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- Employment:** Professor, University of New Mexico School of Law
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Weihofen and Regents Professorships
- Course Specialty:** American Indian Law, Immigration Law, Constitutional law
- Education:** Legal - Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA, J.D., June 1986
- Affiliations:** Alianza (Hispanic Students Law Association)
American Indian Law Students Association
Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review;
Comments Editor, 1985-86, Project on the Sanctuary Movement
- Graduate:** M.A., May 1974, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK. Speech
Communication (Cross cultural emphasis)
- Undergraduate:** B. A., May, 1970, Oklahoma State University. (English)
Arizona State University, 89 hours
- Nondegree
Training:** Mediation and Arbitration Training 48 hour course, Fall 1978, Kansas
City Neighborhood Justice Center (federal program)
- Honors:** American Law Institute (ALI), Member selected in 2007, among
outstanding lawyers, law professors, and judges (ALI has limited
membership- -24 individuals selected in 2007)
C. Clyde Ferguson International Human Rights Fellow, Harvard Law
School, 1985-1986
Fellowship in Public Interest Law, Harvard Law School, 1985-1986
Stanfield Scholarship in Law, Unitarian-Universalist Association, 1985-1986
Angie Debo Service Award, American Civil Liberties Union of Oklahoma,
1987
Regents' Lecturer in Law, 1994-1996
- Admitted to
Practice:** Oklahoma Bar; State Bar of New Mexico; Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals;
United States District Court, Western District of Oklahoma

Recent Public Service:

City of Albuquerque Charter Review Task Force, August 2008-July 2009, tasked to review City Charter, recommend and draft changes. All submitted proposals were adopted by the voters.

Board of Directors, Legal Services Corporation, August 6, 2009, appointed by President Barack Obama, federal non-profit corporation that provides the most legal representation to poor individuals. U.S. Senate confirmed on September 29, 2010.

Judge, Southwest Tribal Court of Appeals, American Indian Law Center, Albuquerque, Court of Appeals for pueblos and tribes in five states, 2010-present.

Work Experience:

May 1997 to present: : Henry Weihofen Professor (2005-2006), Director, Indian Law Certificate Program (1992-2002), University of New Mexico School of Law; Regents Professor (2006-2008).

January – May 2000. Sabbatical, hosted by Auckland University School of Law, Auckland, New Zealand. Presented lectures on American Indian law in classes, one law school address. Also presented lectures at Waikato University, Law Program, Hamilton, NZ. Research visit of three weeks with the Treaty of Waitangi Tribunal, Wellington, NZ, presented lecture to Tribunal attorneys and staff.

May 1994 - May 1977: Associate Professor and Director, Indian Law Certificate Program, University of New Mexico School of Law

May 1993 - May 1994: Assistant Professor, University of New Mexico School of Law

December 1989 - May, 1993: Assistant Professor, University of Tulsa College of Law Advisor, Indian Law Certificate Program (title now is Director) Visiting at University of New Mexico, 1992-1993

October 1, 1987 - September 30, 1989: Law clerk for Honorable William J. Holloway, Jr., Chief Judge of Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals, Federal Court House, Oklahoma

July 1, 1986 - September 30, 1987: Law clerk for Honorable Lee R. West, United States District Court for Western District of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City.
Duties: legal research and opinion writing.

June/August 1985 – C. Clyde Ferguson Fellow, clerkship, Legal Department, International Institute of Boston. Duties: legal research, memo writing, participating in immigration and asylum proceedings.

June/August 1984 - Summer clerkship, Murphy and Murphy, Stillwater, OK 74074. discovery and trial work.

1976/1983 - Coordinator, Diversified Students Program, Psychology Department, Oklahoma State University. Designed and implemented related to affirmative action law included writing grants, consulting on curriculum matters, maintaining relationships with Psychology of Minorities course.

1974/1975 - Instructor, University of Oregon: Cross Cultural Communication planned programs and conferences (Prison Reform, Public Service).

