

March 29, 2018

Native American Women: Governance and Survivance

Time: 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Location: Gittis 1, Berylson Family Classroom

Panel discussion on the historical and contemporary roles and experiences of Native American women as culture keepers, military leaders, political chiefs, and medicine women. Plus the recent federal recognition of six Virginia tribes after a vote of Congress in 2018.

Panelists Include:

Lynn Malerba (Mohegan) lifetime Chief of the Mohegan Tribe: discussing her role as a 21st century female chief.

Melissa Tantaquidgeon Zobel (Mohegan) author of 'Medicine Trail: The Life and Lessons of Gladys Tantaquidgeon' discussing research as a field assistant and the role as a mid-20th century Medicine Woman

Lisa Brooks (Abenaki) Associate Professor at Amherst College and Author of "Our Beloved Kin: A New History of King Phillip's War" discussing the historical role of Weetamoo.

Alyssa Mt. Pleasant (Tuscarora) Assistant Professor of Transnational Studies at SUNY Buffalo & Director of Native American Scholars Program at the American Philosophical Society: discussing the resonance of Jigonsaseh, the Onondaga woman identified as one of the founders of the 12th century Haudenosaunee Confederacy

Karen Wood (Monacan) Director of Virginia Indian Programs at the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities: discussing the events leading up to the recent news of six Virginia Indian tribes being granted federal recognition after a vote of Congress in 2018

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