

Review of: "In the Spirit of Dr. Betty Bastien: Conceptualizing Ontological Responsibilities through the lens of Blackfoot Resilience"

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This is a much-needed essay for academia. The gap this autoethnography bridges between Western and Indigenous epistemologies is also (and always) necessary and the author manages to do it by showing how possible it is to translate indigenous knowledge (and almost all it encompasses) into the product of academic research.

The “auto” facet of this essay already shows the Blackfoot researcher who fits the role of the bridge between such different epistemologies. While the “ethnography” facet seems to have been meant to state the role of indigenous culture in Western discourses about education as well as illustrate the lingering role of Eurocentric models, concepts and frameworks applied to Indigenous realities.

The scholars cited here were extremely relevant as reference to further research.

As previous reviews have already mentioned a few pressing issues to be dealt with in this particular essay, I choose to point the following aspects worthy of (minor) reviewing: (1) the page number (“p. 104587”): is that the actual page number? (2) the passage “inconstant motion” seems to have been mistyped.