

EDITORIAL FOREWORD

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The *Arizona Journal of International and Comparative Law* is committed to publishing annual symposium issues that feature papers related to current and emerging topics in international or comparative law. In this issue, we are pleased to present a series of papers on the development of foreign tort law that were delivered at the 2009 AALS Annual Meeting in San Diego, as well as the winning paper from the 2009 National Native American Law Students Association (NNALSA) Annual Writing Competition.

As a publication with an international and comparative focus, *Journal* is well-situated to serve as a platform for diverse legal voices and perspectives originating both in the United States and further abroad. In this special issue, we have done just that. At first glance, the enclosed panel papers on foreign tort law do not share much in common with the NNALSA student essay on same sex marriage within the Coquille Indian Tribe. Yet this difference in subject matter actually highlights an overriding similarity: together, these pieces present the opportunity to consider the diversity of legal thought that exists between and among a variety of sovereign entities in the modern era. Titled “Foreign Tort Law: Beyond Europe,” the symposium panel brought together scholars with expertise in tort law pertaining to Israel, Ghana, Singapore, Japan, and South Africa. Their papers offer the reader insight into the differing development and uses of tort regimes in these five sovereign nations. In a similar vein, the NNALSA essay highlights a legal development within the Coquille Tribe that is unique when compared both to other tribes, as well as to the majority of states within the United States. Taken together, the pieces in this issue challenge us to expand our analytical frameworks and consider the trajectories of differing approaches. In presenting these exceptional, distinctive pieces, we hope that our readers are encouraged to appreciate not only their individual contributions to legal scholarship, but also the ways that they together highlight the diversity of perspectives existing among and within legal sovereigns.

For help in making this remarkable issue come to fruition, *Journal* owes a debt of gratitude to many people. First, we extend our thanks to Professor Ellen Bublick, who organized and moderated the symposium panel, brought it to our attention as a potential publication, and has provided an introductory foreword to the panel papers. In addition, the symposium panelists not only traveled from far and wide to present at the conference, but also worked graciously with *Journal's* editors to ensure that we could release this issue in a timely fashion and in accordance with our production schedule for the year. Quite obviously, this issue would not be what it is without their hard work and commitment to the project, and we thank them accordingly. For the exciting opportunity to publish this year's winning NNALSA essay, we owe thanks to the National Native American Law Students Association as well as our local University of Arizona NALSA

Chapter. In particular, our local NALSA Chapter members worked very hard to adapt the competition timeline to meet our publication needs. We are very grateful for their flexibility and hard work. To that end, we also thank the judges of the NNALSA Writing Competition for their expert judging as well as their willingness to follow an accelerated competition schedule. Thanks also to Professor Melissa Tatum for providing an introduction to the winning NNALSA piece. Finally, we thank all of the NNALSA Writing Competition participants and offer our congratulations to the author of this year's winning essay.

