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Decolonization Session:  
GEF IEO 4<sup>th</sup> Conference

Journeying the Seven Directions:  
A Relational and Indigenous Framing  
for Decolonizing and Rematriating  
Evaluation

Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. ET

Presenter: Nicole Bowman (*Lunaape/Mohican*)



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# Indigenous Welcoming and Land Acknowledgement





# Introduction

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Starting at the  
Beginning: BC\*

The Lunaape Creation  
Story – Living in  
Balance

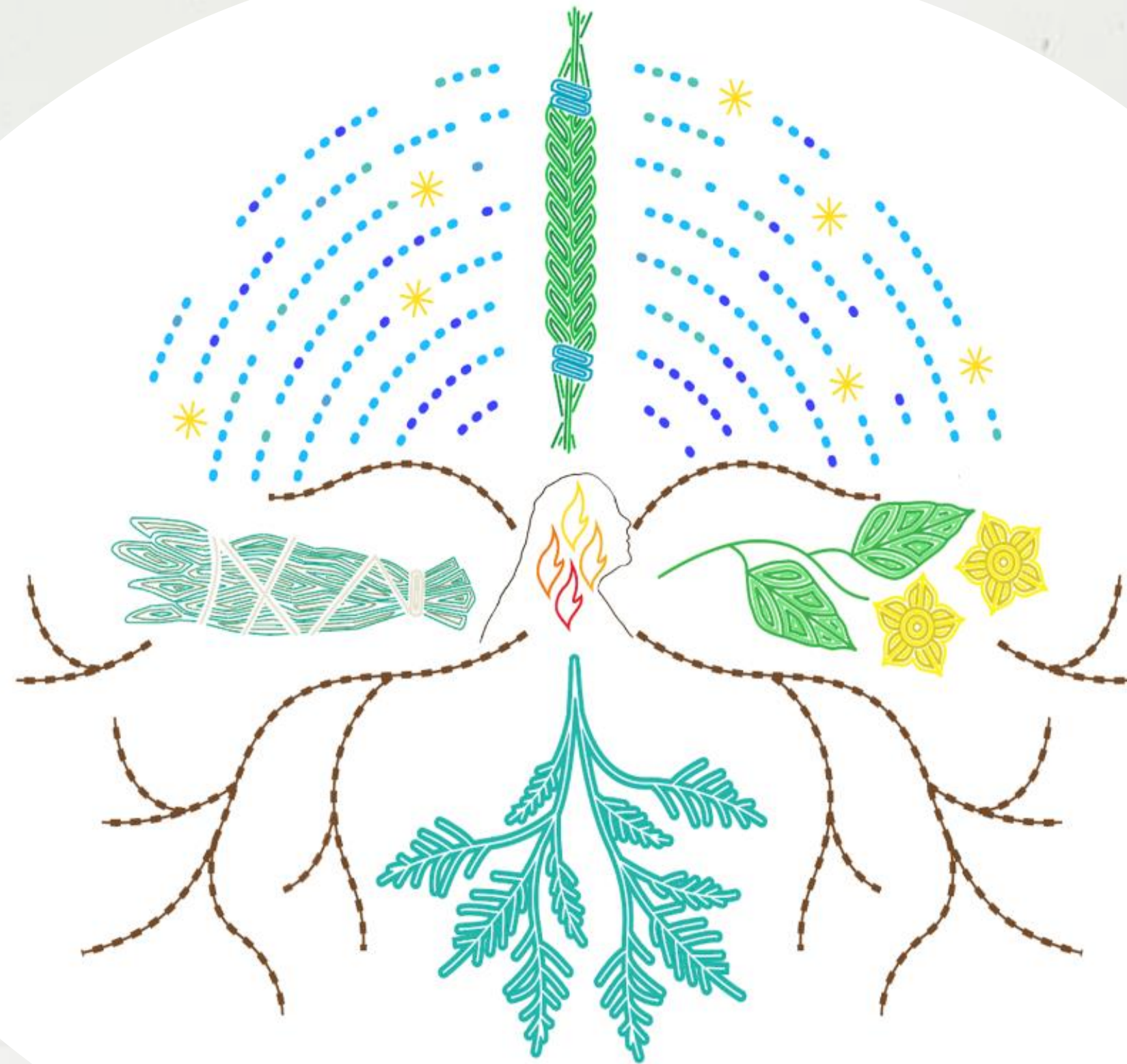


\*BC: Before Colonization

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# Review of the 7 Directions Medicine Wheel Framework (7DMW)





