## Epistemology & Methodology

ED PSYCH 521



## Fall 2016, Tuesdays, 9:10a - 12p

This course will involve a study and application of Indigenous Epistemology & Methodology. It will emphasize the valuing of relationship that differs from Western views, and in doing so will involve an examination of the inherent power dynamic between researchers and those they study. The experiences of researchers will be shared that describe the tensions associated with the application of Western approaches within Indigenous communities. The imperial legacies of Western knowledge has influenced the exclusion of Indigenous Epistemology & Methodology, and a goal of this course is to create opportunities to engage in constructive dialogue with others about different ways to approach epistemology and methodology. Course content will trace the shift in the balance of power between scholars and Indigenous communities that has occurred over the last four decades. Issues such as access to subjects, data ownership, analysis and interpretation, and control over dissemination of findings will be discussed to inform a larger discourse about the struggle for power and Indigenous sovereignty.

Prerequisite: ED\_PSYCH 505 Research methods or equivalent



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