A CO-LEARNING JOURNEY TWO-EYED SEEING & INTEGRATIVE SCIENCE

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LET'S ALL HELP EACH OTHER: A CONFERENCE ON ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY BASED RESEARCH

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A CO-LEARNING JOURNEY

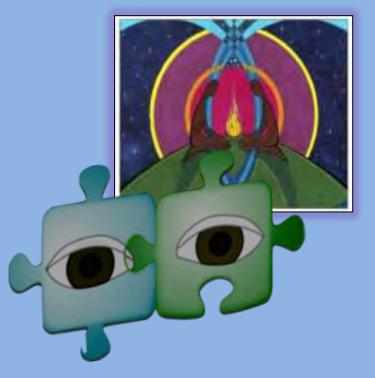
of teaching ourselves ways to bring together ...

MI'KMAW TRADITIONAL
KNOWLEDGE
(Indigenous)

and

MAINSTREAM MODERN
SCIENCE
(Western)







A CO-LEARNING JOURNEY

Go into the forest ...



... you see the birch, maple, pine. Look underground and all those trees are holding hands. We as people must do the same.

(words of late Mi'kmaw Chief, Spiritual Elder and Healer Charlie Labrador)





collaboration

Three Basic Ways*

that transdisciplinary research teams organize their collaboration in order to reach integration:

- 1. deliberation among experts
- 2. work by subgroup or individual
- 3. common group learning 🔇

"CO-LEARNING"

= our way

* Pohl, C., Kerkhoff, L., Hadorn, G.H., Bammer, G. 2008. Integration. *In: Hadorn, G.H., Hoffman*-Riem, H., Biber-Klemm, S., Grossenbacher-Mansuy, W., Joye, D., Phol, C., Wiesmann, U., and Zemp, E. (eds), Handbook of Transdisciplinary Research. (pp. 411-424). *Heidelberg, Germany: Springer*.



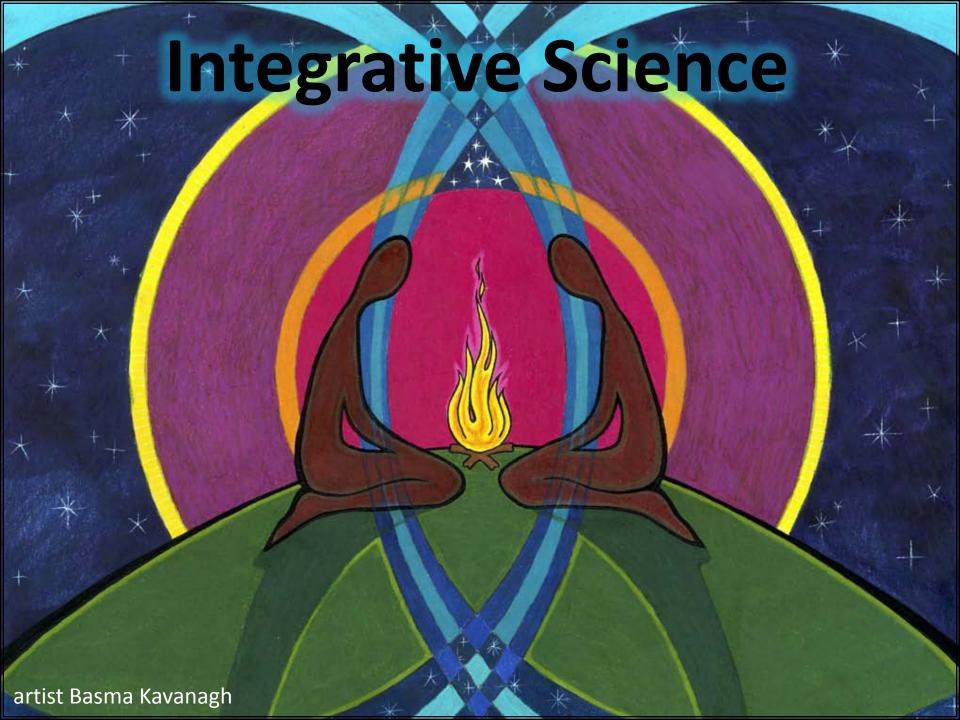
"CO-LEARNING" ... we pioneered this within the Integrative Science program at Cape Breton University.
"We" = researchers, Mi'kmaw Elders and educators ... our approach continues to evolve.

DEFINITION: "Integrative Science"

What: bring together Indigenous and Western scientific knowledges and ways of knowing

Why: for the purposes of science education, science research, science applications, and science outreach to youth and communities







SEVEN BASIC LESSONS LEARNED

ACKNOWLEDGE WE

1. NEED TO LEARN FROM

EACH OTHER ...

co-learning journey

2. TWO-EYED SEEING

4. GROW FORWARD WAY

revitalize

LANGUAGE

share **STORIES**

6. use VISUALS

3. view "SCIENCE" inclusively

put our **VALUES** + **ACTIONS**

5. + KNOWLEDGES in front of us ... like an object

7. WEAVE
back and forth
between our worldviews

Stories

Traditionally, nothing was taught as black and white. Everything was story ... where you have the responsibility to listen and reflect. This is a much more profound way of learning because you have the opportunity for <u>relationship</u> with the knowledge.

Elder Albert Marshall Mi'kmaw Nation



I must bring <u>relationships</u> into my life. If a sense of <u>relationship</u> with the knowledge is not identified, then it becomes a duty and you memorize to appease someone. The understandings have not been assimilated; the head and heart have not been connected.

