

Native American Citizenship & Sovereignty

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Description:

■ Native Americans occupy an anomalous position in the United States. Federally recognized tribes each are separate sovereigns within the federal system. States hold no authority over them except what Congress may give them. Their enrolled members are dual citizens – of the United States and of their tribal nation. By virtue of the Constitution and the federal government’s responsibilities toward them it means the government can do things for and to Native Americans that it cannot do to any other citizen. This seminar will examine this situation in both historical and contemporary context.

■ This program will be conducted as a discussion, utilizing primary source documents as the only readings, and with the Discussion Leader facilitating the conversation, instead of lecturing or presenting. Registrants, therefore, are highly encouraged to read all the documents in advance and come ready with questions. Teachers will receive a Letter of Attendance at the conclusion of the seminar.

Agenda

October 4th, 2025

8:30 AM – 8:55 AM

Registration

8:55 AM – 9:00 AM

Welcome and Introduction

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

SESSION I

Beginnings to Removal

10:30 AM – 10:45 AM

Break

10:45 AM – 12:15 PM

SESSION II

From Reservation to
Reorganization

12:15 AM – 12:45 PM

Lunch Provided

12:45 PM – 2:15 PM

SESSION III

The Modern Era

2:15 PM

Conclusion

TAH.org Resources