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Professor Lowery is a member of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina. The Lumbees are the largest Native American tribe east of the Mississippi and the ninth largest in the nation. Her book, "Lumbee Indians in the Jim Crow South: Race, Identity, and the Making of a Nation" (UNC Press, 2010), received the 2011 Labriola American Indian Center National Book Award, presented by Arizona State University, and Best 2010 First Book from the Native American and Indigenous Studies Association. She has produced four documentary films about Native American issues, including the award-winning "In the Light of Reverence," which aired on PBS in 2001 to over 3 million people. Two previous films, "Real Indian" and "Sounds of Faith," examine Lumbee identity and culture. She is co-producer of a documentary film about domestic violence called "Private Violence."

She is also co-producer of "A Chef's Life" on PBS.

Native American History, Social and Political History, Southern History, Foodways, Race and Ethnicity, Documentary Film, Oral History, Community-Engaged Research, Historical Geography

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M.A. 2002/ Ph.D. 2005 History

Stanford University

M.A. Documentary Film and Video

Harvard University

A.B. History and Literature

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