(words of Elder Albert Marshall)

Stories

The foundational basis for any relationship is an exchange of stories.



(words of Elder Albert Marshall)





If only we would spend a few moments to determine if there are possibilities for change

... to hear the

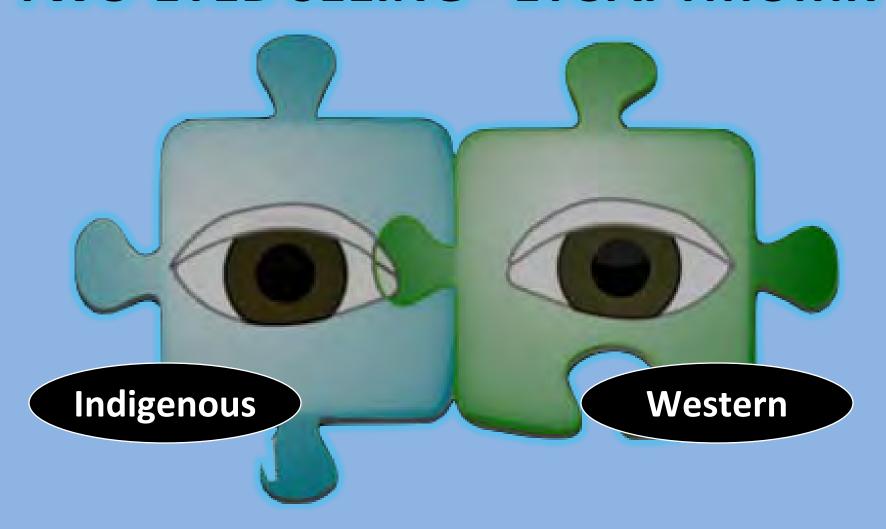
STORIES

from cultures other than our own.

(words of Elder Albert Marshall)



TWO-EYED SEEING - ETUAPTMUMK



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LEARN ... to see from one eye with the best in our Indigenous ways of knowing and from the other eye with the best in the Western (mainstream) ways of knowing ...

... and learn to use both these eyes together, for the benefit of all.

(Guiding Principle in the words of Elder Albert Marshall, Mi'kmaw Nation)





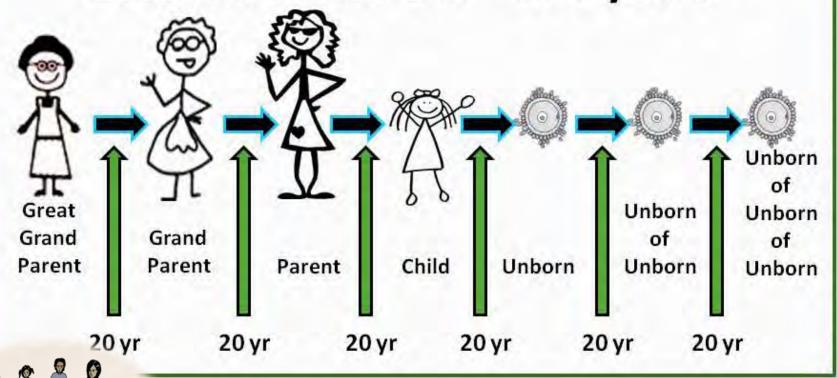


Our Mi'kmaq culture is built on long term vision and our decisions were made with the next Seven Generations in mind.

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SEVEN GENERATIONS ≈ 840 years

ONE GENERATION ≈ 120 years



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So this is what we truly believe. This is what reinforces our spiritualities:

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that no one being is greater than the next, that we are part and parcel of the whole, we are equal, and that each one of us has a responsibility to the balance of the system.



words of Mi'kmaw Elder Albert Marshall from cover of:

Student Training Manual for BEAHR (Building Environmental Aboriginal Human Resources), a national joint venture of ECO (Environmental Careers Organization) – Canada and AHRC (Aboriginal Human Resource Council)

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Mi'kmaw Traditional Knowledge

was <u>never</u> meant to be static and stay in the past.

Rather, we must bring it into the present so that everything becomes meaningful in our lives and in our communities.

(words of Mi'kmaw Elder Murdena Marshall)

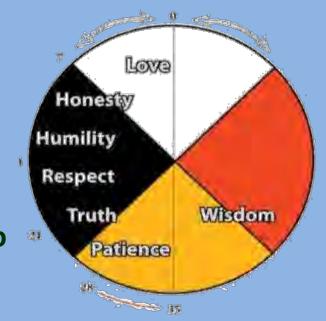


Our Mi'kmaw language is the key to how our actions will unfold. Each word is much deeper than only taking care of an object. Animacy brings personal connection ... such that actions fit actions (everything is in the picture) and we are always mindful of the ...

First Sacred Gift of Life: LOVE

EXAMPLES

- 1) pekajo'tmnej = consider all aspects ... action is harmonious
- 2) wulo'tmnej = love some one ... action is care
- 3) sespite'tmnej = worry about what you do ... action is guided









It is Living Knowledge and its "Principle for Humility" is based on Lnu'k knowledge that has been evolving for the past 10,000 years.



values, actions, knowledge of interconnectiveness



Extent of ice 11,000 years ago. People lived at the Debert site sometime between 11,000 and 10,000 years ago.

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Netukulimk ... teaches you Co-existence

"When we look at Creator, if it was meant for me to know everything that I needed to get along, then I would only be one person in the world. Instead, each person is given a skill and develops those skills."

