"To Keep the Indians in Awe’: The Conundrum of Cherokee Violence during the California Gold Rush.”

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Dr. Rose Stremlau is a professor at Davidson College in North Carolina, where she teaches courses about American women’s history, the history of sexualities in the United States, and Native American history.

Her 2012 book, Sustaining the Cherokee Family: Kinship and the Allotment of an Indigenous Nation, was published by the University of North Carolina Press and won the 2012 Willie Lee Rose Prize from the Southern Association for Women’s Historians. Dr. Stremlau’s current project continues to examine gender in the Native South with a concentration on the Cherokee women who survived the Trail of Tears, participated in the CA gold rush, and migrated to Hawaii. Her manuscript focuses largely on intermarriage and adaptation of household economic strategies, the CA part on sexual violence and genocide, including Cherokee complicity in the genocide of CA Indians, and the Hawaii part on education and Indian women’s entrepreneurship.

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