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## **Looking to the Future: The Life and Legacy of Senator Daniel K. Inouye**

**Thursday, May 15, 2014, 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

**Rasmuson Theater  
National Museum of the American Indian  
4th Street and Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C.**



Join us for a special symposium to honor one of history's greatest advocates for Native people—Senator Daniel K. Inouye (1924–2012), former Chairman and Vice Chairman of the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, and one of the visionary founders of the National Museum of the American Indian. A person deeply grounded in values, community, and family, Daniel Inouye's myriad accomplishments include, among others, legislation and support for strengthening Native sovereignty, treaties, governance, economic development, education, and health care. Distinguished speakers who knew Senator Inouye and his work will reflect on his many contributions to the well-being of Native America, and look to the future to build upon the foundation of the Senator's legacy to carry forward his work for the benefit of future generations of Native people. Light reception to follow in the Rasmuson Theater Lobby.

Live webcast at: <http://nmai.si.edu/multimedia/webcasts>

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## **PROGRAM**

- 9:00 am **Native Hawaiian 'Oli (Blessing)**  
'Iokepa DeSantos
- 9:10 am **Welcoming Remarks**  
Kevin Gover, Director, National Museum of the American Indian
- 9:30 am **Building upon the Foundation of the Senator's Legacy**  
John Echohawk, Director, Native American Rights Fund  
Julie Kitka, President, Alaska Federation of Natives
- 10:10 am **Values, Community, and Family**  
Regis Pecos, Chief of Staff to the New Mexico House of Representatives  
Majority Floor Leader and Director of Legislative Affairs for the House  
Majority Office  
Manley Begay, Professor, University of Arizona; former Trustee,  
National Museum of the American Indian
- 10:50 am **Break**
- 11:00 am **National Museum of the American Indian: Past, Present, and Future**  
Patricia Zell, Partner, Zell & Cox Law, P.C.; Trustee, National Museum of  
the American Indian  
Kevin Gover, Director, National Museum of the American Indian
- 12:00 pm **Lunch break**
- 1:30 pm **Sovereignty, Treaties, Governance, and Economic Development**  
Charles Wilkinson, Professor, University of Colorado School of Law  
W. Ron Allen, Chairman/CEO, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe  
Chris McNeil, President/CEO, Sealaska Native Corporation  
Melody Kapilialoha MacKenzie, Professor, William K. Richardson School  
of Law, University of Hawai'i  
Billy Frank, Chairman, Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission  
Moderator: Tadd Johnson, Professor, University of Minnesota Duluth

- 3:10 pm     **Perspective from Native Alaska (video)**  
Byron Mallott, Kwaashk'i Kwaan Clan Leader
- 3:20 pm     **Education**  
Lionel Bordeaux, President, Sinte Gleska University  
Dee Jay Mailer, former Chief Executive Officer, Kamehameha Schools  
Moderator: Patricia Zell Partner, Zell & Cox Law, P.C.; Trustee, National  
Museum of the American Indian
- 4:00 pm     **Break**
- 4:10 pm     **Perspective from Native Hawai'i (video)**  
Nainoa Thompson (Native Hawaiian), Polynesian Voyaging Society
- 4:15 pm     **Health Care**  
Jo Ann Kauffman, President/CEO, Kauffman & Associates  
Hardy Spoehr, former Director, Papa Ola Lōkahi, the Native Hawaiian  
Health Board  
Moderator: Andrew Lee, Vice President, Aetna; Trustee, National  
Museum of the American Indian
- 5:00 pm     **Defining and Shaping the Legacy for the Future**  
W. Richard West, President/CEO, Autry National Center of the American  
West; founding Director, National Museum of the American Indian
- 5:25 p.m.   **Closing Prayer**  
Manley Begay
- 5:30 p.m.   **Reception, Rasmuson Theater Lobby**

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## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

**W. Ron Allen** has served as the Tribal Chairman of the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Sequim, Washington, since 1977 and as Chief Executive Officer since 1982. As the Tribal Chairman, he is responsible for representing the Tribe as the elected leader and for addressing political and policy issues and/or positions at the national, state, and local levels. As the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), he is also responsible for the executive administration of all the Tribe's programs including education, career development, social services, housing, health, economic development, natural resource management, and cultural/traditional affairs. Allen has led the Tribe from a zero resource base in 1982 to a current annual budget level of over \$80 million; and from a landless reservation base in 1982 to a land base of over 1,200 acres without federal assistance. Additionally, he has led the Tribe to establish business enterprises including Seven Cedars Casino, The Cedars Golf Course, Northwest Native Expressions Art Gallery, JKT Development, and Jamestown Health & Medical Supplies. He served four years as President of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) and two years as NCAI First Vice President and ten years as NCAI Treasurer. Ron is currently President of the Washington Indian Gaming Association.

