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"The Importance of Enslaved Native American Knowledge and Labor to Early South Carolina Agriculture"

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Early South Carolina colonists discovered that Indigenous foodways and agricultural practices worked better in the lowcountry than their idealized provisioning regime. Through the labor of enslaved Native women and children, planters incorporated Indigenous agriculture to operate successful plantations, despite its departure from European models. This talk considers the Native knowledge and labor planters appropriated alongside and in conjunction with rice production, overlooked by scholars, illuminating a more complex history of South Carolina.

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