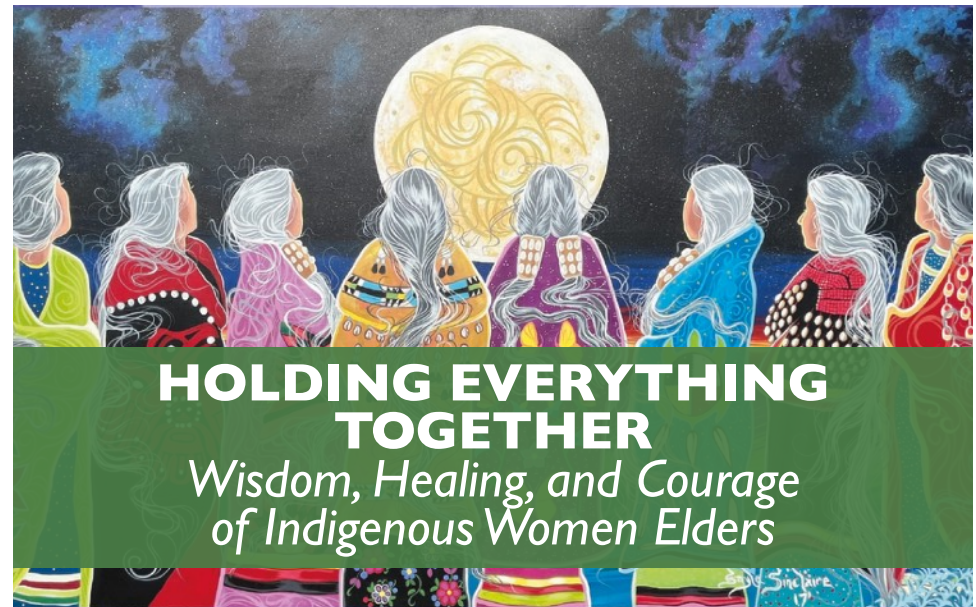




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We honor all Indigenous communities—past, present, and future—as we seek to create a safe space for all.



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Wisdom, Healing, and Courage
of Indigenous Women Elders

Book launch/presentation in support
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Sunday, October 6, 2024

Mohonk Mountain House Conference Center

HOLDING EVERYTHING TOGETHER: Wisdom, Healing, and Courage of Indigenous Women Elders

PRESENTED BY MOHONK CONSULTATIONS
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and Mohonk Mountain House.

Sunday, October 6, 3–5:30 p.m.

PROGRAM

Opening Ceremony

- “Ohenton Karihwaterhkwen” (Haudenosaunee Thanksgiving Address), Louise Herne
- Song of Welcome

Welcome

- Eric Gullickson, Mohonk Mountain House
- Patricia Matteson, Mohonk Consultations

Introduction

- Dr. José Barreiro Hatueyael

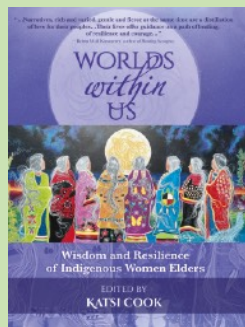
Worlds within Us Readings and Discussion

- Tekatsi:tsia'kwa Katsi Cook
- Loretta Afraid of Bear Cook
- Wakérakats:te Louise Herne
- Randi Barreiro (moderator)

Audience Questions

Closing Remarks

Mingle/Book Signings



Worlds within Us: Wisdom and Resilience of Indigenous Women Elders. Spirit Aligned Leadership Program and Guaní Press, 2024.

Copies of this newly published book, edited by Katsi Cook and featuring the voices of eight Native American women elders, can be purchased in the Conference Center lobby throughout today's program or online at guanipress.com.

Program Presenters



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Tekatsi:tsia'kwa Katsi Cook (Wolf Clan, Mohawk Nation, New York) is an Onkwehonweh Traditional Midwife, Elder, and Executive Director of Spirit Aligned Leadership Program. Katsi's body of work spans many worlds and disciplines and demonstrates a lifelong career of advancing the cultural superlatives of Indigenous knowledge at the intersections of environmental reproductive health and justice, research, and policy.



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Loretta Afraid of Bear Cook (Oglala Lakota, Pine Ridge, South Dakota) is among the gems of the Indigenous traditional world. She is a natural inheritor of her Lakota people's extensive knowledge and a fluent speaker of their ancient language. Loretta was chosen by her elders to uphold and teach the Seven Sacred Ceremonies to the coming generations. She possesses mastery over all of the ceremonial rituality associated with the tradition of the Sacred Pipe, Sun Dance, and other spiritual practices that promote unity.



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Wakérakats:te Louise Herne (Bear Clan, Mohawk Nation, New York) is a traditionalist leader and consistent innovator who illuminates the journey of her people to regenerate love for themselves, their children, and their ancestral culture. Louise has presented at the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and lectures regularly at universities throughout Canada and the United States on Ratinohsón:ni philosophies and self-determination in regard to women.

Dr. José Barreiro Hatueyael (Taino Nation) is a novelist, essayist, journalist and activist, whose four-decade career has been dedicated to sociocultural issues and the defense and well-being of Indigenous peoples of the American hemisphere. He was a professor of Native American Studies at Cornell University, and served as director of the Office for Latin America at the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian. José was also senior editor of *Indian Country Today* and *Native Americas*.

Randi Barreiro (Wolf Clan, Mohawk Nation, New York) is a communications specialist and entrepreneur. Randi's work can be found in print or online in *Indian Country Today*, *National Museum of the American Indian* magazine, *Native Americas*, North Country Public Radio, Akwesasne TV, *Indian Time* and other Native media and trade publications. Her individual and collaborative work has been recognized by the Native American Journalists Association, the National Center for American Indian Enterprise, as well as the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development's Honoring Nations.