

OLLI Speaker Dr. Gerald Reid
Indigenous Voices
Beadworkers and Borderlines
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Gerald Reid is Professor of Anthropology and Sociology at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Connecticut. He earned a bachelor's degree in anthropology from UMass/Amherst, a master's degree in social science from the University of Chicago, and Ph.D. in anthropology from UMass/Amherst. Dr. Reid's research interests focus on cultural and political development and revitalization among the Haudenosaunee in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, particularly in **Kanien'kehá:ka (Mohawk)** communities in Quebec and Ontario. His published work includes *Chief Thunderwater: An Unexpected Indian in Unexpected Places* (University of Oklahoma Press, 2021), "Beadwork and Border Lines: Kahnawà:ke Women Craftworkers and the Assertion of Rotinonshiónni Border Crossing Rights in the Late Nineteenth Century," *Iroquoia* (Volume 6, October 2020), "To Renew Our Fire': Political Activism, Nationalism, and Identity in Three Rotinonshionni Communities" (*Tribal Worlds: Critical Studies in American Indian Nation Building* edited by Brian Hosmer and Larry Nesper, State University of New York Press, 2013), "Illegal Alien? The Immigration Case of Mohawk Ironworker Paul K. Diabo" (*American Philosophical Society Proceedings*, Volume 151, No. 1, 2007), and *Kahnawà:ke: Factionalism, Traditionalism, and Nationalism in a Mohawk Community* (University of Nebraska Press, 2004).

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In his presentation on April 28th, Dr. Reid will provide an overview of his recent research on a petition that beadworkers from the Kanien'kehá:ka community of Kahnawà:ke sent to the U.S. Congress in 1898 and use it as a jumping off point to discuss the history of the Kahnawà:ke community, Canadian Indian policy during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, political and cultural revitalization in Kahnawà:ke during this time period, and a beadwork oral history project he has initiated with the Kanien'kehá:ka Onkwawén:na Raotitíóhkwa Language and Cultural Center in Kahnawà:ke.