Interdependence

"If some person is struggling, apply your skills to compensate for that person. Some days I'm down and out ... the Community will not let me go hungry."

Community Spirit

"The sense of community is constantly triggered ... [you're] fine tuning your skills to live in balance and harmony with others. It's a sense of community enmeshed in total being."

words of Mi'kmaw Elder Albert Marshall

from: Master's thesis research "Mi'kmaw traditional knowledge of eels" by Sana Kavanagh

This is living knowledge. It has a cosmology or worldview of interconnectiveness.

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VALUES,
ACTIONS,
and
KNOWLEDGE

... all towards:

interconnectiveness

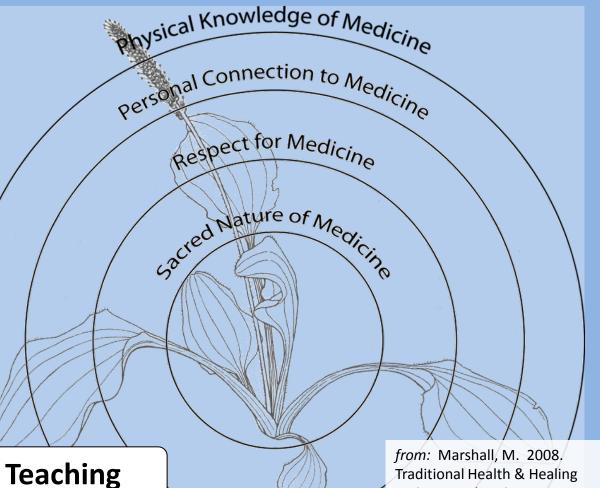


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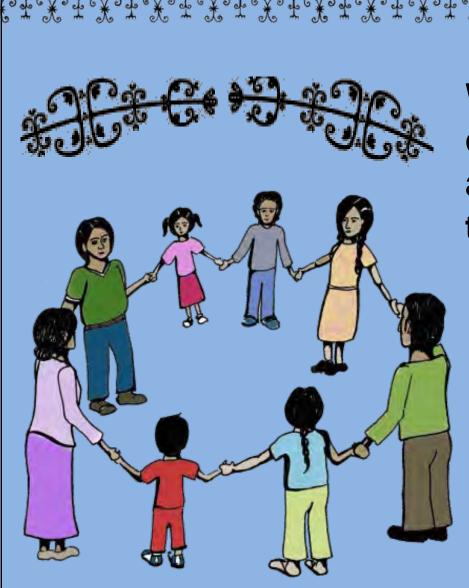


Mi'kmaw Elder Murdena Marshall



Sacred Circle Teaching

and Women's Roles. Workshop Module Materials.

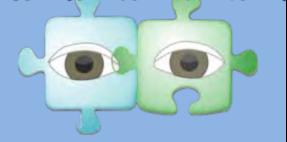


We need to come together as one where all these things can be taken in.

Our Mi'kmaw culture is still very much alive ... and we can extract those principles of how one can sustain oneself without compromising abilities for the future.

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Everything that we do to our natural world ... we also do to ourselves.

image: www.blackfootcrossing.ca

Our language teaches us that everything alive is both physical and spiritual.

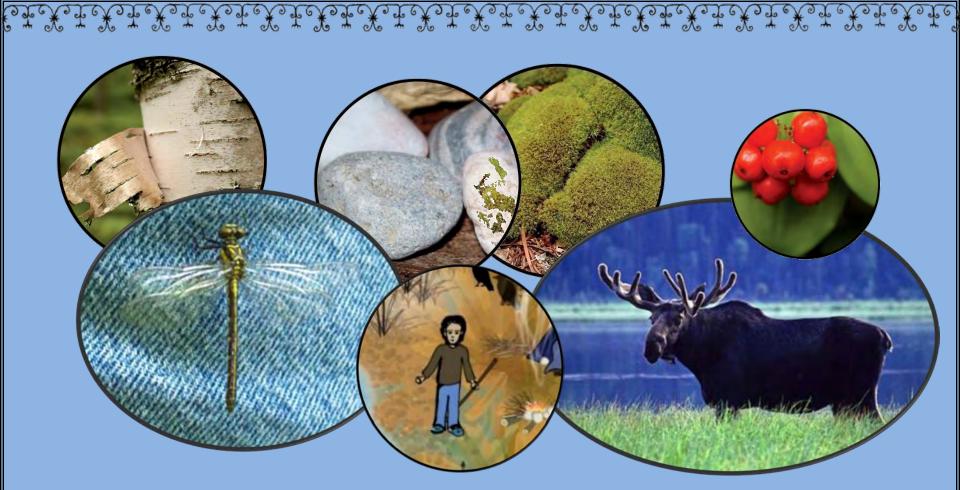
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The onus is on the person to look at our natural world with two perspectives.

Modern science sees objects, but our language teaches us to see subjects.







Humans possess responsibilities.
Other species possess rights.





transform the concept ... to mean to try:

... to balance economic interests

with those of conservation, environment, and culture

... to ensure no project will degrade our Earth Mother





What is the objective when we speak of economic development?

Are there to be benefits to a select few, or will it be from a First Nation perspective?



We have to sustain ourselves at this particular time (era). But we need not just mirror or copy current



economic models where entrepreneurs or others can maximize profit without concern for the collective or the environment. How are we to provide input?



