

# SYMPOSIUM ON AMERICAN INDIAN POLICY ISSUES & TRIBAL GOVERNANCE



Hosted by the

**Center for California Native Nations**  
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**Location: UCR-Palm Desert Campus, 75-080 Frank Sinatra Drive, Palm Desert, CA  
(Corner of Frank Sinatra Drive and Cook Street.)**

## **AGENDA, June 23-24, 2005**

*This Symposium will explore the ways that American Indian tribal governments are increasingly assuming joint responsibility with other (local, state and federal) governments. The purpose of the Symposium is to highlight patterns of policy making in the gaming era and beyond, with an emphasis on creative government-to-government relations. Tribal leaders and representatives of other governments are invited to discuss the implications of relationship-building for both tribal communities and their neighbors, to explore new ways to formalize partnerships, and to re-frame tribal sovereignty in the public debates around jurisdiction and land use. This event is free and open to the public.*

## Thursday, June 23, 2005

- 4:00-5:00                    **Welcome Reception at Morongo Casino in the Old Poker Room**
- Welcoming Remarks:** Kate Spilde Contreras, Ph.D., Visiting Scholar,  
Center for California Native Nations
- 5:00-6:00                    **Book Signing: Prof. Charles Wilkinson, University of Colorado,**  
Author of Blood Struggle: The Rise of Modern Indian Nations
- Introduction of Prof. Charles Wilkinson:** Chairman Maurice Lyons,  
Morongo Band of Mission Indians
- 6:00-?                        **Dinner on your own**

## Friday, June 24, 2005

- 7:45 – 8:20 a.m.            **Registration and Continental Breakfast at UC-Riverside- Palm  
Desert Campus**  
*Breakfast sponsored by Universal Sodexo*
- 8:20 – 8:30 a.m.            **Blessing** by Joe Benitez, Cabazon Band of Mission Indians
- 8:30-8:45                    **Welcome and Opening Remarks**  
Joel Martin, Dean, CHASS, Co-Director, CCNN
- 8:45-10:00 a.m.            **Panel: Federal Policies and Devolution: Can Tribal Governments  
and Local Governments get Along?**  
Richard Milanovich, Chairman, Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians  
Pat Cooper, Legislative Assistant, Sen Denise Ducheny  
Gary Stopp, Chief of Staff, Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
- Moderator:** John Wohlmuth, Executive Director, Coachella Valley  
Association of Governments, Palm Desert, CA
- 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.        **Panel: Creating Partnerships between the Center for California  
Native Nations and California Tribal Governments**  
Gloria Gonzalez-Rivera, Professor of Economics, UCR  
Mindy Marks, Assistant Professor of Economics, UCR  
Anil Deolalikar, Professor of Economics, UCR  
Joel Martin, Director, Center for California Native Nations, UCR
- Moderator:** Kate Spilde Contreras, Visiting Scholar, CCNN
- 10:45 – 11:00 a.m.        **Coffee Break- Sponsored by Universal Sodexo**

- 11:00 – 12:30 p.m.      **Panel: Best Practices in Tribal Policy Making:  
Institution Building and the Tribal Public**  
Deron Marquez, Chairman, San Manuel Band of Serrano Indians  
Robert Salgado, Chairman, Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians  
Amy Minniear, Officer, Pechanga Development Corporation
- Moderator:** Michael Lombardi, Chairman, Augustine Gaming  
Commission
- 12:30 – 1:45 p.m.      **Lunch- *Sponsored by UC-Riverside’s Costo Endowment***
- 1:00-1:30                **Keynote Address: “California Tribal Governments: Challenges and  
Opportunities.”**
- By Anthony Miranda, Chairman, California Nations Indian Gaming  
Association (CNIGA)**
- 1:45 – 2:00 p.m.      **Conclusion and Wrap-Up**

*The Symposium is intended to educate and inform as many as possible about the above issues; it is therefore open to the public, and we welcome the attendance of any interested party.*