

# E L I Z A B E T H A . R E E S E

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## CURRENT POSITION

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**The University of Chicago Law School**, Chicago, IL 2019–Present  
*Harry A. Bigelow Teaching Fellow, Lecturer in Law*

## 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 and Economics Prize Scholar

Dissertation: *Sovereignty, Christianity, and 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

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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**Primary:** Indian Law (Tribal Law & Federal Indian Law), Constitutional Law, Federal Courts, Race & the Law, Civil Procedure

**Secondary:** Civil Rights Law, Election Law, Women & the Law, Conflict of Laws, Property

## PUBLICATIONS

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*The Other American Law*, 73 STAN. L. REV. (forthcoming 2021) (job talk paper).

*The Confusion of Justice and Jurisdiction for Both Indians and Non-Indians Following McGirt v. Oklahoma*, 87 U. CHICAGO L. REV. ONLINE (forthcoming 2020).

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

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

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- Lecturer:** **The University of Chicago Law School**  
*Legal Research & Writing*, Fall 2019–Winter 2020, Fall 2020–Winter 2021  
*Lawyering: Brief Writing & Oral Advocacy* Spring 2020
- Teaching Fellow:** **Harvard University, Department of Government**  
*Introduction to American Constitutional Law*  
Professor Richard Fallon, Fall 2015
- Teaching Assistant:** **Harvard Law School**  
*Civil Procedure*  
Professor James Greiner, Fall 2014  
*Problem Solving Workshop*  
Professor Joseph Singer, Winter 2015

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- Research Positions:** **Professor Laurence Tribe**, Harvard Law School  
*Research Assistant*, Constitutional Law, Spring 2016
- Professor Catherine MacKinnon**, Harvard Law School  
*Research Assistant*, Anti-Discrimination Burden Shifting, Spring 2015  
*Research Assistant*, Race and Gender, Summer 2015
- Professor Joseph Singer**, Harvard Law School  
*Research Assistant*, The Indian Commerce Clause, 2014–2015
- Yale University Beinecke Rare Books and Manuscripts Library**  
*Assistant Manuscript Archivist*, 2007–2008
- Grant Funded Research:** “Sovereignty, Christianity, and the Philosophy of Vine Deloria Jr.”  
*Funded by the Ruth Landes Memorial Research Foundation and the Cambridge Centre for History and Economics*

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- National Congress of American Indians**, Washington, DC 2017–2018  
*Attorney & Project Manager*  
Managed a program providing comprehensive technical assistance to Indian tribal nations implementing expanded criminal jurisdiction under the 2013 reauthorization of the 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 guidance documents on open legal questions. Reviewed tribal codes. Wrote a comprehensive five-year report. Conducted site visits to assess the needs of tribal governments and help them develop plans to move toward implementation.
- NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund**, Washington, DC 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. Coordinated expert witnesses and offered feedback on expert reports. Helped prepare a colleague for oral argument in the Fifth Circuit. Drafted legal memoranda. Performed client

outreach and 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, Washington, DC**

*Legal Intern*

Wrote legal memoranda on LGBTQ rights, timely appeal following judicial error, derivative sovereign immunity, and causation. Drafted portions of federal appellate court briefs.

**Senate Judiciary Committee, Staff of Senator Blumenthal, Washington, DC**

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.

**SHORTER & NON-ACADEMIC JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS**

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*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) (note institutional author) (report collecting data and documenting tribal government criminal prosecutions of non-Indians across the country and organizing them into 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 respondent and amici in support of petitioner in *McGirt v. Oklahoma*, 591 U. S. \_\_\_\_ (2020)).

**INVITED LECTURES**

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

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

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

University of Illinois, American Indian Studies Department, *Introduction to American Indian Studies*, "Indian Law," 2010.

**INVITED PANELIST PRESENTATIONS**

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

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

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

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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

Yurok Tribe, Domestic Violence Conference, *VAWA Overview*, 2017.

Native American Indigenous Studies Association Conference, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, *Pueblo Women & Activism*, 2009.

Future of Indigenous History Conference, UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD, *Christianity & Indian Civil Rights*, 2013.

### **SELECT MEDIA APPEARANCES**

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Law 360, *High Court No Longer a No-Go as Tribal Reservation OK'd*, July 10, 2020.

Briefly Podcast, University of Chicago Law Review, *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.

### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

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

Illinois Bar, admitted 2016 (currently inactive).