We understand economic development as somewhat foreign ... one objective has to be to provide opportunities for groups of people so they can sustain themselves adequately, plus the community. But, at the same time as we are using Gifts from Creator, we must:

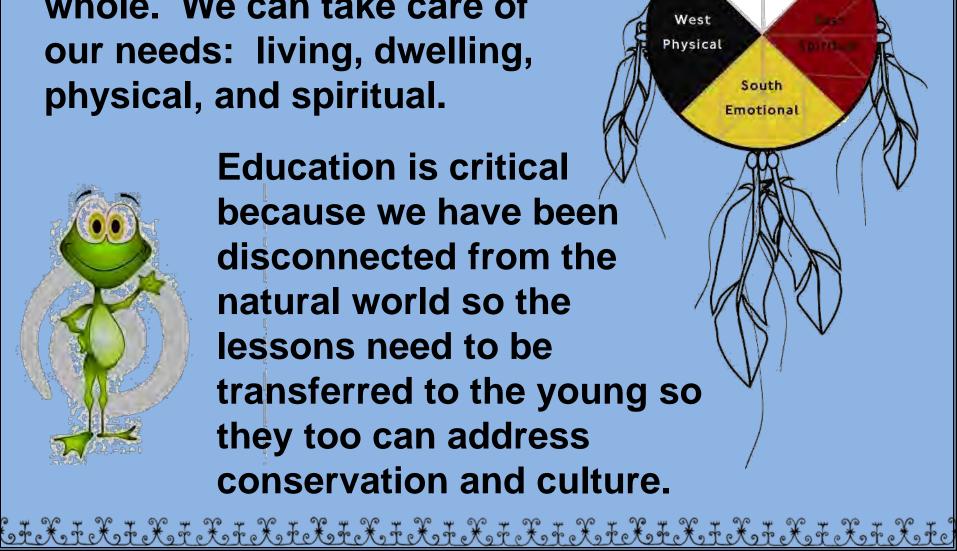
1) NOT compromise ecological integrity, and

2) ALWAYS look into the future so next generations have the same opportunities.

Through utilization of the Gifts from Creator we can become whole. We can take care of our needs: living, dwelling, physical, and spiritual.



Education is critical because we have been disconnected from the natural world so the lessons need to be transferred to the young so they too can address conservation and culture.



Cognitive





With the "Myth of False Security" we have not been able to practice teachings from the Ancestors.

These teachings may not provide benefits in the short term, but by following them we can enjoy the Gifts that Creator has given us and at same time ensure that our Earth Mother is healthy and then humans and all other species will also be healthy. If they are not healthy, then how can we sustain ourselves?





We have to dissociate ourselves from the "Myth of False Security" that the industrial revolution has instilled in our minds.







All these things that Creator has given us are sustenance in both the physical and spiritual sense.

Consciousness of Knowing

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artist Basma Kavanagh

Co-existence
Interrelativeness
Interconnectiveness
Community Spirit
... with each other and
with Mother Earth

All people must learn

Two-Eyed Seeing so that knowledge of the physical is not separated from wisdom of the spiritual.





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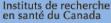






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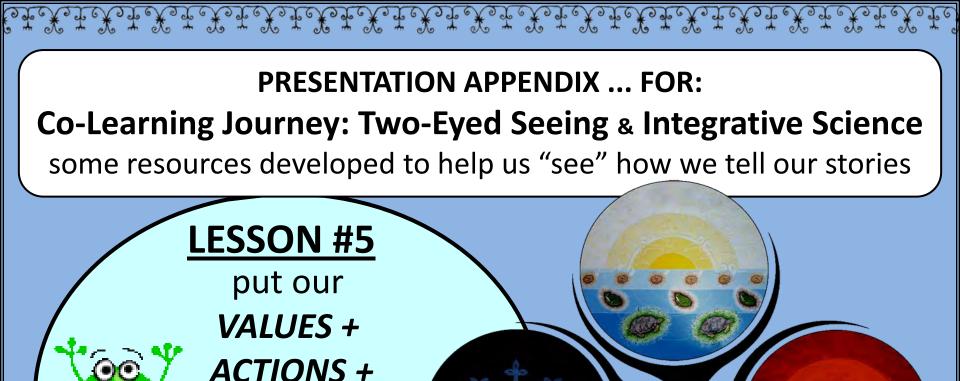




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ACTIONS + **KNOWLEDGES** in front of us like an object

share **STORIES**







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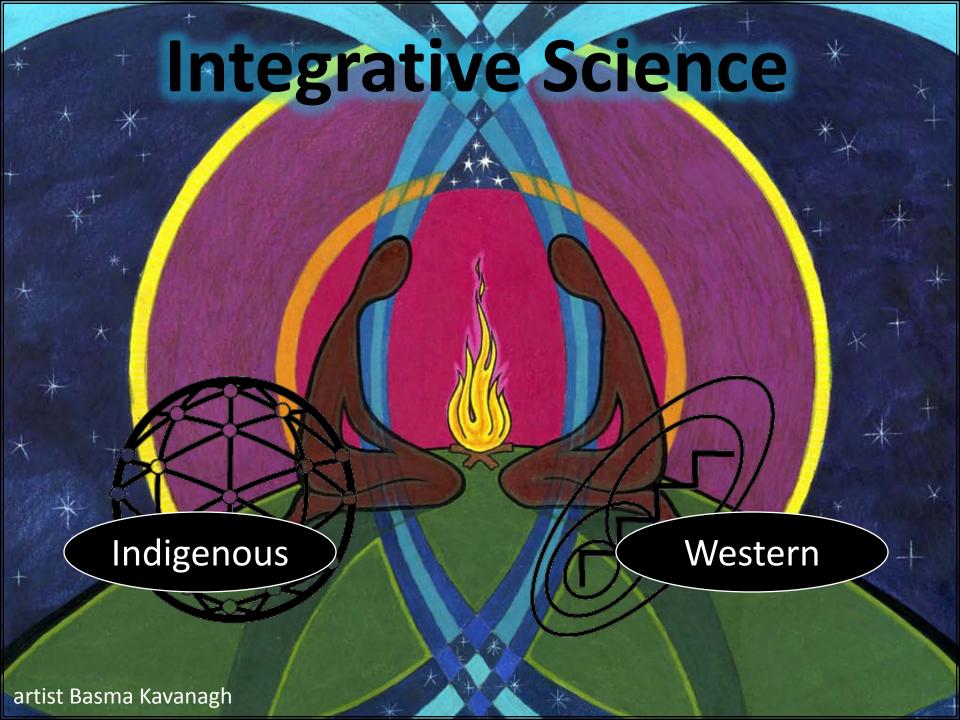
from cultures other than our own.

