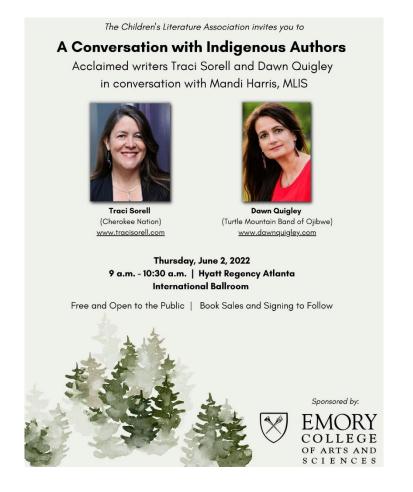


TWO SPECIAL EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Opening Plenary Session Featuring Indigenous Authors: Dawn Quigley and Traci Sorell Sponsored by Emory College of Arts and Sciences

Thursday, June 2 at 9 am ET

Join us for this very special opening session featuring Dawn Quigley and Traci Sorell, two leading voices in youth literature, in conversation with ChLA member Mandi Harris.





Dawn Quigley, Ph.D. and citizen of the Turtle Mountain Band of Ojibwe, ND, is an assistant professor at a Midwest university Education Department. She taught English and reading for 18+ years in the K-12 schools along with being an Indian Education program co-director. In addition to her debut coming-of-age Young Adult novel, <u>Apple in the Middle</u> (NDSU Press), "Joey Reads the Sky" in <u>Ancestor</u> <u>Approved: Intertribal Stories for Kids</u>, the chapter book series <u>Jo Jo Makoons: The</u> <u>Used to Be Best Friend</u> (book #1); Jo Jo Makoons: Fancy Pants (#2), Red Bird Danced (forthcoming novel-in-verse), and <u>Native American Heroes</u> (Scholastic Books). Dawn has over 30 published articles, essays and poems. She lives in Minnesota with her family. Learn more about Dawn and her work at dawnguigley.com/.



Traci Sorell is a Cherokee Nation citizen and award-winning author of fiction and nonfiction for young people. Her first five books all received awards from the American Indian Library Association: *We Are Still Here! Native American Truths Everyone Should Know* (Charlesbridge, 2021), illustrated by Frané Lessac; *Classified: The Secret Career of Mary Golda Ross, Cherokee Aerospace Engineer* (Millbrook), illustrated by Natasha Donovan; *At the Mountain's Base* (Kokila, 2019), illustrated by Weshoyot Alvitre; *Indian No More* (Tu Books, 2019), with Charlene Willing McManis; and *We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga* (Charlesbridge, 2018),

illustrated by Frané Lessac. Her titles have also received two Sibert Honors, two Orbis Plctus Honors, and a *Boston Globe-Horn Book* Honor. In 2022, Traci shares two new titles, the fiction picture book *Powwow Day* (Charlesbridge), illustrated by Madelyn Goodnight, and her first chapter book biography, focused on the late Cherokee Nation Principal Chief, Wilma Mankiller, in the She Persisted series (Philomel). A former federal Indigenous law attorney and advocate, Traci lives with her family on her tribe's reservation in northeastern Oklahoma. Learn more about Traci and her work at <u>www.tracisorell.com</u>.

Moderator: Mandi Harris is a Cherokee Nation citizen and an Information Science PhD student. Her research uses Indigenous Systems of Knowledge to examine education, literature, media, and the futures of libraries. She has a Master of Library and Information Science degree from the University of Washington. Mandi has nearly a decade of experience working in youth services at public libraries. Most recently, she was the Children's Librarian at Coeur d'Alene Public Library in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, where she oversaw collection development and programming for children ages birth-12. Story time is her favorite place to be, and she loves seeing children and families learn and grow. She believes in the power of libraries and literature to connect communities.

An Evening with Nic Stone in Collaboration with The Auburn Avenue Research Library on African American Culture and History

Friday, June 3 at 6:30 pm ET

As part of the 2022 Children's Literature Association Conference, we proudly invite conference attendees and the general public to a free conversation with best-selling young-adult author Nic Stone.





Nic Stone was born and raised in a suburb of Atlanta, GA, and the only thing she loves more than an adventure is a good story about one. After graduating from Spelman College, she worked extensively in teen mentoring and lived in Israel for a few years before returning to the U.S. to write full-time. Growing up with a wide range of cultures, religions, and backgrounds, Stone strives to bring these diverse voices and stories to her work.