1968/1974 - Development worker for the American Civil Liberties Union. Established an affiliate in Oklahoma with professional staff, volunteer attorneys, and obtained grants.

1966/1967 - Instructor, Kenyon College: Elementary Spanish.

Affiliations:

1972/1974 - Member, National Board, American Civil Liberties Union Member; The ACLU Crisis Area Fund Committee; Chair, American Civil Liberties Union of Oklahoma.

U.S. Civil Rights Commission, Member and Vice-Chair of the Oklahoma State Advisory Committee, 1979-1985; reappointed 1990-1992.

Chair, Board of Directors for Starting Point II, Stillwater, OK, alcohol and drug rehabilitation agency, 1982-1983; Board member, 1979-1983.

Member, Board of Directors, Oklahoma Foundation for the Humanities, the state body of the National Endowment for the Humanities, 1978-81.

Member, Board of Directors, The Hispanic Center, Oklahoma City, OK, 1987-89.

Member, Greater Tulsa Hispanic Commission (Joint City-County commission), 1990-1992.

Member, Board of Directors, Oklahoma Indian Legal Services, Oklahoma City, January 1991-July 1992.

Faculty Advisor, American Indian Law Students Organization, College of Law, University of Tulsa, 1990-92.

Faculty Advisor, Hispanic Law Students Association, College of Law. University of Tulsa, 1990-1992.

Faculty Advisor, Native American Law Students Association, University of New Mexico School of Law, 1992 to 2009.

American Association of Law Schools, Native American Rights Section, Chair 1994-1995. Planned Section's scholarly program for January 1995 Meeting.

American Association of Law Schools, Minority Section, Executive Committee, 1994 to 1997.

Federal Bar Association, Indian Law Section, Executive Committee, appointed April 1996.

New Mexico State Bar, Indian Law Section, Member of Board of Directors, 1994-2000, reappointed 2004 to present.

Federal Bar Association, Indian Law Section, Chair of National Committee on Indian Law on State Bar Exams, 2007-2011.

Grants:

Two grants from the Oklahoma Foundation for Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities; First (\$13,274), for a conference on ethnic mental health issues. The second (\$77,000), for a documentary film on Angie Debo, a pioneer scholar in American Indian history who worked to protect the rights of American Indians. "Indians, Outlaws and Angie Debo" was produced in cooperation with the Institute For Research in History, New York City; WGBH-Boston; and private donors. The documentary was nationally broadcast on October 18, 1988 in the PBS series on national history, The American Experience. "Indians, Outlaws and Angie Debo" won the Erik Barnow Award of the Organization of American Historians as "best film of the year" in April 1989.

Three grants from the U.S. Department of Education to provide psychology graduate training for women, ethnic, and physically handicapped students (\$92,400).

Faculty Summer Research Grant, University of Tulsa, 1990, 1991.

Faculty Summer Research Grant, University of New Mexico, each year, 1993 to 2010

Publications:

Editor of one book, Ethnic Lifestyles and Mental Health (Oklahoma State University 1980).

"Ecumenical, Municipal and Legal Challenges to United States Refugee Policy" [Comment], G. Valencia-Weber with D. Cohan, R. S. Kronowitz, and C. A. Pope, 21 Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review 501-601, Summer 1986. (Selected for republication as among most significant, scholarly article for 1986) Immigration and Nationality Law Review, 199-307, Clark Boardman, New York, 1987.

"El Salvador: Methods Used to Document Human Rights Violations," by G. Valencia-Weber & R.J. Weber, 8 Human Rights Quarterly 731, November 1986.

"American Indian Law and History: Instructional Mirrors," AALS Symposium on Interdisciplinary Program, January, 1993. 44 Journal of Legal Education 251 (1994).

"Law School Training of American Indians as Legal-Warriors," paper presented at Latino/Native American/Native Canadian Law School Access Conference, Law School Admission Services, March 6, 1992. University of Oklahoma 20 American Indian Law Review, (1996).

