The ISRN 2012 Seminar Series with Professor Robert Miller, Lewis & Clark Law School Portland Oregon USA

Native American peoples suffer from health, educational, infrastructure, and social deficiencies that most Americans who live outside of tribal lands are wholly unaware of and would not tolerate. By creating sustainable economic development on reservations, however, gradual, long-term change can be effected, thereby improving the standard of living and sustaining tribal cultures. Reservation “Capitalism”: Economic Development in Indian Country supplies the true history, present-day circumstances, and potential future of Indian communities and economics. It provides key background information on indigenous economic systems and property rights regimes in what is now the United States, and explains how the vast majority of native lands and natural resource assets were lost. The book focuses on strategies for establishing privately and publicly owned economic activities on reservations and creating economies where reservation inhabitants can be employed, live, and buy the necessities of life, thereby enabling complete tribal self-sufficiency and self-determination.

Professor Miller worked with the Stoel Rives law firm from 1992-1995 and practiced Indian law with Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker from 1995-1999. Immediately upon graduating, Professor Miller clerked for Judge Diarmuid O'Scanlairn, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Miller is the Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals of the Grand Ronde Tribe and sits as a judge for other tribes. His published works include articles, books, and book chapters on a wide array of federal Indian law issues and civil procedure. He was a board member of the Oregon Native American Business and Entrepreneurial Network for twelve years and the National Indian Child Welfare Association for nine years, and is currently on the Boards of the Oregon Historical Society and the Tribal Leadership Forum. He helped found and was on the executive committee of the Oregon State Bar Indian Law Section. His 2006 book, Native America, Discovered and Conquered: Thomas Jefferson, Lewis and Clark, and Manifest Destiny, grew out of that work. His second book, Discovering Indigenous Lands: The Doctrine of Discovery in the English Colonies, was published by Oxford University Press in 2010, and he has completed a third book entitled Reservation “Capitalism”: Economic Development in Indian Country which will be published in 2012. He is an enrolled citizen of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma.

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Where: B309/B301 Kelvin Grove Campus, QUT
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