Rowen White (Mohawk), co-founder of the Sierra Seeds Cooperative, board member of Seed Savers exchange, farmer, and educator, visited Cornell in spring of 2016. She spoke at the AIS 2100 seminar: Indigenous Ingenuities as Living Networks led by Professor Rickard, gave a public lecture, offered a seed saving workshop at the Akwe:kon house, and spoke throughout on her work in the preservation of native seeds and traditional knowledge around them. White shared her path from gardening as a child with her mother, to working on her university’s organic farm, to feeling the importance of shortening the supply chain, appreciating the vastness in varieties of plants, and becoming a dedicated steward of seeds and Haudenosaunee knowledge. Nourishment as the basis of sovereignty anchors White’s practice, seeds are central,
and a proliferation of objects, ideas, and practices are enmeshed. She spoke on the intergenerational nature of her work, cultivating intimacy with food, cultivating ancestral connection through seed saving, the stories of seeds, and ways of healing historical trauma. White’s talk opened a conversation on seed keeping as resistance, responsibility, remembering, and homecoming.

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