

INTRODUCING A NEW SERIES:

The Lyda Conley Series on Trailblazing Indigenous Futures

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The Lyda Conley Series on Trailblazing Indigenous Futures honors Eliza “Lyda” Burton Conley (c. 1868-1946), who spent much of her life carving new pathways in order to protect her Wyandot community and ancestors in Kansas. Conley pursued a law degree and became the first Native American woman to argue a case in front of the U.S. Supreme Court in order to prevent the sale and upending of the Huron Cemetery in Kansas City, Kansas. Lyda Conley and her sisters, Helena and Ida, also physically protected the cemetery with



their bodies, building a shack in the cemetery that they occupied for years to provide round-the-clock defense. Conley was a trailblazer for countless other women and Native Americans who came after her, especially in the world of law. Using Lyda Conley’s life and work as a framework, this series features Indigenous trailblazers of the past, present, and future and promotes new scholarship within Native American and Indigenous studies that intersects with, but is not limited to: sovereignty, education, law, gender, as well as literature, culture, activism, and public history.



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