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Currently, Alan Parker serves as adjunct faculty, Te Whare Wananga o Awanuiarangi. (The Maori Indigenous University) He was appointed in Dec 2012 to supervise the work of Tribal PhD students who are enrolled at the Wananga. He retired in 2014 from the faculty at The Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington where he taught *Advanced Studies in Tribal Government* within the Public Administration Master's program.

Prior to moving to Olympia in 1997, Parker served as Staff Director, Committee on Indian Affairs, United States Senate, appointed by Senator Daniel K. Inouye in 1987. His duties as Staff Director included the development of a legislative program for the Committee. Major legislative initiatives enacted during this time included the 1988 Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, IGRA, the 1989 National Museum of American Indian Act, the Indian Tribal Self-Governance Act in 1990 and the 1991 Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, NAGPRA.

Parker also served as Chief Counsel to the US Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs, 1977-1981. Under his direction, the Select Committee enacted the Indian Child Welfare Act in 1978, the American Indian Religious Freedom Act and Indian land claims and water right legislative settlement acts based on the U.N. principles of Free, Prior and Informed Consent.

Parker attended St Thomas Seminary from 1960 thru 1965 where he earned a B.A. in Classical Philosophy. He subsequently attended UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, California, from September 1969 until June of 1972 where he received a Juris Doctor degree in 1972. Prior to attending Law School, he served in the US Army from July 1965 and until August 1968 when he was honorably discharged with the rank of 1st Lt. Signal Corp. He was awarded a Bronze Star medal in 1968 for Outstanding Leadership Service under combat conditions in the Republic of South Vietnam.

Some of Parker's key published works include the following:

Pathways to Indigenous Nation Sovereignty in the 21st Century, released in April 2018 by Michigan State University Press. Pathways tells the story of Parker's legislative accomplishments during his time serving in the US Senate.

American Indian Identity, Citizenship, Membership and Blood, was released in June 2016 by Praeger Publishing. This academic compendium is co-authored by Se-ah-dom Edmo, Director of the Oregon Tribal Histories and Sovereignty Curriculum Design Project, and Jessie Young, Attorney, Department of Interior, Office of Solicitor.

In 2012, Oregon State University Press published, Asserting Native Resilience, Pacific Rim Indigenous Nations Face the Climate Crisis, co-edited by Parker and Zoltan Grossman, professor, Evergreen State College.