"Tribal Courts: Custom and Innovative Law," 24 University of New Mexico Law Review 225 (1994) Native American Symposium.

"Domestic Violence and Tribal Protection of Indigenous Women in the United States," Gloria Valencia-Weber and Christine P. Zuni, Paper presented at International Women's Human Rights Symposium, St. John's University School of Law, April 22, 1994. 69 St. John's University Law Review (1995).

"Shrinking Indian Country," Gloria Valencia-Weber, Paper presented at Connecticut Law Review Annual Symposium, Rules of the Game: Sovereignty and the Native American Nation, February 14, 1995. 27 Connecticut Law Review 1281 (1995).

"Observations on the Evolution of Indian Law in the Law Schools," Rennard Strickland and Gloria Valencia-Weber, presentations at the UNM Teaching Indian Law Conference, November 16-18, 1995. 26 University of New Mexico Law Review (1996).

"Tribal Courts' Use of Non-Indian Law," Federal Bar Association Indian Law Conference, April, 1996, Albuquerque. Published in Proceedings.

"Domestic Violence and Tribal Protection of Indigenous Women in the United States," co-authored with Christine P. Zuni, republished in Readings in American Indian Law: Recalling the Rhythm of Survival, Jo Carillo, editor (Temple University Press 1998).

"Domestic Violence and Tribal Protection of Indigenous Women in the United States," co-authored with Christine P. Zuni, republished in Critical Race Feminism (2d edition), Adrien Wing, editor (New York University Press, 2003).

"Current Issues in Native American Law," Martha Vasquez, Taiawagi "Tai" Helton, Paul Frye, Gloria Valencia-Weber, Samuel Winder, John Echohawk, 51 University of Kansas Law Review 249 (2003).

"The Supreme Court's Indian Law Decisions: Deviations From Constitutional Principles and the Crafting of Judicial Smallpox Blankets," 5 University of Pennsylvania Journal of Constitutional Law 405 (2003)

"Tribal Courts: Custom and Innovative Law," republished in Robert N. Clinton, Carole E. Goldberg & Rebecca Tsosie, Law and the American Indian: Native Nations and the Federal Union (4th ed. 2003)

"Santa Clara v. Martinez: Twenty-five Years of Cultural Disparity in Indian Law,"¹⁴ University of Kansas Journal of Law and Public Policy 49 (2004)

“Racial Equality: Old and New Strains and American Indians,” 80 Notre Dame Law Review 333 (2004)

The Indian Child Welfare Act, Chapter 11, 819-856, Cohen’s Handbook of Federal Indian Law (2005).

“Indian Law and American Indians in the Law Schools,” Conference Proceedings of the Race and Law Curriculum Workshop, Inaugural Conference, University of Florida, Levin College of Law, presented February 26, 2005, published in 2006.

“When the State Bar Exam Embraces Indian Law: Teaching Experiences and Perspectives”
Co-author: Sherri Nicole Thomas, 82 University of North Dakota Law Review 741 (2006)

“Indian Law on State Bar Exams: A Situational Report,” 54 The Federal Lawyer 51 (March/April 2007).

“Stories in Mexico and the United States about the Border: The Rhetoric and Realities,” co-authored with Antoinette Sedillo Lopez, 5 Intercultural Human Rights Law Review 241 (2010).

“Three Stories from Santa Clara Pueblo v. Martinez,” chapter for Indian Law Stories, edited by Philip P. Frickey, Carol E. Goldberg, and Kevin Washburn (2010).

“Forty Years of the Indian Civil Rights Act: Indigenous Women’s Reflections,” chapter co-authored with Rina Swentzell and Eva Petosky in Indian Civil Rights Act at Forty (American Indian Studies Center, UCLA, forthcoming 2012).

Presentations and Other Publications (Selected):

"The Reminiscences of Angie Debo: Profile of a Pioneer Woman Educator," by G. Matthews & G. Valencia-Weber, American Historical Association, Washington, D.C., December 1982.

