



## **Pocahontas: Her Life, Legend, & Legacy Symposium Speakers**

### **Chief Kenneth Adams**

Chief Kenneth Adams is Emeritus Chief of the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, serving as Chief from 2001 to 2016. From the early beginnings of the effort, he worked consistently for federal recognition of six of Virginia's tribes, which culminated in success in January of 2108. During Ken's tenure as chief, he also served as chairman of the board of trustees of Bacone College, which has a primary goal of educating Native Americans. Also, Chief Adams initiated a process in 2009 to establish a tribute to Virginia. *The Mantle* was completed on Virginia's Capitol Square in the spring of 2018 as a tribute and memorial to Virginia Indians.

### **Chief Stephen R. Adkins**

Chief Stephen R. Adkins was elected Chief of the Chickahominy Tribe in 2001. He also served on the school board for Charles City County, where he became aware of a void in the way the story of Virginia Indians was told in Virginia history classrooms. As chief, he has worked tirelessly on behalf of the Virginia Indian Tribes to gain federal recognition and to assure that America's leadership includes a Native American voice.

### **Rt. Rev. Carol Gallagher**

The Rt. Rev. Carol Gallagher, PhD, is a member of the Cherokee Tribe and serves as Canon for the Central Region of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts and as Bishop Missioner for the Bishop's Native Collaborative. She is the first American Indian female bishop in the Episcopal Church and the first Indigenous female bishop in the worldwide Anglican Communion. She is the author of *Reweaving the Sacred* (2008) and *Family Theology* (2012). She has served as Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Newark and the Diocese of Montana and as Bishop Suffragan in the Diocese of Southern Virginia.

### **Chief Robert Gray**

Chief Robert Gray has been chief of the Pamunkey Indian Tribe since 2015 and had previously served on Tribal Council for more than twenty-five years. He served thirty-two years in the U.S. Air Force, retiring as a chief master sergeant, and then he worked for the Air Force as a civilian for another six years. His current focus is ensuring the P successfully moves forward after federal recognition for the benefit of the tribe and its members.

## **John D. Pagano**

John D. Pagano is the Historical Interpretation Supervisor at Henricus Historical Park. He has worked as a special education teacher for eight years and as a historical advisor and military consultant on approximately thirty historical films and documentaries. Additionally, John is the author of approximately twenty articles about museum methodologies, military history, and American history. He was a member of the Chesterfield County and Henrico County delegation that participated in the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pocahontas' death in Gravesend, England in 2017.

## **Dr. William M.S. Rasmussen**

Dr. William M.S. Rasmussen is Senior Curator of Exhibitions and Lora M. Robins Curator of Art at the Virginia Museum of History & Culture. Before coming to the VMHC in 1991, Bill was the assistant curator of American Art at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. He is the author and co-author of many articles and books on a variety of historical subjects, including *Pocahontas: Her Life and Legend*; *George Washington: The Man Behind the Myths*; *Lee and Grant*; and most recently, *The Story of Virginia: Highlights from the Virginia Museum of History & Culture*.

## **Chief G. Anne Richardson**

Chief G. Anne Richardson is the chief of the Rappahannock Tribe. She was elected in 1998 after serving as assistant chief to her father. In 1989, she helped organize the United Indians of Virginia, which was established as an inter-tribal organization represented by all eight tribal Chiefs in Virginia. In 1991, she became executive director of the Mattaponi-Pamunkey-Monacan, Inc., a consortium of Virginia tribes formed to advocate in higher education programs for Native Americans. VA Governor Terry McAuliffe appointed her to serve on his Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Commission in 2017.

## **Dr. Helen C. Rountree**

Dr. Helen C. Rountree is Professor Emerita of Anthropology at Old Dominion University, where she began researching the Powhatan Indians in Virginia, both modern and historical, in 1969. She expanded her research to Algonquian-speaking Indians in Maryland and North Carolina. Helen is the author of numerous articles and books, including *The Powhatan Indians of Virginia: Their Traditional Culture*; *Pocahontas's People: The Powhatan Indians of Virginia Through Four Centuries*; and *Pocahontas, Powhatan, and Opechancanough: Three Indian Lives Changed by Jamestown*.

## **Rev. Chris Stone**

The Reverend Canon Chris Stone is the retired rector of St. George's Church, Gravesend, in the United Kingdom, where he served from 2007 to 2018. St. George's is recognized as the final resting place of Pocahontas. Before his time at St. George's, Chris worked closely with the Bishop of Rochester, starting in 1996. After graduation, Chris spent more than 20 years working for the BBC, where he was a BBC Radio documentary maker, with historical topics as one of his specialties.