

# University of South Carolina Lancaster Native American Studies Center 2016 Lunch and Learn Series Native American Heritage Month

**FRIDAY**  
**November**  
**18**

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 pm

Participants are invited to bring a bag lunch.

Location:

Native American  
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119 South Main  
Street, Lancaster, SC



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## Catawba Indian Land Leasing System: A Catawba Perspective By: Dr. Brooke Bauer

In 1782, a delegation of Catawba Indian leaders traveled from South Carolina to meet with members of the Congress in Philadelphia, where they requested aid to secure and preserve their 144,000-acre reservation from white settlement.



Congress recommended that the South Carolina legislature settle the issue to the benefit of the Catawbas. Yet fourteen years later, Catawbas lived on a tiny fraction of their earlier domain. All they had left was a mere 500 acres where they located their towns, built their houses, cultivated their fields, and collected clay for their pots. What had happened? How had they managed to lose so much so quickly? Moreover, how is it that they have a communal land base, a reservation, today? Dr. Bauer will briefly examine the answers to these questions in her Lunch and Learn talk.

Please direct any questions or comments regarding the series to Brent Burgin at 803-313-7063 or [wburgin@sc.edu](mailto:wburgin@sc.edu). Mr. Burgin welcomes suggestions and ideas for future talks and speakers.

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