"Angie Debo: Change Agent for Reforming National Indian Policy and for Expanding the Rights of American Indians," by G. Valencia-Weber, Seventh Annual Conference on Public History, Phoenix, April 26, 1985.

"Against Great Odds: The Life of Angie Debo", by G. Matthews and G. Valencia-Weber, 13 OAHA Newsletter, Organization of American Historians 8-11, May 1985.

"Pioneers in Southwestern History: Angie Debo: The Last Progressive Historian," by G. Valencia-Weber and G. Matthews, Seventh Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Wellesley College, June 19, 1987.

"Angie Debo: The Expert Witness" G. Valencia-Weber, Second Sovereignty Symposium, Keynote address, May 31, 1989, Oklahoma City; published in proceedings of the Symposium.

Poundmaker Memorial Lecture, March 29, 1996, Native Law Centre, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Canada.

“Domestic Violence and Tribal Government Protection of Victims,” Oklahoma Supreme Court, Sovereignty Symposium, June 4, 1996, Tulsa, OK.

“Tribal Law,” Section on Indian Law, Association of American Law Schools, January 1997.

“Tribal Court Systems and Practice,” State Bar of New Mexico, Continuing Legal Education, April 9, 1997, Albuquerque.

“Tribal Visions of Law,” Oklahoma Supreme Court, Sovereignty Symposium, June 9, 1997, Tulsa, OK.

Keynote Address, “Tribal Court Sovereignty: Past, Present, and Future,” Navajo Nation Bar Association Annual Conference, June 27, 1997, Albuquerque.

“Tribal Sovereignty in Indian Country,” Scope of Indian Country Conference, Quinnipiac College School of Law, October 23, 1997, Connecticut.

“Inherent Tribal Sovereignty: The Work of Tribal Courts,” Scope of Indian Country Conference, Quinnipiac College School of Law, October 24, 1997, Connecticut.

Planner and Moderator, Jurisdictional Conflicts: A Focus on Domestic Relation’s Issues in Indian Country, New Mexico State Bar Association and University of New Mexico School of Law Continuing Legal Education, April 1, 1998.

Graduation Speaker, “Diversity and the Agricultural World,” Oklahoma Panhandle State University, Stillwell, OK, May 9, 1998.

“A Native Vision in Tribal Courts,” National American Indian Court Judges Association, National Conference, June 6, 1998, Spokane, WA.

“What is ‘Critical’ About Indian Law,” Law and Society Conference, June 1998, Aspen, CO.

“Recovering the Native Vision in Indian Law: History and Some Emerging Forms of Tribal Justice,” American Society for Legal History, October 24, 1998, Seattle.

International Society of Family Law, North American Regional Conference, “Tribal Court Decisions: Some Indigenous Perspectives on Family Law,” Albuquerque, NM, June 11, 1999.

American Bar Association Conference on Educating to End Domestic Violence, ABA Commission on Domestic Violence, “Domestic Violence, the Violence Against Women Act, and Tribal Jurisdiction,” University of Montana, March 10, 2001.

State Bar of New Mexico and the University of New Mexico Law Clinic, Domestic Violence Continuing Legal Education, “Domestic Violence and Protective Orders,” Albuquerque, NM, May 18, 2001.

Academy of Legal Studies in Business, National Conference, “Indian Law Basics: An

Introduction,” Organized panel on Issues Concerning Economic Development in Indian Country, Albuquerque, NM, August 8, 2001.

Rocky Mountain Regional Clinical Conference, “Immigration Issues Facing Clients in the Region,” Albuquerque, NM, October 5, 2002

State Bar of New Mexico, Tribal Courts Continuing Legal Education, “Domestic Violence, The Violence Against Women Act, and the Indian Child Welfare Act,” Albuquerque, NM, October 19, 2001.

University of New Mexico Women’s Law Association, Conference on Women and the Law, “Domestic Violence and Immigration,” April 5, 2003, Albuquerque, NM.