(words of Elder Albert Marshall)



We need to learn to listen to stories from cultures other than our own.



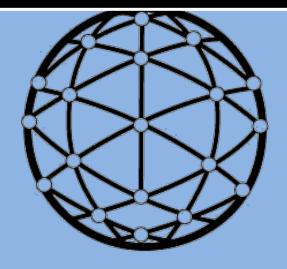


learning to see with the strengths of each & together



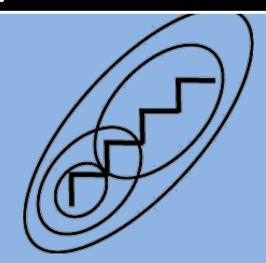
in visuals

interconnective



CONSTANT CHANGE within balance and wholeness

parts & wholes



CHANGE through time

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in words

interconnective

beings (subjects) ...
interconnective
and animate:

spirit +

CONSTANT CHANGE
within balance and wholeness

energy + matter

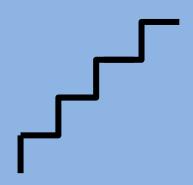
parts & wholes

objects ...
comprised of parts and
wholes characterized by
systems and emergences:

energy + matter

CHANGE through time

English language: noun-based and object-focused

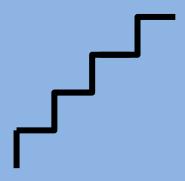


VISIBLE MATTER

"staircase view"

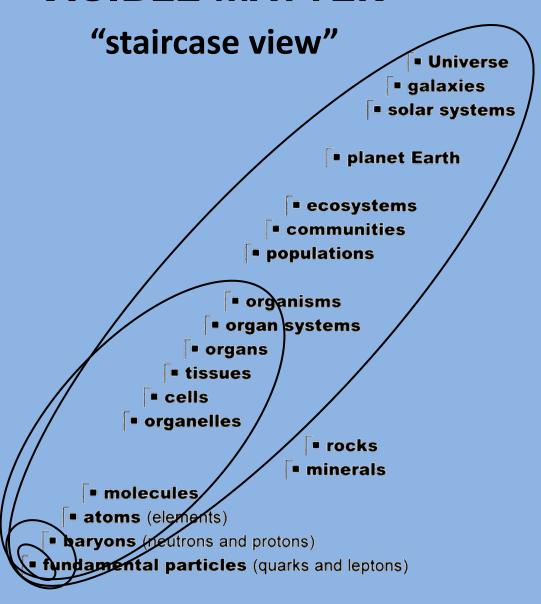
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English language: noun-based and object-focused

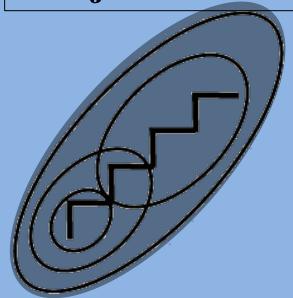


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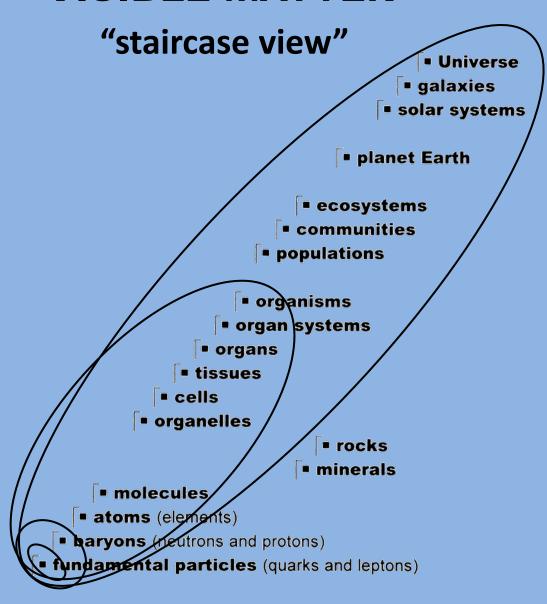


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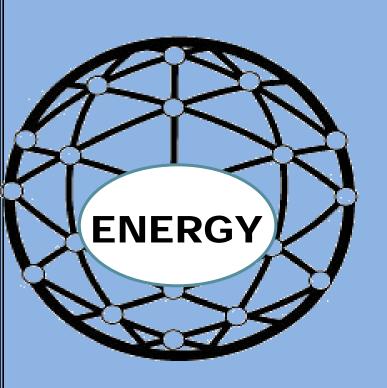


