

Genocide Against Native Americans?

A Symposium on Indigenous Identity and Mass Violence in North America

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Convener and Moderator:

Thomas Kühne, Strassler Professor of Holocaust History, Clark University

Panelists:

Alex Alvarez, Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Northern Arizona University

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Alvarez studies collective and interpersonal violence, including homicide and genocide. His books include *Governments, Citizens, and Genocide* (2001), *Murder American Style* (2002), *Violence: the Enduring Problem* (2008), *Genocidal Crimes* (2009), and, most recently, *Native America and the Question of Genocide* (2014).

Margo Tamez, Assistant Professor, Indigenous Studies, University of British Columbia

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Margo Tamez (Nde konitsaaii, Big Water People, Lipan Apache Band of Texas) describes herself as an historian, poet, essayist, traditional knowledge keeper, Indigenous rights defender, and interdisciplinary researcher. Her research closely examines anti-genocidal practices across nineteen generations of Indigenous women *of and from* Nde' Konitsaaii Gokiyaa (Lipan Apache Big Water Peoples' Country).

Angelique EagleWoman, Professor of Law, University of Idaho

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Angelique EagleWoman (Wambdi A. WasteWin), citizen of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Dakota Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation, teaches in the areas of Native American Law, Native Natural Resources Law, Tribal Economics and Law, and Civil Procedure, served several terms as a board member of the National Native American Bar Association, and as Tribal Public Defender for the Kaw Nation and the Ponca Nation, both of Oklahoma. Recently, she has published book *Mastering American Indian Law* (2013,

with co-author Stacy Leeds).

Joseph P. Gone, Associate Professor, Clinical Psychology and Native American Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

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A citizen of the Gros Ventre tribal nation of Montana, Gone examines cultural influences on mental health status, as well as the intersection of evidence-based practice and cultural competence in mental health services through collaborative research partnerships in both reservation and urban American Indian communities. His 50+ articles and chapters explore the cultural psychology of self, identity, personhood, and social relations in indigenous community settings vis-à-vis the mental health professions, with particular attention to therapeutic interventions such as psychotherapy and traditional healing.

Karl Jacoby, Professor of History, Columbia University

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Karl Jacoby is a specialist in environmental, borderlands, and Native American history. He uses small, carefully crafted tales to address some of the largest issues in American history, from the role of the environment in shaping human power relations to the challenges of representing the profound violence experienced by North America's indigenous peoples. His books include *Crimes Against Nature: Squatters, Poachers, Thieves and the Hidden History of American Conservation* (2014) and *Shadows at Dawn: A Borderlands Massacre and the Violence of History* (2009)

Audra Simpson, Associate Professor of Anthropology, Columbia University

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Audra Simpson (Mohawk) studies the problem of recognition, by its passage beyond (and below) the aegis of the state into the grounded field of political self-designation, self-description and subjectivity. This work is motivated by the struggle of Kahnawake Mohawks to find the proper way to afford political recognition to each other, their struggle to do this in different places and spaces and the challenges of formulating membership against a history of colonial impositions. Her books include *Mohawk Interruptus: Political Life Across the Borders of Settler States* (2014), and *Theorizing Native Studies* (2014, co-edited with Andrea Smith).