

PRESENTER: BARBARA ALICE MANN

TITLE: “WHERE ARE YOUR WOMEN?”

DESCRIPTION:

“Where are your women?” is a direct quote from the great Cherokee chief Atagulkalu at an eighteen-century conference in Charles Town, South Carolina, asking the British where the rest of their negotiating delegation was. Indian women, who have been socially, spiritually, economically, and politically equal to—and indeed leaders of—men in most indigenous cultures, have been deliberately excised from our history books. This presentation will discuss how Native American women’s leadership has been excised from history, and how modern Indigenous women are taking back their authority, in a potential model for all women.

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