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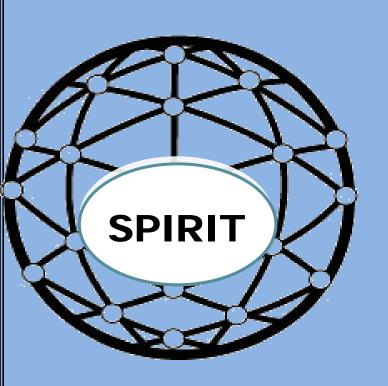


Mi'kmaw language: verb-based and relationship-focused



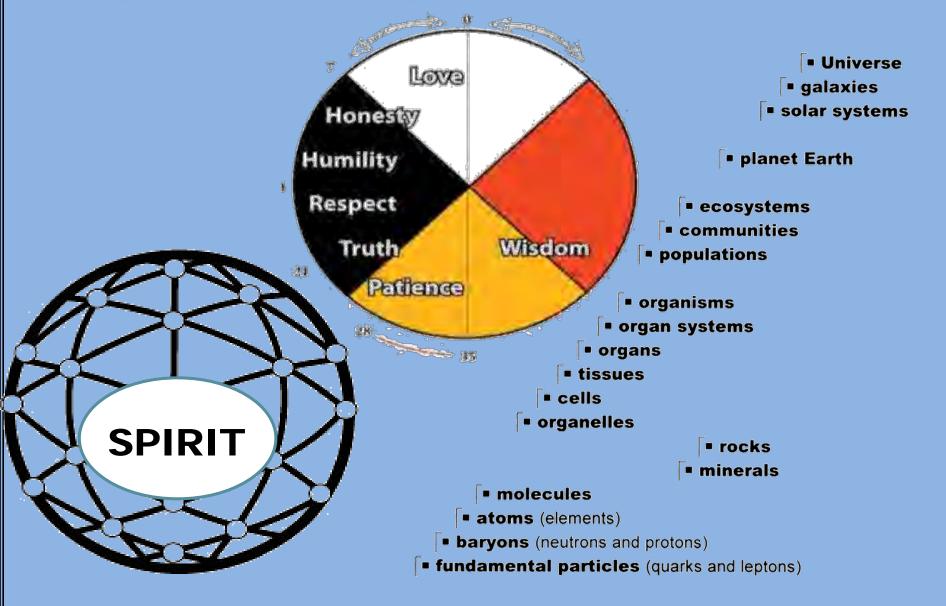
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LOVE: First Sacred Gift of Life



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OUR KEY CONCEPTS and ACTIONS

in words

- respect
- relationship
- reverence
- reciprocity
- ritual (ceremony)
- repetition
- responsibility

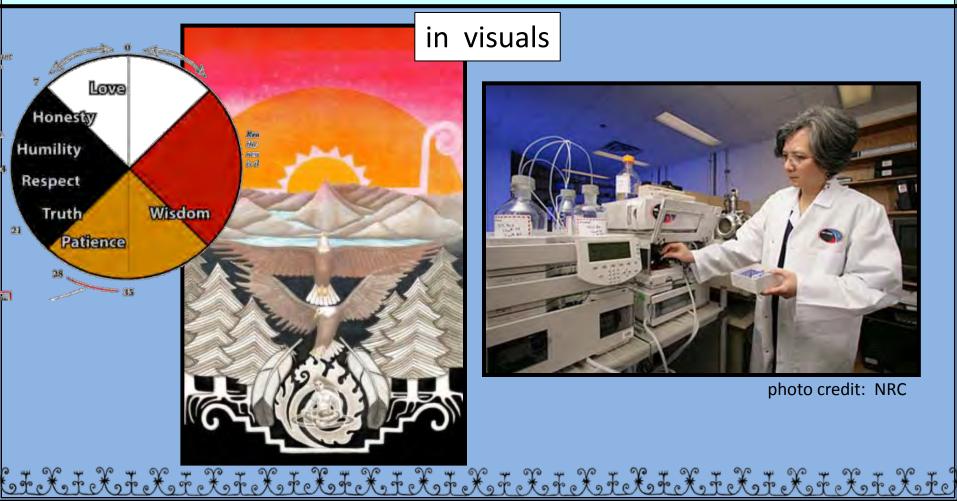
- hypothesis(making & testing)
- data collection
- data analysis
- model & theory construction

J. Archibald, 2001, Can. J. Native Ed. 25(1):1-5



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OUR KEY CONCEPTS and ACTIONS



in visuals



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OUR LANGUAGES and METHODOLOGIES

in words

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weaving of patterns within nature's patterns via creative relationships and reciprocities among love, land, and life (vigour) that are constantly reinforced and nourished by Aboriginal languages

un-weaving of nature's patterns (especially via analytic logic and the use of instruments) to cognitively reconstruct them, especially using mathematical language (rigour) and computer models

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OUR LANGUAGES and METHODOLOGIE

in visuals



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OUR OVERALL KNOWLEDGE OBJECTIVES

in words

collective, living
knowledge to enable
nourishment of one's journey
within expanding sense of
"place, emergence and
participation" for collective
consciousness and
interconnectiveness