**Manley A. Begay, Jr.** (Navajo) is both associate social scientist and senior lecturer in the American Indian Studies Program at The University of Arizona, where he has primary responsibility for teaching the graduate and undergraduate courses in Indigenous Nation-Building, Diné History and Philosophy, Curriculum Development, and Indigenous Education. Professor Begay also serves as affiliate faculty member of the Institute for Environment and Society at The University of Arizona, and was the founding director of the Native Nations Institute for Leadership, Management, and Policy of the Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy. Beginning in 1997, he has also been co-director of the award-winning Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Recently (2011), he served as distinguished senior scholar at Harvard University Native American Program. Begay is recognized nationally and internationally as one of the primary planners and designers of the now-accepted theory of how Indigenous nations and communities build nations that work—Indigenous nation-building. In the course of his academic and consulting career, Begay has extensively researched, published, and lectured widely on the development of Indigenous communities and their resources. His research and consulting experience has focused on projects about and for Native nations in the promotion of strong and effective institutions of governance and leadership.

**Lionel Bordeaux** (Rosebud Sioux) is the president of Sinte Gleska University, in Mission, South Dakota. He has served the people of the Rosebud Sioux Reservation in South Dakota and Native Americans throughout the nation as president of Sinte Gleska since 1973. Sinte Gleska is the first fully accredited reservation-based institution of higher education at the bachelor's level. Bordeaux, who was granted the Doctor of Humane Letters degree by Augustana College in 1989, graduated from Black Hills State University and earned a master's degree from the University of South Dakota. He has been a major supporter of American Indian issues throughout his tenure at Sinte Gleska. He has served on the National Advisory Council on Indian Education, a U.S. presidential appointment; as co-chair of the White House Conference on Indian Education; as president of the National Indian

Education Association; as president of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium; as board member for the Native American Rights Fund; as a member of the National Congress of American Indians; and as a Rosebud Sioux tribal councilman.

**ʻIokepa De Santos** is a Hawaiian Cultural Specialist for Partners in Development Foundation and Mālama ʻĀina Foundation and is currently the president of ʻAhahui ʻŌlelo Hawaiʻi (Hawaiian Language Association). As an accomplished chanter and singer, he has composed numerous chants and songs that have been used by many Hālau Hula (schools of hula) and Hawaiian recording artists, and serves as the Hawaiian language judge for the George Nāʻope Kāne Hula Festival. He is also a Hawaiian culture and language consultant for the Queen Liliʻuokalani Children’s Center and other Native Hawaiian organizations.

**John Echohawk**, a member of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, was a co-founder of the Native American Rights Fund in 1970 and has been its Executive Director since 1977. The Native American Rights Fund has been involved in most of the major Indian rights litigation since 1970. He serves on many national boards, has been recognized as one of the 100 most influential lawyers in America by the *National Law Journal*, and has received numerous service awards and other recognition for his leadership in the Indian law field. In 1992, he served on the Clinton-Gore transition team for the Department of the Interior and in 2008 he served on the Obama-Biden transition team for the Department of the Interior.

**Billy Frank, Jr.** (Nisqually), chairman of the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission, “speaks for the salmon” on behalf of 19 Treaty Indian tribes in western Washington. Under his leadership, the tribal role over the past 30 years has evolved from that of activists, fighting the state to secure fishing rights reserved in treaties with the United States government, to managers of the resource. Frank has worked to achieve a number of key agreements between the tribes and various local, state and federal officials that further strengthen treaty-guaranteed fishing rights and environmental protection laws. His involvement in arenas like the unique Timber-Fish-Wildlife Agreement, the Chelan Agreement (a water resources planning document), and the Centennial Accord have placed Frank in a powerful leadership role for Indian and non-Indian alike. Celebrated regionally, nationally and internationally as an outstanding Native American leader, Frank has been the recipient of numerous recognition awards, including the Albert Schweitzer Prize for Humanitarianism and the *Indian Country Today* inaugural American Indian Visionary Award.

