, Revising, or Reforming Constitutions ○ Strategies for constitution making and constitutional change ○ Examples of successful approaches to citizen engagement ○ Questions & Answers
10:30 AM	Break
10:45 AM	SESSION 7 Coin Toss Exercise
12:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM	Small Group Report Outs

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1:30 PM	SESSION 8 How Do We Live with Our New Constitutions? ○ Change is just the beginning ○ Strategies in support of implementation ○ Looking ahead ○ Questions & Answers
2:30 PM	Break
3:00 PM	SESSION 9 Tribal Panel #2: Tribal Experiences in Remaking Tribal Constitutions + ELVIA BUSTAMANTE (Pascua Yaqui Tribe), Executive Officer, Constitution Advisory Committee, Pascua Yaqui Tribe
3:45 PM	Small Group Discussion: Based on What You Have Learned Over the Past Two Days, What are Your Next Steps?
4:15PM	Small Group Reports Outs
4:45 PM	Seminar Summary Q & A
4:50 PM	Evaluations, Closing Remarks, and Closing Prayer
5:00 PM	Seminar Concludes