



SERIES TITLE:

Hearing Their Voices: The Persistence of Violence Against Native American Women and Girls

LOCATION:

Minnesota Indian Women's
Resource Center
2300 15th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55404
Community Room

Presenter:

Patina Park, J.D. Executive Director, Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center

Workshop Dates :

All workshops are free of charge; they start at 4:00 pm and end at 6:00 pm.

February 1, 2018 Colonization to Reservation

March 2, 2018 Allotment to Indian Reorganization Act

April 2, 2018 Termination to Self-determination

May 3, 2018 The 21st Century. Where do we go from here?

Series Description:

Violence against Native women and girls has been part of the history of this continent since first contact. The legal, social, and moral history with Indigenous women and girls in this country has cultivated a modern environment where 1 in 3 Native American women are raped in their lifetime and are 2.5 times more likely to be raped than women in general in the United States. Jurisdictional difficulties also exist in a state/tribal/federal system which make prosecution and ensuring safety extremely difficult.

This workshop series will show how the past has framed the way dominant culture views Native women and girls in modern times and how it is connected to violence and argue that until the United States reconciles the violent history with the Indigenous people and fixes the jurisdictional gaps in Indian Country, violence against Indigenous women and girls will only continue.

Series Objectives:

- Gain an understanding of the historical experience of colonization and its impact on violence against Indigenous women and girls
- Learn the jurisdictional challenges that exist in Indian Country based on court decisions and federal law grounded in genocide or erasure of Indigenous peoples
- Identify solutions to the legal jurisdictional problems

Light refreshments only will be served

Registration by Email or Phone

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Registration costs nothing. Those interested can register for all four or any of the four workshops at one time. Or you can contact us to register at your convenience

MIWRC Mission: *Our mission is to empower America Indian women and families to exercise their cultural values and integrity, and to achieve sustainable life ways, while advocating for justice and equity.*

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Biography

Patina Park is Lakota and her family comes from the Cheyenne River and Standing Rock Sioux Tribes. Because of her own experiences as an adoptee, Ms. Park is passionate about issues related to Native American children and families and has led trainings nationwide related to Federal Indian Law, ICWA, historical trauma, and implementing trauma-informed, culturally-responsive programming. Patina Park is currently the Executive Director of the Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center, a nonprofit opened in 1985 and dedicated to providing holistic, multi-service programming grounded in cultural strengths to heal, preserve, and strengthen Native American women and their families from the multi-generational and historic trauma experienced from the effects of colonization. Ms. Park also serves as faculty for the Falmouth Institute and has facilitated trainings nation-wide on issues related to tribal sovereignty and government.

Upon graduating from Hamline Law School in 2001, Ms. Park focused her legal career on advocating for Native American families involved in child protection and private custody cases. She spent three years clerking for a juvenile court judge in Hennepin County, which handled the highest volume of cases in the state. Ms. Park then went on to serve as Development Director at the ICWA Law Center, where she also managed a full case load of Indian child protection and custody cases, appearing in both district and tribal courts throughout the State of Minnesota. Ms. Park was a tribal attorney for the Ho Chunk Nation and directed the statewide implementation of the Wisconsin Indian Child Welfare Act. In this role, she developed curriculum, training aids, provided technical assistance, and facilitated trainings throughout the State of Wisconsin for social workers, Guardian ad Litems, attorneys, judges, state agencies, and private agencies, as well as with the 12 sovereign Tribal Nations. During her time with the project, she co-authored Best Outcomes for Indian Children, Child Welfare: Journal of Policy, Practice, and Program Volume 91(3) (2012).

Ms. Park is honored to currently serve on the Executive Committee of MinneMinds, the Nawayee Center School Board of Directors, the American Indian Community Development Corporation Board of Directors, the Native American Community Clinic, the American Indian Community Liaison Advisory Committee of Children's Hospitals, the University of Minnesota's National Diversity Advisory Board, and serves as Chair of the Metropolitan Urban Indian Directors. A graduate of Hamline University School of Law, Ms. Park previously served as an appellate court judge for the Prairie Island Sioux Community and taught Children and the Law and Federal Indian Law at Hamline University School of Law.