**Kevin Gover** (Pawnee) is director of the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian. A former professor of law at the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law at Arizona State University in Tempe, affiliate professor in the university’s American Indian Studies Program, and co-executive director of its American Indian Policy Institute, Gover received his bachelor’s degree in public and international affairs from Princeton University and his law degree from the University of New Mexico. Before joining the university faculty, Gover served as assistant secretary for Indian Affairs in the U.S. Department of the Interior from 1997 to 2000. A presidential appointee, he was responsible for policy and operational oversight of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, where he oversaw programs in Indian education, law enforcement, social services, treaty rights, and trust asset management. Gover also practiced law for more than 15 years in Albuquerque and Washington. He was awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree from Princeton in 2001.

**Tadd Johnson** is an enrolled member of the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa. He is an attorney and a professor at the University of Minnesota Duluth where he is Head of the American Indian Studies Department. Johnson served as a tribal attorney for over twenty years, but has also been a tribal court

judge, a tribal administrator, and is a frequent lecturer on American Indian history and Federal Indian Law. He spent five years with the U.S. House of Representatives, ultimately becoming staff director and counsel to the Subcommittee on Native American Affairs. In 1997, President Clinton appointed Johnson to chair the National Indian Gaming Commission. Johnson has served as a faculty member of the National Judicial College, has served on the Board of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, and is co-producer and co-host of the PBS program *Native Report*.

**Jo Ann Kauffman** (Nez Perce) is the founder and president of Kauffman & Associates, Inc. (KAI), a public health consulting firm. She has worked in Indian health for more than 35 years. Over her career she has served as a health policy consultant to Indian tribes, the Indian Health Service (IHS), and urban Indian health programs, including seven years as Executive Director of the Seattle Indian Health Board. She was tasked by the IHS to spearhead a national effort to develop consensus language for the reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, which was eventually integrated into the Affordable Care Act of 2010. In 2003, she was appointed to the Board of Trustees of Eastern Washington University to a 12-year term by then Governor Gary Locke.

**Julie Kitka** (Chugach Eskimo) is president of the Alaska Federation of Natives, which she represents before the U.S. Congress, federal agencies, the Alaska State Legislature, and state agencies on Native issues of national and statewide importance. In this capacity, Kitka has worked to address a variety of challenges and used creative approaches to solve problems. Her accomplishments include a range of issues—ANCSA corporate issues in the “1991” amendments to ANCSA; subsistence hunting and fishing; negotiations with oil companies over Section 29 & Right of Way renewals, among many. Kitka’s greatest source of pride is her work with so many others to secure support for construction of the new Native hospitals in Alaska and of nearly 100 village and regional health clinics.

**Andrew Lee** (Seneca) is a vice president at Aetna Inc., a Fortune 100 health benefits company headquartered in Hartford that serves approximately 44 million people. Lee joined Aetna in 2005, and his prior roles included launching a health technology business for the company, serving as chief of staff to Aetna’s CEO Mark T. Bertolini, and leading the company’s Office of Public Policy. For the past decade-and-a-half, he has also been involved extensively in American Indian affairs. He is the former executive director of the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development, where he created the Honoring Nations tribal governance awards program and co-authored *The State of the Native Nations*. Lee is a trustee of the Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian, and serves as a board member for numerous organizations, including the Aetna Foundation, the Tewaaron Foundation, and Finch Paper, LLC. He is the 2013 recipient of the National Congress of American Indians’ *Native American Leadership Award*, and in 2011 was honored as a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum.

**Melody Kapilialoha MacKenzie** (Native Hawaiian) is an associate professor and Director of Ka Huli Ao Center in Native Hawaiian Law at the William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa. After receiving her law degree, MacKenzie served as a law clerk to Chief Justice William S. Richardson of the Hawai‘i Supreme Court. She then joined the staff of the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation, a public interest law firm protecting and advancing the rights of Native Hawaiians, and served as NHLC’s Executive Director and as a senior staff attorney. MacKenzie is project coordinator and chief editor for a forthcoming treatise on Native Hawaiian Law. She has worked on cases asserting Hawaiian traditional and customary rights, dealing with land issues, and defending the constitutionality of Hawaiian programs. MacKenzie was awarded the Board of Regents’ Medal for Excellence in Teaching in 2013.

