

Lifetime Achievement Award

Winona LaDuke

The International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture is pleased to announce Winona LaDuke as the recipient of the 2023 Lifetime Achievement Award. This award recognizes distinguished scholars, writers, and leaders whose work has a relevance and eloquence that speaks not just to scholars, but more broadly to the public and across disciplines.



Winona LaDuke is a Harvard-educated economist, environmental activist, author, hemp farmer, grandmother, and a two-time former Green Party Vice President candidate. LaDuke specializes in rural development, economic, food, and energy sovereignty and environmental justice. Living and working on the White Earth reservation in northern Minnesota, she leads several organizations including Honor the Earth, Anishinaabe Agriculture Institute, Akiing, and Winona's Hemp. Among her many other contributions to environmental and social justice movements, LaDuke was an active leader in the 2017 protests at Standing Rock, where she acted as a Water Protector against the Dakota Access Pipeline.

LaDuke is the author of several books that speak to the intersections of religion, nature, and culture, including the novel *Last Standing Woman* (1997); *All Our Relations: Native Struggles for Land and Life* (1999); *Recovering the Sacred: The Power of Naming and Claiming* (2005); *The Militarization of Indian Country* (2011); and most recently, *To Be a Water Protector: Rise of the Wiindigoo Slayers* (2020).