

Introduction

Debbie Reese, PhD, educator and founder of American Indians in Children's Literature (AICL) blog, delivered the 2019 May Hill Arbutnot Honor Lecture, "An Indigenous Critique of Whiteness in Children's Literature," on Saturday, April 13, at the Wisconsin Institutes for Discovery in Madison, Wisconsin.

Dr. Reese is a longtime advocate for Native representation and is a former teacher and university professor. She earned her PhD in Education from the University of Illinois, where she also helped establish the Native American House and American Indian Studies program. Dr. Reese also holds an M.Ed degree in Library and Information Science from San Jose State

University. She is tribally enrolled at Nambe Owingeh Pueblo in New Mexico.

Barbara A. Genco, 2019 Arbutnot committee chair, stated, "Our selection of Dr. Reese recognizes her strong modeling of inclusion, integrity, and respect (ALSC Core Values) via the timely insights she shares on the influential blog, *American Indians in Children's Literature*."

The 2019 lecture committee selected University of Wisconsin at Madison to serve as the host site for Dr. Reese's lecture. Three University units combined and collaborated in the hosting: the Cooperative Children's Book Center (CCBC), the School of Information (the ISchool), and the School of Education.



Ernie Cox, a member of the Arbutnot Honor Lecture committee, introduces Dr. Debbie Reese. (Photo by Durango Mendoza)



Aimee Strittmatter, ALSC Executive Director, Dr. Debbie Reese, 2019 Lecturer, Kathleen T. Horning, Cooperative Children's Book Center, and Jamie Campbell Naidoo, then-ALSC President. (Photo by Alena Rivers)

Kathleen T. Horning, Director of the CCBC, noted: "In our own diversity work, Debbie Reese's criticism has been so important in helping us evaluate accurate and authentic Native literature that we are thrilled with the honor of hosting her lecture. We look forward to making certain that her Arbutnot Lecture reaches a wide audience of teachers and librarians here in Wisconsin and beyond."

Members of the 2019 Arbutnot Honor Lecture Committee are: Chair Barbara A. Genco, consultant, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Ernie J. Cox, Prairie Creek Intermediate School, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Julie Dietzel-Glair, Baltimore, Md.; Rebecca D. Heard, Chicago Public Library; and Kiera Parrott, *Library Journal/School Library Journal*, Brooklyn, N.Y. &