**Dee Jay Mailer** served as Chief Executive Officer of Kamehameha Schools from 2004 to 2014. She is a 1970 graduate of Kamehameha, an educational system serving over 6,900 students of Hawaiian ancestry at K-12 campuses on O‘ahu, Maui and Hawai‘i island, and at 31 preschool sites statewide. She was formerly Chief Operating Officer of the Switzerland-based Global Fund and Chief Executive Officer of Kaiser Permanente Hawaii. She also served as Chief Administrative and Operating Officer of Health Net, Inc., a health insurance program serving 2 million members in the State of California. Mailer later served as Senior Vice President of National Contracting and Claims Best Practices for the company.

**Chris E. McNeil, Jr.**, a member of the Tlingit and Nisga‘a Nations, has served as the president and CEO of Sealaska Corporation since February 2001. Sealaska, which operates businesses in multiple industries in Southeast Alaska and worldwide, is owned by more than 20,000 tribal member shareholders of Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian descent. McNeil served Sealaska in varying officer capacities from 1978 through 1993, including executive vice president and general counsel, and as a member of the board of directors from 1998 through 2000. Other positions McNeil has held include special counsel to the Alaska Federation of Natives; chairman of the Native American Rights Fund; first director of the American Indian Program at Stanford University; second vice president of the Tlingit & Haida Indians of Alaska; director of Goldbelt, Incorporated; director of the American Indian National Bank; president of the Juneau Tlingit & Haida Community Council; chairman of Tlingit & Haida Regional Housing Authority; Washington representative and counsel to the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation of Connecticut; chairman of the Native American Contractor’s Association; and currently, vice chairman of the Indian Country Renewable Energy Consortium. He was awarded the Henry Roe Cloud medal from Yale University, Native American Program, and the Alaska Federation Citizen of the Year.

**Regis Pecos**, who was born and raised and resides at Cochiti Pueblo, has been a member of the Tribal Council for 28 years and is a former Lieutenant Governor and Governor. He was Chief of Staff to the late Speaker of the New Mexico House of Representatives Ben Lujan, serving in that position for 12 years. He co-founded and is the co-director of the New Mexico Leadership Institute, an Indigenous Think Tank, and has served in a number of U.S. congressionally appointed positions. He is currently a member of the Board of Governors, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University and serves as a senior advisor to the Native Nations Institute of the Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy at the University of Arizona. Pecos is also the author of numerous publications on education, language and culture, health, environment, and governance. He is the recipient of the State of New Mexico’s highest and most distinguished Public Service Award, among other honors. Pecos presently serves as Chief of Staff to the Majority Floor Leader and Director of Legislative Affairs for the Majority Office in the New Mexico House of Representatives.

**Hardy Spoehr** grew up on O‘ahu after spending an early childhood on Saipan in the Marianas Islands. He graduated from Punahou School in Honolulu and went on to receive his undergraduate degree at Wesleyan University and a graduate degree at the University of Hawai‘i at Manoa. His professional career has been spent in Hawai‘i and the Cook Islands where he has served as teacher, government administrator, life guard supervisor, planner, nonprofit foundation president, and nonprofit administrator with such groups and organizations as Punahou School; The Nature Conservancy; ALU LIKE, Inc.; governmental organizations at city, county, state, and federal levels; and, most recently, Papa Ola Lōkahi, the Native Hawaiian Health Board. In early 2014, Hardy retired from Papa Ola Lokahi after serving as its Executive Director for more than twenty years.

**W. Richard West Jr.**, a citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Nation of Oklahoma and a Peace Chief of the Southern Cheyenne, is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Autry National Center of the American West. West is also the Founding Director and Director Emeritus of the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian, where he served as Director from 1990–2007. He was Interim Director of The Textile Museum in Washington, D.C., a specialty arts institution with internationally renowned textiles collections, during 2012. He practiced law at the Indian-owned Albuquerque, New Mexico, law firm of Gover, Stetson, Williams & West, P.C. (1988–90). West has devoted his professional life and much of his personal life to working in the national and international museum communities, and with American Indians on cultural, educational, legal, and governmental issues. West's current board affiliations and memberships include: Kaiser Family Foundation, International Coalition of Sites of Conscience, Native Arts and Cultures Foundation, Center for Native American Youth, National Support Committee of the Native American Rights Fund, and American Indian Resources Institute. He previously also has served on the boards of the trustees of the Ford Foundation and Stanford University.