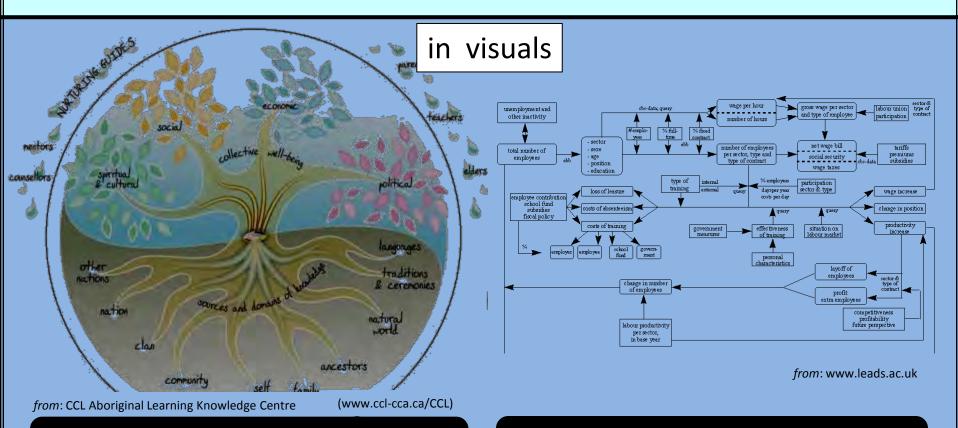
dynamic, testable,
published knowledge
independent of personal
experience that can
enable prediction and
control
(and "progress")

towards resonance of understanding within environment

towards construction of understanding of environment

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OUR OVERALL KNOWLEDGE OBJECTIVES



towards resonance of understanding within environment

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towards construction of understanding of environment

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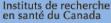






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THE CONFERENCE WILL EXPLORE HOW WE CAN ALL HELP EACH IN THE ATLANTIC REGION TO DO ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY BASED RESEARCH. BEST PRACTICES AND LESSONS LEARNED FOR WORKING ALONGSIDE ELDERS, PLUS CURRENT AAEDIRP RESEARCH WILL BE SHARED. THERE WILL BE ELDER LED WORKSHOPS AND SHARING CIRCLES.

Day 1: Wednesday, March 16 th , 2011				
TIME	MONCTON CROWNE PLAZA	LOCATION		
1:00 - 5:00 pm	REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION TABLE SET UP	Crowne Ballroom		
3:30 - 5:00 pm	OPENING CEREMONY Master of Ceremonies: APCFNC Co-Chair Chief Morley Googoo, Waycobah First Nation Opening Prayer: Josie Augustine, Elsipogtog First Nation and Gwen Bear Tobique First Nation Welcome Remarks: Chief Jessie Simon, Elsipogtog First Nation Introduction of Conference Theme: In Our Languages: Mawi Wicuhkemtultine, Mamu Uauitshitutau Mawi Apo'qnmatultinej, Llonnataikajuttigelautta Opening Remarks: ACOA/INAC TBD	Crowne Ballroom		
6:00 - 9:00 pm	REGISTRATION WELCOME RECEPTION Grandmothers Drummers, St. Mary's First Nation Christine Gabriel, Vivian Paul, Shirley Howe, Carmel Boucher, Betty McCoy Master of Ceremonies: APCFNC Co-Chair Chief Morley Googoo, Waycobah First Nation Welcoming Remarks: Chief Terry Paul, Membertou First Nation Opening Remarks: Brian Skabar, Ministerial Assistant for Aboriginal Affairs and MLA for Cumberland North Key Note Speakers: Best Practices and Lessons Learned for Working Alongside Elders Grandmother Guide Program, St. Mary's First Nation Imelda Perley, Maliseet Language Instructor, Mi'kmaq Maliseet Institute, UNB; Christine Gabriel, Vivian Paul, Shirley Howe, Carmel Boucher and Betty McCoy, St. Mary's First Nation Mi'kmawey Debert Cultural Centre Tim Bernard, Director of History and Culture, Millbrook First Nation, the Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq; Gerald Gloade, Program Development Officer, Millbrook First Nation, the Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq, Murdena Marshall, Eskasoni First Nation, Honorary Doctorate, Cape Breton University, Mi'kmawey Debert Elders' Advisory Council	Crowne Ballroom		

