



## “Brotherhood & Belonging,” Historic Huguenot Street’s Largest Event on Indigenous History and Culture to Date, Set for September 21

### BROTHERHOOD AND BELONGING

Hendrick Aupaumut’s Assertion of Indigenous Rights and Settler Responsibility

Saturday, September 21, 2019 | 4 to 6:30 PM

On September 21, Historic Huguenot Street will host a program focused on the history and culture of the Munsee and Mohican people, and highlight the efforts and accomplishments of Chief Hendrick Aupaumut. Aupaumut was born at *Wnahtukook*, or Stockbridge, in a shared English-Mohican community. He served with the colonial forces in the American Revolution, was a traditional leader, and was instrumental to the community’s reconstruction in the wake of war and displacement.

The evening will include an exhibit of Munsee artifacts and a recently acquired letter written by Aupaumut, an opportunity to explore HHS’s replica wigwam, complimentary sample tastings of culturally appropriate dishes made with indigenous ingredients, a reading of Aupaumut’s letter by a member of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community, an educational lecture presented by Indigenous Studies scholar Dr. Lisa Brooks, and participatory breakout sessions where attendees will be able to discuss specific topics with cultural representatives, researchers, and scholars.

Learn more and register online at [huguenotstreet.org](http://huguenotstreet.org).

Image credit: Correspondence of Hendrick Aupaumut to New York State Legislature. Bevier-Hasbrouck Family Papers. Gift of Mary Frances Stokes-Jansen, 2016. Sponsored by Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union and Jim DeMaio - State Farm Insurance Agent of New Paltz. Funded in part by Humanities New York with support from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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Guests will be able to view the letter written by Chief Hendrick Aupaumut to the New York State Legislature (circa 1790), as well as several cases of Munsee archaeological artifacts. Outside of the Visitor Center, an interpreter will provide information about HHS's replica Esopus Munsee wigwam, which was constructed in 2017. Attendees will be encouraged to make their way to the outdoor event tent, where they may sample dishes created by indigenous Chef Quentin Glabus before finding a seat for the program.

Craig Kroening Jr., Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council Member and descendent of Chief Hendrick Aupaumut will read the letter aloud to the audience. Following the reading, Bonney Hartley, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Stockbridge Munsee Mohican Nation, will introduce the main speaker for the event, Dr. Lisa Brooks. Dr. Brooks will present her lecture, "Brotherhood and Belonging: Hendrick Aupaumut's Assertion of Indigenous Rights and Settler Responsibility." The evening will end with three 20-minute breakout sessions hosted by cultural representatives, researchers, and scholars.

Interested attendees can learn more about the event and breakout sessions, and register at <https://www.huguenotstreet.org/brotherhood-belonging>. "Brotherhood & Belonging" is Sponsored by [Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union](#) and Jim DeMaio – State Farm Insurance Agent of New Paltz. Funded in part by Humanities New York with support from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

### **About Historic Huguenot Street**

*A National Historic Landmark District, Historic Huguenot Street is a 501(c)3 non-profit that encompasses 30 buildings across 10 acres comprising the heart of the original 1678 New Paltz settlement, including seven stone houses dating to the early eighteenth century. Historic Huguenot Street was founded in 1894 as the Huguenot Patriotic, Historical, and Monumental Society to preserve the nationally acclaimed collection of stone houses. Since then, Historic Huguenot Street has grown into an innovative museum, chartered as an educational corporation by the University of the State of New York Department of Education that is dedicated to protecting our historic buildings, preserving an important collection of artifacts and manuscripts, and promoting the stories of the Huguenot Street families from the seventeenth century to today.*

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