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# How to Decolonize and Apply a Seven Directions Framework

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## **MMIWG 7DMW Research**

Sharing a seven directions medicine wheel (7DMW) framing for a Missing, Murdered, and Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) Project in Wisconsin, USA

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## **Decolonizing in the Academy**

Examples of decolonization in publication processes, policies, and agreements

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## **Self as Responsive Instrument**

Using the seventh (inward) direction to gain access to things bigger than ourselves and to show respect to the seen and unseen, human, and other relatives on Kukuna Ahkuy (Mother Earth) and beyond.

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7DMW for  
MMIW in  
Wisconsin,  
USA

**Knowledge  
Gatherers  
& Caretakers:**

**A Research Guidance  
Document for MMIW/R**

Prepared for the Data Subcommittee, Missing and  
Murdered Indigenous Women / Relatives  
(MMIW/R) of Wisconsin



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## Decolonizing the Academy

*Will you join us?*

From author agreements, to land acknowledgements, to open access, to Indigenous sovereign rights, there are many ways to decolonize.





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# Decolonize Publication Processes

Roots and Relations Publication Process  
Canadian Journal of Program Evaluation

# Roots and Relations: CJPE Submission Process



Step 1: Receive Submission

Step 2: Initial review determines if criteria are met and categorizes submissions.

Step 3: Assign others (reviewers/advisors) for type and/or submission author and create full draft

