



Biography

PUBLIC AFFAIRS MANAGER MARY PARKER



Mary Parker is the Public Affairs Manager for the National Indian Gaming Commission, an independent federal regulatory agency established within the Department of the Interior. In this position, Parker is responsible for national policy, planning, management and evaluation of communication programs encompassing media engagement, internal information, external relations, social media platforms and legislative affairs.

Prior to this role Parker was the Management and Programs Analyst for the NIGC and Instructional Systems Specialist. She continues to grow and shape each role she has taken on and focuses her work on creating a foundation for the agency to establish effective communication, messaging and outreach to the agency's stakeholders. Prior to her role within the NIGC, Parker served as the first Compliance trainer for Cherokee Nation Entertainment where her focus was designing, developing and implementing regulatory compliance training for all casino employees. She worked for her tribe for 7 years before joining the agency.

In 2020, Parker was named to the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development's 40 Under 40 and was also awarded the Emerging Leaders of Gaming recognition by Global Gaming Business magazine.

In 2021, Parker was named as an Achiever Under 40, by the Journal Record Magazine located out of Oklahoma City.

A native of Tahlequah Oklahoma, Parker received her bachelor's degree in Psychology, Mental Health from Northeastern State University in 2006. She earned her master's degree in Administrative Leadership from the University of Oklahoma in 2017. She is currently in the doctoral program for Instructional Systems Design and Technology from Sam Houston State University. Parker is also a certified online professional trainer (COPT).

The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act created the [National Indian Gaming Commission](#) to support tribal self-sufficiency and the integrity of Indian gaming. NIGC oversees the efficient regulation of more than 500 gaming establishments operated by 250 tribes across 29 states.

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