

# The Simon Ortiz and Labriola Center Lecture on Indigenous Land, Culture, and Community

# Wilma Mankiller

*“Challenges Facing 21st-century Indigenous People”*

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7:00 p.m. Lecture | 8:00 p.m. Reception & Book Signing

Heard Museum, Steele Auditorium (2301 N Central Ave)

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**Wilma Mankiller** served for ten years as the first female Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation. Her work as a consultant and speaker on Native issues has been acknowledged by many honors and awards, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom—one of the two highest civilian awards in the United States. Mankiller has 18 honorary university doctorates, and has been a Chubb Fellow at Yale and a Montgomery Fellow at Dartmouth. She served as the Morse Chair Professor of Law and Politics at the University of Oregon in the fall of 2005, and has presented more than 100 lectures

at universities, and published more than a dozen papers in journals and newspapers. Among Mankiller's books are the autobiography, *Mankiller: A Chief and Her People* (1993), which became a national best-seller, and *A Reader's Companion to the History of Women in the U.S.* (1998), co-edited with Barbara Smith, Gloria Steinem, Gwendolyn Mink, and Marysa Navarro. Her book, *Every Day is a Good Day* (2004), a collection of “profound yet simple words from strong women” (*Booklist*), contains essays by contemporary Native women on issues of Indigenous spirituality, sovereignty, and culture.



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