Step 4: Reviews, resubmission, and re-enter the circle

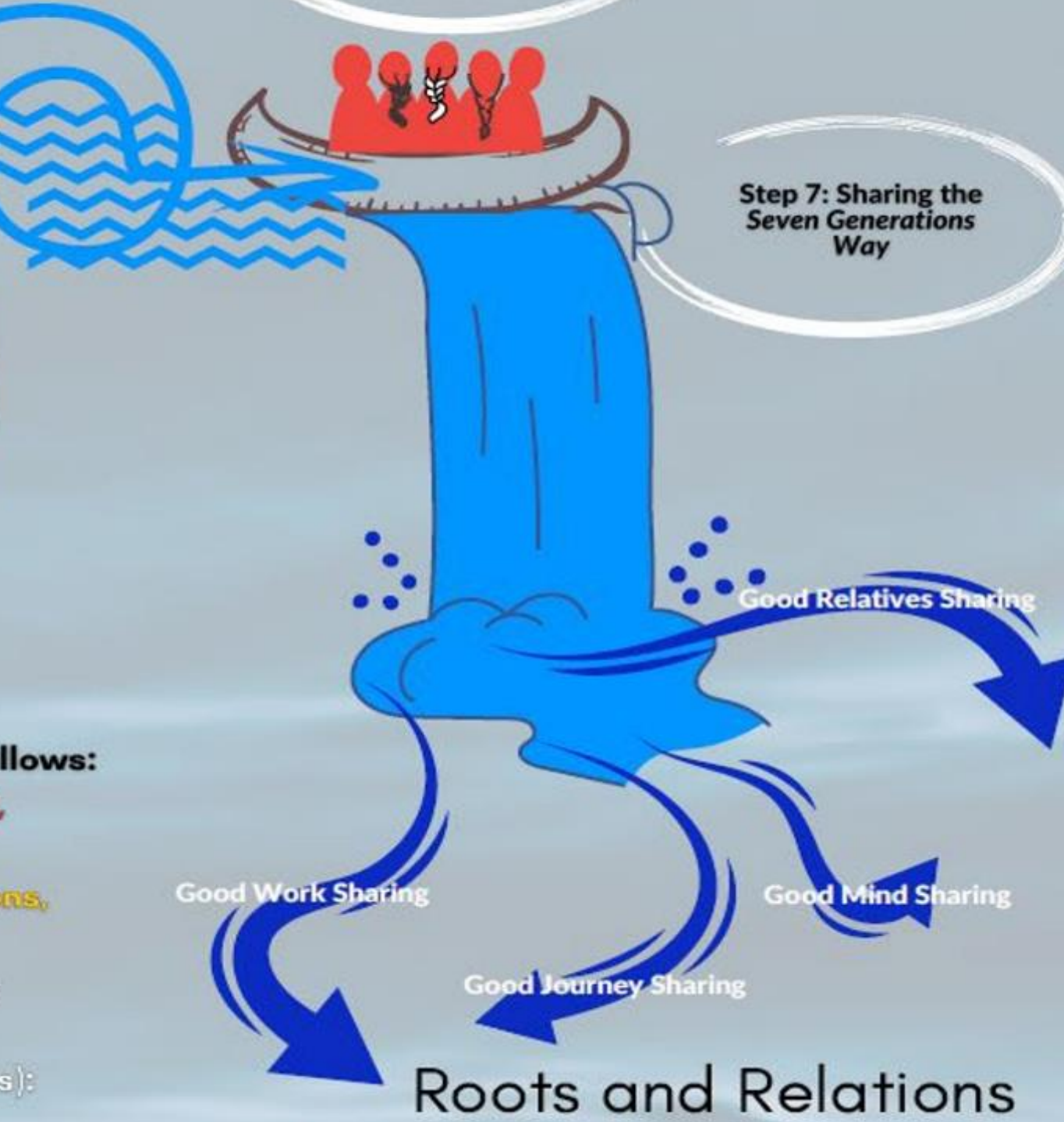
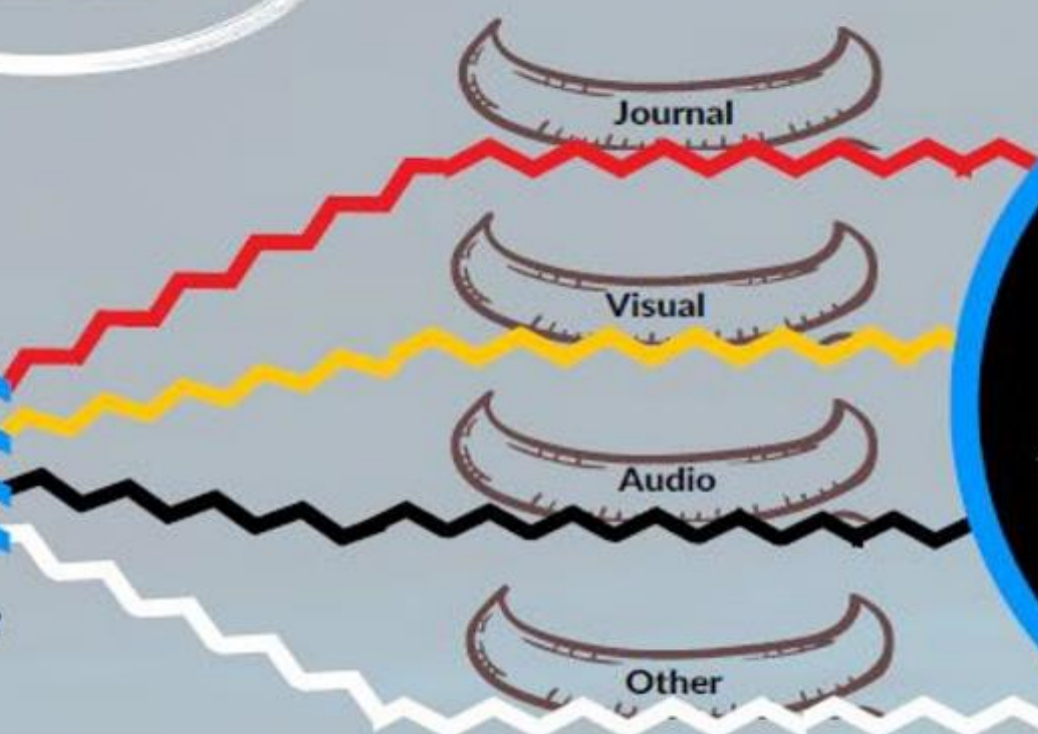
Step 5: Oral review with elders, advisors, and community

Step 6: Refine/submit after oral review process and decision by consensus

Step 7: Sharing the Seven Generations Way



All are welcome at the Roots & Relations Lodge



- Step 3, reviewers are assigned based on the journey categorization:
1. **Journal Article Submission - 3000- 7000 words**
  2. **Visual Submission - Artbook, regalia, data visualization**
  3. **Audio Submission - music, video, story, dance, performance art**
  4. **Other Submissions: poetry, a combination of submission types**

