Program of Activities

Thursday, April 18

4:00 p.m.
Bass Lecture Hall
Welcome—Charlie Hale, LLILAS and Anthropology
Introduction—Gerald Torres, UT Law School

Keynote Lecture by S. James Anaya
Samuel M. Fegtly Professor of Law, U. Arizona Law School
“International Human Rights Law and the Struggle for Indigenous Land Rights: Lessons from the Awas Tingni Ruling”

Friday, April 19

Section 1.
Human Rights, Cultural Empowerment and Land Rights:
International Legal Context
All three morning sessions in the Jeffers Courtroom

8:30–9:00
Coffee and Pastries

9:00–10:00
“Awas Tingni Confronta el Futuro”
Lottie Cunningham, Director, Law Group Bilwi
Charlie McClean, Awas Tingni Community Leader
Chair: Sarah Cleveland, UT Law School

10:15–11:15
“The Promise and Limitations of International Legal Strategies”
Myrna Cunningham, Provost, URACCAN
Chair: Juliet Hooker, UT Government Department

11:30–12:30
“Can the Inter-American Human Rights Commission Protect Collective Cultural Rights?”
Osvaldo Kreimer, Staff Attorney, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
Chair: Steven Ratner, UT Law School
Friday, April 19 (cont.)

12:45–2:45

**Section 2.**

**Two Simultaneous Research-Action Clinics (with box lunch)**

1) **Solidarity in Difference: Indigenous and Black Community Land Claims in Honduras** ~ Sheffield Room, UT Law School

Facilitator: Edmund T. Gordon, Anthropology and CAAS
Experts: Gregoria Flores, OFRANEH; Wincis Websta, MASTA

2) **Trans-isthmus Canal Projects and Community Land Rights: Mexico and Nicaragua** ~ 3.127, UT Law School

Facilitator: Chandler Stolp, LBJ School
Experts: Pearl Watson Presida, President, Monkey Point Communal Board, Nicaragua; and Teodosio Angel Molina, UCIZONE, Oaxaca, Mexico

**Section 3.**

**Race, Rights, and Resources: Political Dimensions**
~ Jeffers Courtroom, UT Law School
Introduction: Edmund T. Gordon, UT Anthropology and CAAS

3:00–4:00

“Cultural Rights Struggles under Neo-Liberal Regimes”
Speaker: Emma Cervone, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale
Chair: Bryan Roberts, UT Sociology

4:15–5:15

“The Politics of Afro-Descendant Community Land Rights Struggles”
Speaker: Eva Thorne, Brandeis University
Chair: João Vargas, UT Anthropology

5:30–7:30
Research-Action Roundtable: “GPS Mapping of Land Use Areas in Awas Tingni: Technical, Political, and Legal Considerations” 3.127, UT Law School
Lottie Cunningham, Staff Attorney, Law Group, Bilwi
Charlie McClean, Awas Tingni Community leader
Peter Dana, UT Geography
Jennifer Goett, UT Anthropology

(Section 3 continues Saturday morning.)
Saturday, April 20

9:00–10:00
Section 3 continued
“Territorialidad indígena: Estratégias políticas” ~ Jeffers Courtroom, UT Law School
Speaker: Morita Carrasco, Universidad de Buenos Aires
Chair: Seth Garfield, UT History

10:15–12:30
Section 4.
Two Simultaneous Research-Action Clinics

1) The Toledo Maya and Garífuna of Belize: Political and Legal Prospects ~ Sheffield Room, UT Law School
Facilitator: Emma Caddy, Belize Program Manager, Flora and Fauna International
Experts: Valentino Shal, Chair of the Toledo Maya Council, Belize; and Roy Cayetano, Deputy Minister of Rural Development and President of the National Garifuna Council

2) Costeño Land Rights Struggles in Nicaragua Face the Future ~ 3.127, UT Law School
Facilitator: Armstrong Wiggins
Experts: Myrna Cunningham, URACCAN, Bilwi, Nicaragua; and Faran Dometz, BICU, Bluefields, Nicaragua

12:30–1:30
Lunch

2:00–4:00
Concluding Plenary Session
Featured Speaker: Dean Claudio Grossman, American University
Chair: Gerald Torres, UT Law School