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## Pocahontas Symposium at Virginia Museum of History & Culture

### Virginia Indian Tribal Leaders, Nationally Renowned Scholars and Representative from Gravesend, England to Discuss her Life, Legend and Legacy

Richmond, VA — Few figures from the American past are better known than the young Powhatan woman we call, “Pocahontas.” Her fame began in her own lifetime and has endured for more than 400 years. ***Pocahontas: Her Life, Legend, and Legacy*** is a half-day symposium that will take place at the Virginia Museum of History & Culture (VMHC) on Wednesday, November 14, 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Virginia Indian Tribal Leaders will join nationally renowned scholars and a representative from Pocahontas’ final resting place in England to tell the remarkable story of this Indian Princess from both English and Native American perspectives. Distinguished national and international panelists will lead discussions on what Pocahontas has come to represent as a cross-cultural ambassador, the role of religion and faith in her story, and the myths and realities that surround her. This groundbreaking program not only honors the Virginia Indian Tribes who played a key role in establishing the foundation of our country, but also acknowledges the heritage and identity of indigenous peoples who have often been overlooked in history. The symposium is cosponsored by the Virginia Museum of History & Culture and the 2019 Commemoration, America Evolution. Tickets are \$20 for VMHC members and \$30 for nonmembers. Pre-registration is recommended. Visit [VirginiaHistory.org/Pocahontas](http://VirginiaHistory.org/Pocahontas) for details.

SYMPOSIUM PARTICIPANTS	SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chief Ken Adams,</b> Upper Mattaponi Tribe</li> <li>• <b>Chief Stephen Adkins,</b> Chickahominy Tribe</li> <li>• <b>Rt. Rev. Carol Gallagher,</b> Episcopal Suffragan Bishop, South Dakota</li> <li>• <b>John Pagano,</b> Historical Interpretation Supervisor, Henricus Historical Park</li> <li>• <b>Dr. William M. S. Rasmussen,</b> Senior Curator, Virginia Museum of History &amp; Culture</li> <li>• <b>Chief Anne Richardson,</b> Rappahannock Tribe</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Helen C. Rountree,</b> Emeritus Professor of Anthropology, Old Dominion University</li> <li>• <b>Rev. Chris Stone,</b> Rector, St. Georges Church, Gravesend, England</li> </ul>	<p>1:30 pm: Arrivals/registration</p> <p>2:00 pm: Welcome</p> <p>2:15–3:15 pm: <b><i>Pocahontas – Ambassador of Cross Culture Understanding</i></b> Moderator: Chief Stephen Adkins (Chickahominy) Panelists: Dr. William M. S. Rasmussen (VMHC), John Pagano (Henricus), and Dr. Helen C. Rountree (ODU)</p> <p>3:20–4:00 pm: <b><i>Pocahontas – Religion and Faith</i></b> Moderator: Chief Anne Richardson (Rappahannock) Panelists: Rt. Rev. Carol Gallagher (South Dakota) and Rev. Chris Stone (Gravesend)</p> <p>4:00–4:20 pm: Break</p> <p>4:25–5:15 pm: <b><i>Pocahontas – Legacy, Myths, Realities and Relevance</i></b> Moderator: Chief Ken Adams (Upper Mattaponi) Panelists: Bill Rasmussen (VMHC) John Pagano (Henricus), Helen Rountree (ODU), Rt. Rev. Carol Gallagher (South Dakota), Rev. Chris Stone (Gravesend), Chief Anne Richardson (Rappahannock), and Chief Stephen Adkins (Chickahominy)</p> <p>5:15–5:30 pm: Concluding Remarks</p> <p>6:00 pm: Reception</p>

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