Harvard Law School Celebration 50 Conference Honoring Fifty Years of Women Graduates, Developments in Immigration Law: “Immigration and Native American Issues in the Border State,” Cambridge, MA, May 3, 2003.

University of Kansas, Tribal Law and Government Conference 2003, “Santa Clara v. Martinez: Case Overview and Historical Perspective,” Lawrence, KS, October 11, 2003.

International Symposium, University of New Mexico: Trouble in the Neighborhood: The Future of Mexican-U.S. Relations, “Panel on Political Relations: Where Things Went Wrong and How We Get Back on Track,” November 17, 2003.

“Racial Equality: Old and New Strains and American Indians,” presented at American Association of American Law Schools, Workshop on Racial Justice In a New Millennium: From Brown to Grutter, June 14, 2004, Portland.

“Angie Debo, History Scholar: Still Growing Beyond Her Roots in Oklahoma,” Keynote speaker for the National Literary Landmark Dedication, Angie Debo Archives, Oklahoma State University Library, Stillwater, Oklahoma, October 1, 2004. See website for this history archive at Oklahoma State University, www.library.okstate.edu/scua/interv.debo.htm, which includes audiotape interviews by Gloria Valencia-Weber and Glenna Matthews.

University of Florida College of Law, Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations, Race and Law Curriculum Workshop, February 24-26, 2005. Panelist and Presenter on “Indian Law and American Indians in the Law Schools.”

Southeast/Southwest People of Color Conference, The Struggle Continues: De facto Segregation in Education and Beyond, Tulane Law School, May 5-8, 2005. Panelist and presenter on Indian Law and Indians as Unique Parts of U.S. Law.”

Association of American Law Schools, January 6, 2006, Section on Minority Groups: The Fate of Minority Inter-Group Collaboration, Conflict, and Coalition Formation, paper presented on the doctrines tribal sovereignty and of constitutional/federal law on equal protection of minority groups. These two doctrines are distinct, with sovereignty being the priority for American Indians, yet in contemporary life there is conflation and commonality with theories of racial

equality. To be prepared for publication.

Southeast/Southwest People of Color Conference Legal Scholarship Conference: Coalition Building Among Communities of Color in a Post “Integration’ World, Legal History Panel: The Internal Voice in History and Law: Reconsidering Santa Clara Pueblo v. Martinez and Gender in Pueblo Membership, April 8, 2006.

University of North Dakota School of Law:

Conference on the Pedagogy of American Indian Law, October 13, 2006. “When the State Bar Exam Embraces Indian Law: Teaching Experiences and Perspectives”

Co-author: Sherri Nicole Thomas, Research Librarian, UNM School of Law

Paper published by the University of North Dakota Law Review

“Developments in Indian Law as Pedagogy and in State and Tribal Relations”

Harvard Law School: A Celebration of Native American Alumni

Indian Law Conference, October 28, 2006

New Mexico Bar Association, Indian Law Section, CLE, November 9, 2006: “ Santa Clara Pueblo v. Martinez: Past and Continuing Impact “

Conference: Once Upon a Legal Time: Developing the Skills of Storytelling in Law, London, Inn of Courts, London, July 19, 2007, “Immigration Stories and Narratives in Mexico and the United States: Framing Rhetoric and Realities, “ co-authored with Professor Antoinette Sedillo Lopez, UNM School of Law.

“Review of New Mexico Cases Affecting Laws of Pueblos and Tribes, “American Indian Law Center Leadership Conference, Tamaya Resort at Bernalillo, March 13, 2008.

Harvard University Law School Conference on Public Interest Law, “Post 9/11 Immigration and Security Affects on Transnational Tribes,” March 15, 2008.

“History and Impact of Santa Clara Pueblo v. Martinez,” Indian Law Conference: 40th Anniversary of the Indian Civil Rights Act, Michigan State University, Lansing, October 10, 2008.

“Building Tribal Law and Courts to Protect Sovereignty,” Second Annual Tribal Leaders Conference on Transitions: Building Stronger Tribal Governance, American Indian Law Center, February 22, 2009, Isleta Pueblo.

