

Decolonization Learning Journey

A four-part Learning Journey with Mi'kmaw Elders and knowledge sharers.

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Hosting team:

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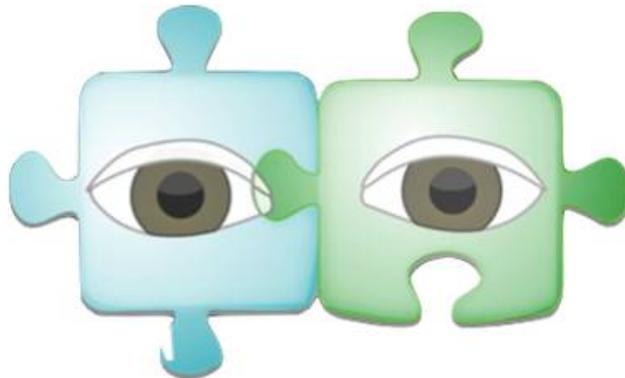
Guest speaker:

Elder Albert Marshall and Nadine Lefort

Topic:

Etuaptmumk-Two-Eyed Seeing: Ways of Knowing For the Benefit of All

Highlights



- Etuaptmumk is the Mi'kmaw word for Two-Eyed Seeing.¹
- Etuaptmumk - Two-Eyed Seeing refers to learning to see from one eye with the strengths of Indigenous knowledges and ways of knowing, and from the other eye with the strengths of Western knowledges and ways of knowing, and learning to use both these eyes together, for the benefit of all.
- Etuaptmumk - Two-Eyed Seeing was conceptualized by the late Murdena Marshall and Elder Albert Marshall, and was central to the formulations of Integrative Science program offered by Cape Breton University, beginning in the late 1990s.²

¹ <http://www.integrativescience.ca/Principles/TwoEyedSeeing/>

² The video features commentary about Two-Eyed Seeing by Elder Albert, his late wife Elder Murdena, and their colleague Dr. Cheryl Bartlett at Cape Breton University: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CY-iGduw5c>

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- Elder Albert believes that Etuaptmumk - Two-Eyed Seeing is the gift of multiple perspective treasured by many Aboriginal peoples. It is the guiding principle for the new consciousness needed to enable Integrative Science work, as well as other integrative or transcultural or transdisciplinary or collaborative work.
- The Mi'kmaq look seven generations ahead to sustain natural resources for future generations, while also considering the ancestors from seven generations ago. It is believed that what we do now is witnessed by the ancestors; so, we must think about our decisions and how they will be viewed by the ancestors.
- Seeing with two eyes allows more depth, clarity, clear view of different angles, more in the periphery. This is a useful metaphor when considering the concept of Etuaptmumk - Two-Eyed Seeing and the perspectives you gain when bringing together Western and Indigenous ideologies. ³
- Msit No'Kmaq is a Mi'kmaw phrase meaning “all my relations, which acknowledges our connection with all things around us.
- Netukulimk is the use of the natural bounty provided by the Creator for the self-support and well-being of the individual and the community. Netukulimk is achieving adequate standards of community nutrition and economic well-being without jeopardizing the integrity, diversity, or productivity of our environment. ⁴



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³ Etuaptmumk: Two-Eyed Seeing | Rebecca Thomas: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bA9EwcFbVfg>

⁴ <https://www.uinr.ca/programs/netukulimk/#:~:text=Netukulimk%20is%20the%20use%20of,or%20productivity%20of%20our%20environment.>