

York Diversity Forum Film Event, November 13, 2015  
*The Penobscot Ancestral River, Contested Territory*

**Bio: Sherri Mitchell, Discussion Leader**

Sherri Mitchell was born and raised on the Penobscot Indian reservation. She graduated with a Bachelor's degree from the University of Maine, Magna Cum Laude, and received her Juris Doctorate and a certificate in Indigenous People's Law and Policy from the University of Arizona's James E. Rogers College of Law. Sherri has been an advocate for Indigenous Rights for more than 20 years. She was a participant in both the American Indian Ambassador program, and the Udall Native American Congressional Internship program. In 2010, she received the Mahoney Dunn International Human Rights and Humanitarian Award, for research into Human Rights violations against Indigenous Peoples, and she is the 2015 recipient of the Spirit of Maine Award. Sherri was a longtime advisor to the American Indian Institute's Healing the Future Program and currently serves as an advisor to the Indigenous Elders and Medicine People's Council of North and South America.

Sherri is a licensed attorney, admitted to practice in the state of Maine and several tribal courts. She currently serves as the Executive Director of the Land Peace Foundation, an organization dedicated to the protection of Indigenous rights and the preservation of the Indigenous way of life.