TIME	MONCTON CROWNE PLAZA	LOCATION
7:30 -	BREAKFAST	Crowne
8:45 am		Ballroom
3:00 am	REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION TABLES	Crowne
		Ballroom
8:45 -	Morning Introduction: Master of Ceremony, Chief Morley Googoo	Crowne
9:00 am	AAEDIRP 2007- 2011 Summary: John Paul, APCFNC Executive Director, AAEDIRP Co-Chair	Ballroom
	OUR ELDERS ARE TEACHING US: PLENARY PRESENTATIONS	
9:00 -	Elders Panel Discussion	
9:45 am	 Gwen Bear, Tobique First Nation, M.Ed. Candidate, UNB; Josie Augustine, CHR, 	
	Traditional Health Elsipogtog Health & Wellness Centre and Murdena Marshall,	Crowne
	Eskasoni First Nation, Honorary Doctorate Cape Breton University	Ballroom
	A Co-Learning Journey - Two-Eyed Seeing and Integrative Science	
9:45 -	 Albert Marshall, Eskasoni First Nation, Honorary Doctorate Cape Breton University, 	
10:30 am	and Cheryl Bartlett, Canada Research Chair in Integrative Science & Professor of	
	Biology, Cape Breton University	
10:30 -	BREAK	
10:30 - 10:45 am	DILAN	
10:45 -	Best Practices and Challenges in Mi'kmaw and Wolastoqey Immersion Programs	
11: 30 am	 Joanne Tompkins, Associate Professor, St.FX Faculty of Education; Anne Murray-Orr, 	
11. 50 um	Associate Professor, St.FX Faculty of Education; Starr Sock, Eskasoni First Nation,	
	Mi'kmaq Immersion Teacher, M.Ed. St.FX; Sherise Paul-Gould, Eskasoni First Nation,	
	Teacher, M.Ed, St, FX; Darcy Pirie, Tobique First Nation, B.Ed Candidate, UNB and	
	Roseanne Clark, Tobique First Nation, Educator	
11:30 -	The Social Impacts of Economic Development - The Stories of Tobique, Millbrook and	Crowne
12:15 am	Miawpukek	Ballroom
	 Jeff Orr, Dean of Education, St. FX; Eric Christmas, Mi'kmaq EnCana Liaison Advisor, Kwilmu'kw Maw-klusuaqn (Mi'kmaq Rights Initiative); Jane McMillan, Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Peoples and Sustainable Communities, Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, St. FX; Monica Diochon, Chair of the Business Administration Program, Gerald Schwartz School of Business and Information Systems, St. FX; Behrang Foroughi, Department of Adult Education, Senior Staff Program, Coady International Institute, St. FX and Clare Fawcett, Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, St. FX, Charlotte Lafford, Paqtnkek First Nation, St.FX 	Section 1
10:45 -	More than Wind: Evaluating Renewable Energy Opportunities for First Nations in the	
11:30 am	Atlantic Region	
	Diana Campbell, Indian Brook First Nation, MREM, Dalhousie University	Crowne
11:30 -	Baseline Data for Aboriginal Economic Development: An Informed Approach for	Ballroom
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12:15 am	Measuring Progress and Success	Section 2

12:15 pm	LUNCH	
12:45 -	Master of Ceremonies: APCFNC Co-Chair Chief Morley Googoo	
1:15 pm	Signing of MOU with the APCFNC and Atlantic Region Universities Covering Collaboration	Crowne
	in Research	Ballroom
	Remarks from the Association of Atlantic Universities, (AAU)	
	Response from APCFNC	
	House Keeping Announcements/ Introduction of Afternoon Plenary Session & Workshops	
	OUR ELDERS ARE TEACHING US: PLENARY PRESENTATIONS	
1:15 -	Video - The APCFNC Elders Project: Honouring Traditional Knowledge	Crowne
2:30 pm	Discussion	Ballroom
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2:30 -	BREAK	
2:45 pm		
	ELDERS LED WORKSHOPS	
2:45 -	Josie Augustine: "Healing with the Seven Stages of Life"	
3:30 pm		
		Crowne
3:30 -	Jean Crane: "Earth Medicines"	Ballroom
4:15 pm		Section 1
2:45 -	Murdena Marshall: "Who is an Elder & How Do You Get There?"	
3: 30 pm		Crowne
		Ballroom
3:30 -	Gwen Bear: "The Grandmothers' Teachings"	Section 2
4:15 pm		
2:50 -	John Joe Sark: "Maintaining Respect for Elders"	
3:25pm		Crowne
		Ballroom
3:25 -	Gilbert Sewell: "Language is Our Responsibility"	Section 3
4:15 pm	PANOUET	
6:00 -	BANQUET Manage of Community ADSTNIC Conclusion Chair	
9:00pm	Master of Ceremonies: APCFNC Co-Chair Chief Morley Googoo	
	Opening Address: Chief Mi'sel Joe, Miawpukek First Nation (Conne River)	
	Keynote Speakers: Best Practices and Lessons Learned for Working Alongside Elders	Crowns
	Nunatsiavut Government, Department of Health, Community Healing Project	Crowne Ballroom
	 Evelyn Winters, R.S.W, Community Healing Coordinator and Edna Winters, Sharon 	Dalii UUIII
	Taylor, Associate Professor, School of Social Work, Memorial University	
	Gespe'gewaq Mi'gmaq Resource Council, (GMRC)	
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	 Mark Sark, Chief Executive Officer, GMRC, Fred Metallic, Isaac Metallic and John 	

Day 3: F	riday, March 18 th , 2010	
TIME	MONCTON CROWNE PLAZA	LOCATION
9:00 -	Information Tables	Crowne
12:00pm		Ballroom
7:30 -	BREAKFAST	Crowne
8:45am		Ballroom
9:00 -	Introduction of Elder Led Sharing Circles:	Crowne
9:15am		Ballroom
9:15 -	1. ELDER LED SHARING CIRCLE – BEST PRACTICES FOR WORKING ALONGSIDE OUR	Crowne
11:00am	ELDERS	Ballroom
		Section 1
9:15 -	2. ELDER LED SHARING CIRCLES – BEST PRACTICES FOR WORKING ALONGSIDE OUR	Crowne
11:00am	ELDERS	Ballroom
		Section 2
9:15 -	3. ELDER LED SHARING CIRCLES – BEST PRACTICES FOR WORKING ALONGSIDE OUR	Crowne
11:00am	ELDERS	Ballroom
		Section 3
9:15 -	4. ELDER LED SHARING CIRCLES – BEST PRACTICES FOR WORKING ALONGSIDE OUR	Kent Room
11:00am	ELDERS	
11:00 -	PLENARY – REPORTING BACK TO THE GROUP FROM THE 4 CIRCLES	Crowne
12:00pm		Ballroom
12:00 -	Conference Wrap-Up:	Crowne
1:00 pm	Closing Prayer:	Ballroom
	LUNCH	