Student Storytellers Indigenizing the Academy (SSITA)

A community for support, learning and sharing among Indigenous and Indigenist graduate students no matter where they may be.
SSITA Community

- 120+ members
- 10+ countries
- 75+ institutions
- 60+ reported tribal affiliations
- 5-10% graduated with degrees sought since inception

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SSITA Programming

- On-line discussion forums
- Peer mentoring
- Collaborative research projects
- Monthly, no-agenda video calls
- Library of dissertations, bibliographies, etc.
- Scholarships to attend academic conferences
- ...And more...

Decolonizing Our Own Stories
A Project of the Student Storytellers Indigenizing the Academy (SSITA) Group

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Abstract: During the 2013 American Indigenous Research Association (AIRA) conference, it was noted that graduate students using Indigenous research methodologies make unique contributions to academia and have unique needs. In response, Student Storytellers Indigenizing the Academy (SSITA) was formed, a worldwide support network of graduate students using an online forum. A SSITA working group launched a project with two goals: to gather SSITA members’ stories about decolonizing research and to reflect on how decolonizing research may impact their sense of place in the Western academy. This project was also an opportunity for students to develop a method for conducting collaborative research across space, time, and cultures and share that knowledge with the broader scholarly community. Several themes emerged: our varied, sometimes disorienting, educational experiences; our difficulty in locating and accessing mentors and resources; and our resilience in developing and sharing our solutions to decolonizing our research.
Because of SSITA...

Frank received a visiting lectureship opportunity in Germany, Fall 2016.

Wendy received a fellowship to the National Museum of the American Indian, Summer 2016.

Grad Students

Calling All Graduate Students! Masters and doctoral students using Indigenous research methods in their work can join an online discussion group for mutual support. It's run by American Indigenous Research Association members working on their Ph.Ds. This is a particularly valuable opportunity for students working in research universities where the awareness of Indigenous issues is fairly low, or for students who have good faculty mentoring but few other possibilities.

Some of the Student Storytellers and a couple of their friends have dinner after the close of the 2014 meeting.
Join SSITA!

Go to http://americanindigenousresearchassociation.org/grad-students/

Complete the Enrollment Form.

Sign up for the Google Group and/or the Facebook Group.

Expect an email from Jessica or Christiane.
You Are Welcome

~The Brothers and Sisters of SSITA
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