



NATION BUILDING: RECLAIMING INDIGENOUS LAWS AND INCREASING FOUNDATIONAL CAPACITY

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Federal legislation denied Indigenous Nations their own governance systems for centuries, and the Western-Euro systems of governance that were imposed on them resulted in social, political, and economic realities that led to the placement of Indigenous populations on the bottom of almost every indicator of well-being. One of the goals of Nation (re)Building is strengthening the Indigenous Nations in order to preserve, maintain, and sustain Indigenous language and culture. Law development is considered one of these tools. Jaime Lavallee will discuss how Indigenous nations are working with community researchers and lawyers to elevate oral histories and traditions to their truer forms of laws, which would help preserve, maintain and strengthen the language, culture, and provide a foundational governance institution.



Dr. Jaime M.N. Lavallee is a citizen of the Muskeg Lake Cree Nation. Jaime holds a J.D. from the University of Toronto Faculty of Law. She also holds an LL.M and S.J.D. from the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law in Indigenous Peoples Law and Policy. Jamie has a wealth of experience working with the Indigenous Nations in the U.S. and Canada, including the National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (NATHPO), U.S. National Park Services National Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Program, Muskeg Lake Cree Nation Election Act Committee, and Association on American Indian Affairs Working Group on International Repatriation.



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