- Submissions will be categorized as follows:
1. **Seedling (LB/NB): Mentor, Support, Resubmit**
  2. **Sapling (Reviewers): Major Revisions, Resubmit**
  3. **Adult (Reviewers: Minor Revisions, Resubmit**
  4. **Ancestor (LB/NB, TBD Oral Advisors): Refine and Oral Presentation**

Roots and Relations

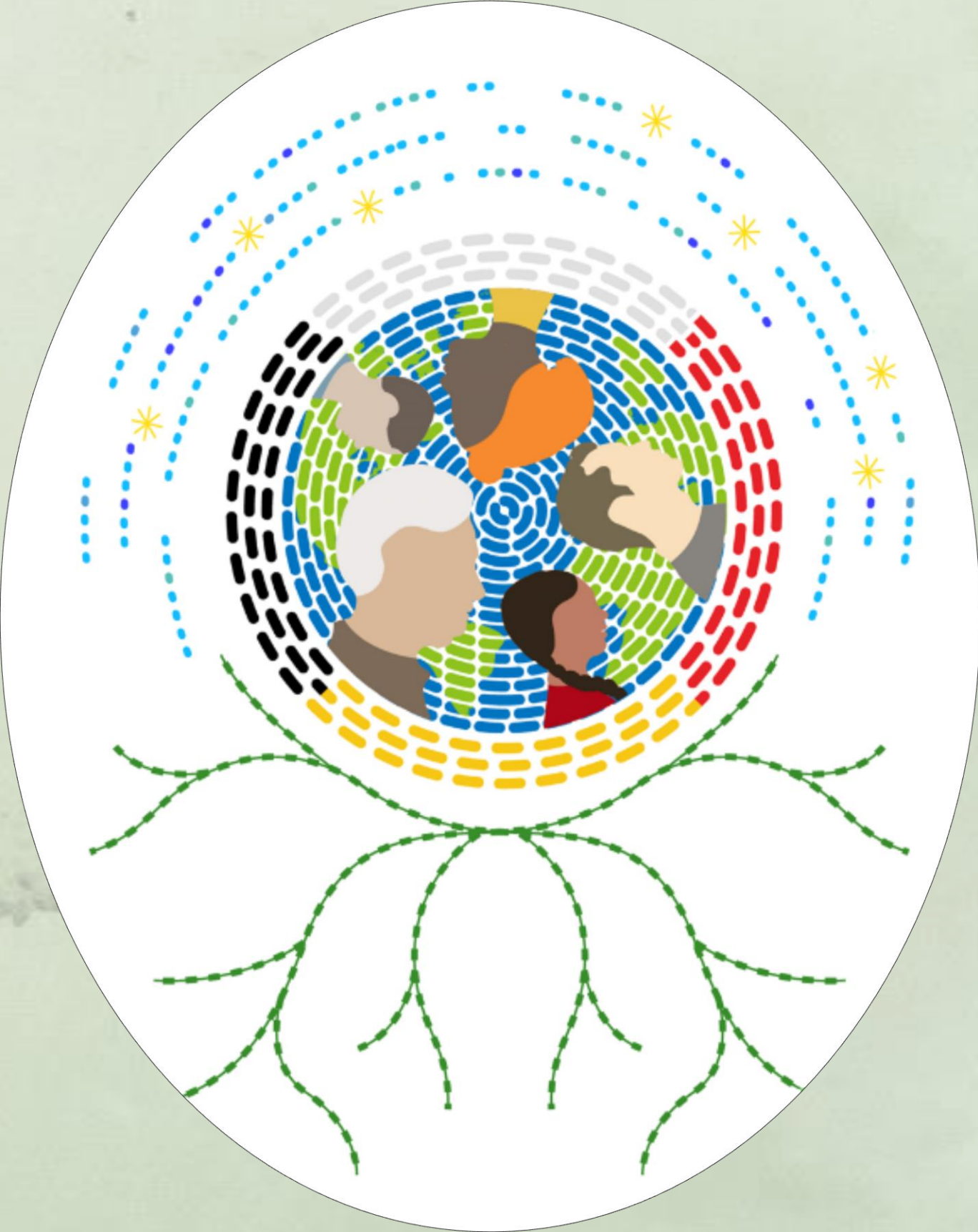
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In order to have decolonization, you must know and have the courage to speak about colonization in the current settler state, including how you or your ancestors have benefited or been harmed from it.

