

# THE SIMON ORTIZ AND LABRIOLA CENTER LECTURE ON INDIGENOUS LAND, CULTURE, AND COMMUNITY

## ARLINDA LOCKLEAR

### Tribal Land Claims: A Generation of Federal Indian Law on the Edge

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WE ARE ACCUSTOMED to the notion that tribal communities are protected under federal law in the permanent and peaceable possession of their lands. While white contact left tribal communities with precious little, we were left with this invaluable barrier against the dominant society. Now, we may be witnessing the unraveling of this federal protection—not from an act of Congress or the repudiation of treaties, but through judicial activism.

—ARLINDA LOCKLEAR



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**Arlinda Locklear** (Lumbee) has a particularly distinguished career in federal Indian law. During her thirty five years' experience in the field, Locklear has represented tribes throughout the U.S. in federal and state courts on treaty claims to water and land, taxation disputes with states and local authorities, reservation boundary issues, and federal recognition of tribes. In particular, she is a nationally recognized expert in federal recognition of tribes and Indian land claims.

Locklear began her career as an attorney at the Native American Rights Fund in Boulder, CO, and later transferred to the Washington DC office. As directing attorney for seven years in the Washington, DC office, Locklear supervised significant litigation of Indian issues as well as the legislative work of the office. Locklear was a member of the board of Advisors for the *Encyclopedia of Native Americans in the 20th Century* and is a member

of the Board of Trustees for the University of North Carolina, Pembroke. Locklear was awarded the Outstanding Woman of Color Award, given by the National Institute of Women of Color in 1987; the Julian T. Pierce Award, given by Pembroke State University in 1994; the 1995 Carpathian Award for Speaking Out, given by North Carolina Equity; the Parks Award for Community Service, given by North Carolina State University in 2003; the 2008 Kate Stoneman Award for outstanding achievement in the legal profession, given by Albany Law School; and the 2009 Distinguished Alumna Award, from the College of Charleston.

Locklear earned her law degree from Duke University School of Law and is a member of the Bars of Maryland, North Carolina, and the District of Columbia. She also holds honorary doctorates from State University of New York, Oneonta, and North Carolina State University.

The Simon Ortiz and Labriola Center Lecture on Indigenous Land, Culture, and Community at Arizona State University brings notable scholars and speakers to Arizona for public lectures twice per year. These speakers address topics and issues across disciplines in the arts, humanities, sciences, and politics. Underscoring Indigenous American experiences and perspectives, this series seeks to create and celebrate knowledge that evolves from an inclusive Indigenous worldview and that is applicable to all walks of life.

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