

# ELIZABETH A. REESE

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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### Stanford Law School

*Assistant Professor of Law*

2021-Present

### University of Chicago Law School

*Bigelow Fellow & Lecturer in Law*

2019-2021

## EDUCATION

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### Harvard Law School, J.D., 2016

Honors: *cum laude*

Gary Bellow Public Service Award Finalist

Leadership: Native American Law Students Association, Co-President

*Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review*, Exec. Board, Articles Committee

Black Law Students Association, Freedom Seder Committee Chair

### University of Cambridge, M.Phil, Political Thought & Intellectual History, 2013

Honors: Santander Cambridge Trust Scholarship

Ruth Landes Foundation Research Fellowship

Centre for History & Economics Prize Scholar

Dissertation: *Sovereignty, Christianity, & the Philosophy of Vine Deloria Jr.*

### Yale University, B.A., Political Science, 2011

Honors: Nakanishi Prize for academics, leadership, & diversity service

Distinction in Political Science

## PUBLICATIONS

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*The Other American Law*, 73 STAN. L. REV. 555 (2021).

*Welcome to the Maze: Race, Justice, & Jurisdiction in McGirt v. Oklahoma*, 87 U. CHI. L. REV. ONLINE (2020).

*The Inexplicable Absence of the Voters in the Campaign Finance Debate*, 56 HOUS. L. REV. 123 (2018).

*Or to the People: Popular Sovereignty & the Power to Choose a Government*, 39 CARDOZO L. REV. 2051 (2018).

## JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

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- The Honorable Diane P. Wood** 2018–2019  
 United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- The Honorable Amul R. Thapar** 2016  
 United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- National Congress of American Indians** 2017–2018  
*Attorney & Project Manager*  
 Managed a program providing comprehensive assistance to tribal governments implementing expanded criminal jurisdiction under the 2013 Violence Against Women Act. Educated tribal judges, leaders, attorneys, prosecutors, defense counsel, staff, and victim advocates on legal requirements and steps involved with exercising criminal jurisdiction over non-Indians. Authored legal guidance documents. Reviewed tribal codes. Wrote a comprehensive five-year report. Conducted site visits to assess tribal governments' needs and help develop implementation plans.
- NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund** 2016–2017  
*Harvard Public Interest Litigation Fellow*  
 Maintained a portfolio of eight different voting rights, school desegregation, and economic justice cases. Authored federal district and appellate court briefs. Defended depositions. Negotiated discovery matters, drafted subpoenas, and reviewed discovery documents and data. Coordinated expert witnesses and their reports. Performed client outreach. Advocated for clients during mediation. Organized community forums. Monitored school quality by visiting schools, meeting with staff, and reviewing data.
- United States Department of Justice** Summer 2015  
**Civil Rights Division – Appellate Section**  
*Legal Intern*  
 Wrote legal memoranda on LGBTQ rights, timely appeal following judicial error, derivative sovereign immunity, and causation. Drafted portions of appellate briefs.
- Senate Judiciary Committee, Staff of Senator Blumenthal** Summer 2014  
*Judiciary Committee Fellow*  
 Advised on firearms, immigration, domestic violence, and religious freedom policy. Drafted legislation, policy memos, and speeches. Negotiated with interest groups and other Senate staff. Staffed the Senator at hearings.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### **The University of Chicago Law School, Lecturer**

*Legal Research & Writing*, Fall 2019–Winter 2020; Fall 2020–Winter 2021

*Lawyering: Brief Writing & Oral Advocacy*, Spring 2020; Spring 2021

*American Indian Tribal Law*, Spring 2021

### **Harvard University, Department of Government, Teaching Fellow**

*Introduction to American Constitutional Law* (Professor Richard Fallon), Fall 2015

### **Harvard Law School, Teaching Assistant**

*Civil Procedure* (Professor James Greiner), Fall 2014

*Problem Solving Workshop* (Professor Joseph Singer), Winter 2015

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**Positions:** **Professor Laurence Tribe**, Harvard Law School

*Research Assistant*, Constitutional Law, Spring 2016

**Professor Catharine MacKinnon**, Harvard Law School

*Research Assistant*, Anti-Discrimination Burden Shifting, Spring 2015

*Research Assistant*, Race & Gender, Summer 2015

**Professor Joseph Singer**, Harvard Law School

*Research Assistant*, The Indian Commerce Clause, 2014–2015

**Yale University Beinecke Rare Books & Manuscripts Library**

*Assistant Manuscript Archivist*, American Indian Art, 2007–2008

**Projects:** **Sovereignty, Christianity, & the Philosophy of Vine Deloria Jr.**

*Grants:* The Ruth Landes Memorial Research Foundation, 2012–2013

The Cambridge Centre for History & Economics, 2012–2013

## SELECTED SHORT & NON-ACADEMIC JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

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[Court Struggles With the “Indefensible Morass” It’s Made in Indian Law](#), SCOTUSBLOG (Mar. 26, 2021) (argument analysis of *United States v. Cooley*).

[Tribal Police Drag Messy Indian Sovereignty Cases Back to the Court](#), SCOTUSBLOG (Mar. 22, 2021) (argument preview of *United States v. Cooley*)

*Overdue Justice: DV Jurisdiction in Indian Country*, 23 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REP. 81 (2018) (with Virginia Davis).

NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS, *VAWA 2013'S SPECIAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CRIMINAL JURISDICTION FIVE-YEAR REPORT* (2018) (institutional author) (report collecting data and documenting nationwide tribal government criminal prosecutions of non-Indians and major findings; cited by U.S. Congress on multiple occasions; the petitioner and amici in support of respondent in *Carpenter v. Murphy*, 138 S.Ct. 2026 (2018), *relisted sub nom.*, *Sharp v. Murphy*, 591 U. S. \_\_\_\_ (2020); and the respondent and amici in support of petitioner in *McGirt v. Oklahoma*, 591 U. S. \_\_\_\_ (2020)).

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

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### *Faculty Workshop Presentations*

*The Other American Law*

Michigan State University College of Law, Faculty Workshop, 2020.

University of Chicago Law School, Works-in-Progress Workshop, 2020.

### *Invited Guest Lecturers & Presentations*

*Diversity and Inclusion Article Discussion Series: Welcome to the Maze, Identity, & Scholarship*, University of Chicago Diversity & Inclusion Office and D'Angelo Law Library, 2021.

*Tribal Law as the Other American Law*, University of Virginia School of Law National Lawyer's Guild Student Chapter, DisOrientation Lunch Series, 2020.

*Native Women, Domestic Violence, and VAWA 2013's Criminal Jurisdiction Expansion in Indian Country*, University of Chicago Law School Law Women's Caucus, 2020.

*American Indian Tribal Law*, University of Chicago Law School Native American Law Students Association, Diversity Month Speaker Series, 2020.

*Native Women & The Violence Against Women Act*, George Washington University Center for Indigenous Politics & Policy, American Indian Political Leadership, 2018.

### *Invited Panelist*

*Insights on Teaching Race in Business Law*, University of Chicago & University of Virginia Law Schools, 2021.

*Panel Discussion of McGirt v. Oklahoma*, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, 2021.

*Roundtable on Politics, Indian Law, and the Constitution*, California Law Review, University of California at Berkeley School of Law, 2020.

*Inequity in Protecting Civil Liberties*, Washington & Lee Journal of Civil Rights and Social Justice, 2020 Symposium: Race & The Pandemic, 2020.

*McGirt v. Oklahoma*, American Bar Association Business Law Section Annual Conference, Subcommittee on Tribal Litigation, 2020.

*Five Years Later: An Update on VAWA 2013 Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction (Over Non-Indians)*, American Bar Association Section of Civil Rights and Social Justice, 2018.

*Criminal Jurisdiction in Indian Country: Current Status and Prospects for Change*, University of Oklahoma Law School, Indigenous Peoples, Law, and Power Symposium, 2018.

*Voting Rights: A Public Conversation (Moderated by the Reverend Jesse Jackson)*, Selma 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bridge Crossing Jubilee, 2017.

### **Conference Presentations**

*Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction: The First Five Years*, Women are Sacred Conference, National Indigenous Women's Resource Center, 2018.

*Violence Against Women Act Overview*, Domestic Violence Conference, Yurok Tribe, 2017.

*Pueblo Women & Activism*, Native American Indigenous Studies Association Conference, University of Minnesota, 2009.

*Christianity & Indian Civil Rights*, Future of Indigenous History Conference, University of Oxford, 2013.

### **SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES**

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Indian Country Today, [Child Welfare Law Is Battered By Court. Still Standing](#), April 7, 2021.

Indianz.com, Weekly Roundup, *United States v. Cooley* Argument, March 26, 2021.

Law 360, [Tribal Police Case Gives Justices Chance to Thread Needle](#), March 25, 2021.

Strict Scrutiny Podcast, [Courts of the Conqueror](#), September 7, 2020.

Law 360, [High Court No Longer a No-Go as Tribal Reservation OK'd](#), July 10, 2020.

Briefly Podcast, University of Chicago Law Review, [Episode 3.10: Is Half of Oklahoma Tribal Land?](#), January 15, 2020.

Native America Calling, Koahnic Broadcast Corporation, [VAWA: Five Years Later](#), June 27, 2018.

National Bulletin on Domestic Violence Prevention, *Tribal Courts Reshape Themselves, Prosecuting Non-Native DV Offenders*, March 2018.

Associated Press, *Tribes See Improvements, Hurdles as They Charge Non-Natives*, April 2, 2018.

Fronteras, KJZZ Arizona, *Congress Considers VAWA Reauthorization*, March 20, 2018.

## SELECTED ACADEMIC SERVICE WORK

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### University of Chicago Law School

#### *Peer Reviewer*

California Law Review

University of Chicago Law Review

Stanford Law Review

#### *Panels and Presentations*

University of Chicago Urban Labs, *Law School Panel*, 2020.

University of Chicago Law School Pre-Orientation Program, *Intro to Legal Research and Writing*, September 2020.

University of Chicago Women in Law (undergraduate organization), *Women of Color in Law Panel*, February, 2020.

### Harvard Law School

#### *Committee and Organization Work*

Coalition of Affinity Group Leaders, NALSA Representative, 2014–2015.

### Yale University

#### *Service Positions*

Native American Cultural Center, Community Development Consultant, 2011–2012.

University Chaplain's Office, Assistant Program Coordinator, 2008–2011.

#### *Committee Work and Board Positions*

Native American Cultural Center, Advisory Board Member, 2008–2012.

Intercultural Affairs Council, Student Representative, 2010–2011.

Inter-Religious Leadership Council, Executive Board, 2008–2011.

Multi-Faith Council, Executive Board, 2009–2010.

## BAR ADMISSIONS

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District of Columbia Bar, admitted 2017 (currently inactive).

Illinois Bar, admitted 2016 (currently inactive).