

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 well written piece that references many aspects of indigenous knowledge that need to be appreciated and engaged with. The introduction clearly positions the author and their ability to tell this story- a practice everyone should do to position themselves - before they take on work with or write about others who hold the knowledge. The inclusion of phrases like 'Blackfoot person in-relation' are wonderful and thought provoking and I wonder if there are Blackfoot words for this and if it would be appropriate to include these.

The personal narrative adds a wonderful sense of authenticity. The article clearly articulates a number of Blackfoot ways of being and a worldview that are so pertinent to attaining more positive futures. These resonate globally with Te Ao Maori another example that offers so much to the paradigm shift we all seek (Linda Smith -is referenced and a must read). The authors discussions on the contrast of Western and indigenous concepts of space and time is clearly articulated and one that Western perspectives struggle with.

A supporting read could be Tongan academic Mahina.

https://im.org/onewebmedia/IMM_PDFs/2021_imm_archiv/_archiv_sprache/210406_Ta_VA_Moana_by_Mahina_01.pdf

A wonderful essay - well written and these stories need to be told and read!