**Charles Wilkinson** is a professor at the University of Colorado Law School. After graduating from Stanford Law School and practicing with Phoenix and San Francisco firms, Wilkinson joined the Native American Rights Fund in 1971 as a staff attorney. Since 1975 he has taught at the Oregon and Colorado law schools, receiving many teaching awards. His 14 books include the casebooks in Indian Law and Federal Public Land Law; the 1982 Felix Cohen treatise (Managing Editor); *Messages from Frank's Landing: A Story of Salmon, Treaties and the Indian Way* (2000); *Blood Struggle: The Rise of Modern Indian Nations* (2005); and *The People Are Dancing Again: The History of the Siletz Tribe of Western Oregon* (2010). He has been named Distinguished Professor, one of just 25 on the University of Colorado-Boulder campus. In 2013, the Museum at Warm Springs presented him with its Twanat Award, for his "tireless work on behalf of Native Americans."

**Patricia Zell (symposium moderator)** is a partner in Zell & Cox Law, P.C., specializing in the laws affecting American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians. For the past 29 years and currently, Zell also serves as the Editor of the *Indian Law Reporter*. Zell retired from public service in March 2005, following 25 years of service on the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, where she served as Democratic Staff Director and Chief Counsel for the last 19 years of her Senate service. Previously, Zell worked for the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (1977), the American Indian Policy Review Commission (1975–77), and the American Psychological Association (1969–75). Zell serves on the Board of Trustees of the National Museum of the American Indian, on the International Advisory Committee of the Native Nations Institute, Morris K. Udall Foundation at the University of Arizona, and the Board of Directors of Alu Like Enterprises, Inc.



**Biography**  
**The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye**  
**United States Senator**  
**(September 7, 1924 – December 17, 2012)**

Prior to his death in 2012, Senator Daniel K. Inouye was the second longest serving member of the U.S. Senate, with a distinguished tenure of public service for more than 49 years. As President Pro Tempore of the Senate from 2010-12—third in line of U.S. Presidential succession—Senator Inouye was the highest-ranking public official of Asian descent in United States history.

Dan Inouye represented the State of Hawai'i in the U.S. Congress continuously since Hawai'i joined the union of states in 1959, serving as Hawai'i's first congressman before being elected to the Senate in 1962. Senator Inouye was the first Japanese American elected to both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate.

For his heroic actions as a member of the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Infantry Battalion — resulting in the loss of his right arm—the World War II veteran was later honored by President Clinton with the nation's highest award for military valor, the Medal of Honor. In 2013, President Obama posthumously bestowed the Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor, on Senator Inouye.

Senator Inouye was widely respected for his moral courage and his commitment to working in a bipartisan fashion to enact meaningful legislation. He was called upon to serve as the first Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, as a member of the Senate Watergate Committee, and Chair of the Iran-Contra Investigations Committee. In each of those capacities, he earned the admiration and respect from all parties for his unwavering integrity. As Chairman of the full Senate Committee on Appropriations and the Subcommittee on Defense, Senator Inouye focused on the strengthening of our national security, while safeguarding our military forces with the best equipment and training. He also focused on building infrastructure—physical, intellectual, diplomatic, and social—to carry his state and the nation forward in the global marketplace.

Throughout his career, Dan Inouye championed the interests of Hawai'i's people and left a lasting imprint through his efforts to strengthen Hawai'i's infrastructure, diversify its economy, and protect its natural resources. He advocated for the rights of Native Hawaiians, Native Americans, and Alaska Natives, and sought equal justice for Japanese Americans and Filipino World War II veterans.

For 35 years, Senator Inouye served on the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, assuming the Chairmanship of the Committee in 1987, and later serving as Vice Chairman of the Committee, and securing the Committee's status as a permanent standing committee of the Senate. During his tenure of service on the Indian Affairs Committee, Senator Inouye achieved the enactment of landmark legislation affecting almost every aspect of life in Native America, including the enactment of the National Museum of the American Indian Act, the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, the Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act, the Native Hawaiian Education Act, the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, the Native American Languages Act, the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act, scores of Indian water rights and land claim settlement acts, as well as the reauthorizations of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, the Native American Programs Act, the Indian Education Act, the Indian Finance Act, the American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act, the enactment of Indian provisions of the Energy Security Act and the National Historic Preservation Act, and appropriations for Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian programs.

For all of these accomplishments and for his sincere dedication to the values of Indian country, the preservation of Native culture and religious freedom, and his genuine respect for the indigenous people of America, the Senator is revered throughout Native America.

Senator Inouye is survived by his wife, Irene Hirano Inouye, his son Daniel Ken Inouye Jr., Ken's wife Jessica, granddaughter Maggie, and step-daughter Jennifer Hirano.