“Legal Services Corporation and Legal Services for Native Americans,” Federal Bar Association, Indian Law Section, April 9, 2010, Santa Fe.

“Ethical Issues in Indian Law, “ Federal Bar Association, National Conference, September 10, 2009, Oklahoma City.

“Transnational Tribes, Citizenship, and National Security at the U.S. Borders,” work in progress presentations at the Immigration Law Teachers Conference, May 25, 2010, Chicago. Also on panel on recommendations for new immigration law teachers.

“Transnational Tribes, Citizenship, and National Security at the U.S. Borders,” work in progress presentation, National People of Color Legal Conference, September 9, 2010, Newark, N.J.

“Diversity in the United States: Continuing Conflicts and Benefits,” keynote address at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma, October 22, 2010. Celebration of the 35 Years of the Diversity Program of the Psychology Department which I established.

“Women’s Rights at Santa Clara Pueblo,” conference on Women and Law in Indian Law, Thomas Jefferson School of Law, San Diego, February 17-18, 2011.

“Nonmembers/Non-Indians’ Activities Within Tribal Boundaries: Establishing the Tribe’s Authority,” Fourth Annual Transitions Conference, American Indian Law Center, Santa Ana Pueblo, March 3-4, 2011.

“Autonomy and Independence of the Tribal Judiciary,” Tribal Court Training Program, American Indian Law Center and the University of New Mexico School of Law, funded by Office of Justice Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of Interior, held at the National Indian Program Training Center, Albuquerque, March 16, 2011.

Moderator for Panel on the Montana Case, University of New Mexico School of Law Conference on U.S. v. Montana, Isleta Pueblo, March 24, 2011.

“Honoring Tim Vollmann,” Indian Law Conference, Federal Bar Association, Buffalo Thunder (Santa Fe), April 7, 2011.

“Autonomy and Independence of the Tribal Judiciary,” Tribal Court Training Program, American Indian Law Center and the University of New Mexico School of Law, funded by Office of Justice Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of Interior, held at the National Indian Program Training Center, Albuquerque, May 24, 2011.

“Tribal Sovereigns, Human Rights, and National Security at the U.S. Borders,” Sovereignty Symposium of the Oklahoma Supreme Court, Oklahoma City, June 1-2, 2011.

Indian Law and Indian Country Basics, program, for the Legal Services Corporation Board of Directors, at Tulalip Tribal Reservation, Tulalip Tribal Courts, Washington, July 21, 2011.

Current Scholarly Projects:

Long term project on the Santa Clara Pueblo cultural perspectives underlying the Santa Clara Pueblo v. Martinez (1978) where the Supreme Court affirmed the Pueblos’ rule on membership that differentially treated female members who outmarried from male members who outmarried.

Collaborator in this project is Dr. Rina Swenzell, scholar and a member of Santa Clara Pueblo. Historical materials and internal information from Pueblo members are part of the non-legal resources being studied.

The first papers from this project are in the University of Kansas Journal of Law and Public Policy. A chapter on this case < “Three Stories from Santa Clara Pueblo v. Martinez, “ was published in Indian Law Stories, edited by Phillip Frickey, Carol Goldberg, and Kevin Washburn (2010). Forthcoming is “Forty Years of the Indian Civil Rights Act: Indigenous Women’s Reflections, “ co-authored chapter with Rina Swenzell and Eva Petosky in Indian Civil Rights Act at Forty, American Indian Studies Center, UCLA (2012)

Draft in process: “Transnational Tribes, Citizenship, and National Security at the U.S. Borders,” covering the post 9/11 difficulties for transnational tribes with treaty and other rights whose homelands, cultural, and political life span the U.S. borders with Mexico and Canada.

Research in Process: American Indians and the Synergy of Sovereignty and Race: Neither Sovereign Enough nor Native Enough for Inclusion in the New Republic. Research and drafting to be completed