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Among the Vanguard: Women at War in the Borderlands of the Early American Northwest

English, French, and Native women in the “northeastern borderlands” fulfilled essential public, martial roles in the expansionist and colonial contests of the region’s European and Native polities from approximately 1630-1763. Women from dozens of polities lived on the front lines of these conflicts in fortified “vanguard” communities that served as bulwarks oriented in a variety of compass directions. Women throughout the region performed a wide range of martial activities because gender ideologies of the period supported public roles for women in war. This paper explores the memories of women’s war-making and their influence on the early nineteenth century.

Please Join Us Friday Oct. 28th
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4:30-6:00 PM

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