

Native American Studies Center

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2018 Lunch and Learn Series

FRIDAY
May
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All are invited to attend these free monthly lectures which usually cover topics related to local and regional culture and history.

12 noon to 1:00 p.m.

Participants are invited to bring a bag lunch.

Location: Native American Studies Center

119 South Main Street, Lancaster, SC

“The Catawba Nation in the American Revolution”

By: Alexia Jones Helsley, Senior Instructor of History & University Archivist, USC Aiken

Historically, Europeans feared and respected Catawba warriors. The Catawba played significant roles in Colonial Wars, especially the French and Indian War. But by the time of the American Revolution, their numbers were greatly reduced. Yet, when South Carolina sought independence, the Catawba supported their cause. Few histories of the Revolution in South Carolina discuss the Catawba Nation’s involvement in the American Revolution. When the subject is mentioned, leading historians use the term “negligible” to describe the contribution of these once feared warriors. But is that all of the story? This lecture reviews the literature and relevant sources and offers a more nuanced perspective on the Nation’s significance in South Carolina’s great fight for freedom.



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Please direct any questions or comments regarding the series to Brent Burgin at 803-313-7063 or wburgin@sc.edu.

Mr. Burgin welcomes suggestions and ideas for future talks and speakers.

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