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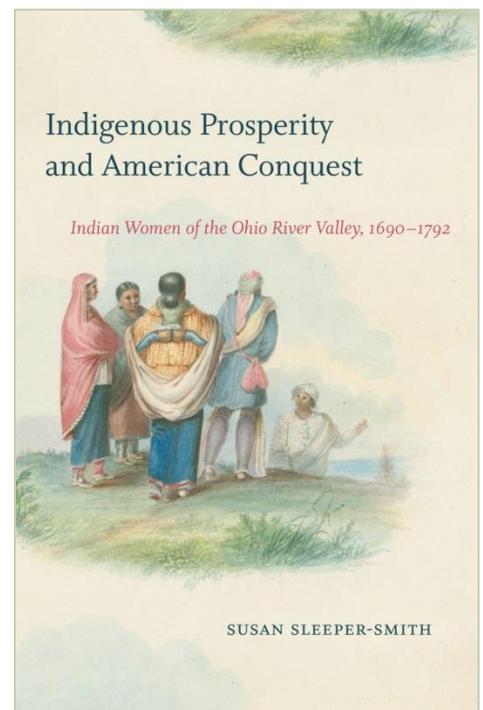
Meet the Author  
**Susan Sleeper-Smith**

## *Indigenous Prosperity and American Conquest* *Indian Women of the Ohio River Valley, 1690-1792*

**Thursday, April 25, 2019**

**6:00 Author Talk, 7:00 Book Signing**

This book recovers the agrarian village world Indian women created in the lush lands of the Ohio Valley. Algonquian-speaking Indians living in a crescent of towns along the Wabash tributary of the Ohio were able to evade and survive the Iroquois onslaught of the seventeenth century, to absorb French traders and Indigenous refugees, to export peltry, and to harvest riparian, wetland, and terrestrial resources of every description and breathtaking richness. But by the late nineteenth century, Appalachian squatters, aspiring land barons, and ambitious generals invaded this settled agrarian world, burned crops, looted towns, and erased evidence of Ohio Indian achievement. This book restores the Ohio River valley as Native space.



**Susan Sleeper-Smith**, interim director of the Newberry's McNickle Center for American Indian and Indigenous studies and professor of history at Michigan State University, will be interviewed by **Jesse Dukes**, Audio Producer for WBEZ Chicago and author of the interactive website, *Without Native Americans, Would We Have Chicago as We Know It?* Sleeper-Smith is also author of *Indian Women and French Men: Rethinking Cultural Encounter in the Western Great Lakes*.

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