**- Nicole Bowman  
(Lunaape/Mohican), PhD.**

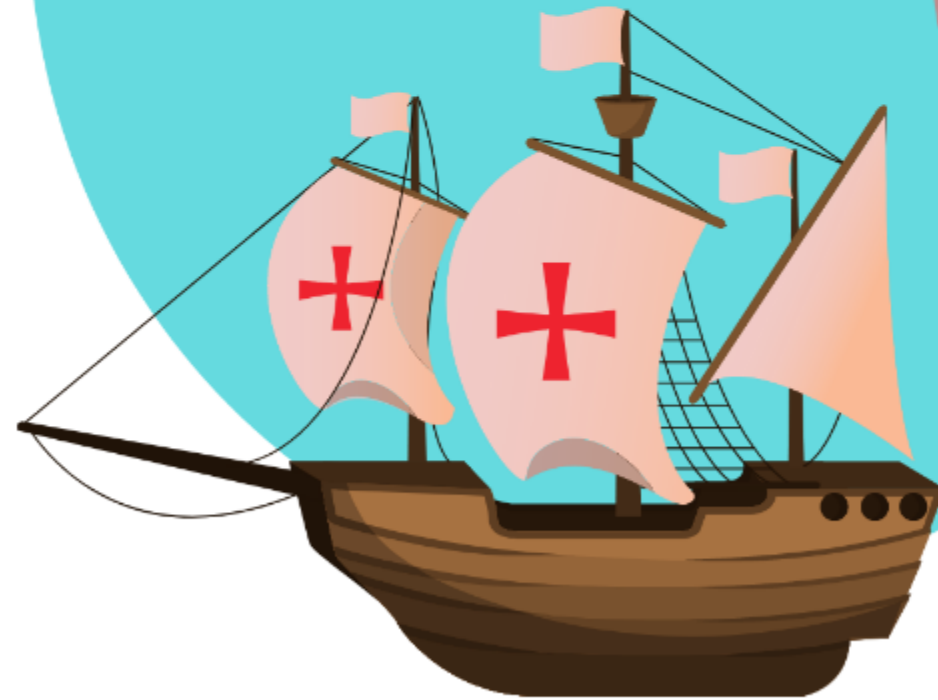


Decolonization and the Seven Directions: Cultivating Self as Responsive Evaluation Instrument (Symonette, 2009)



## Historical Impacts

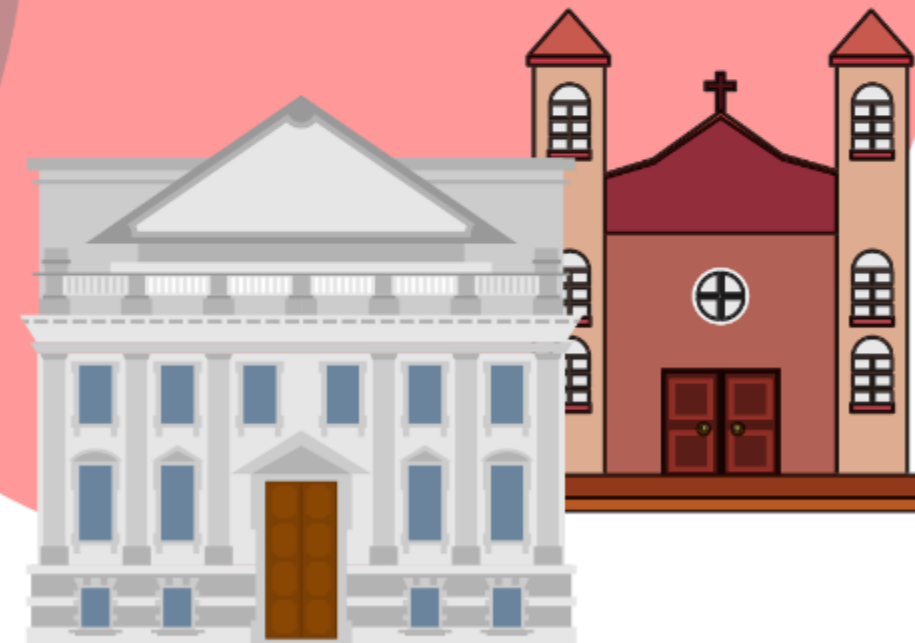
Columbus/Colonizers



**Doctrine of Discovery**

## Contemporary Impacts

Governments/Academia



**From the School House to the White House:  
Systemic and Endemic Reinforcement**

What has  
changed?



<b>COLONIALISM DONE VIA</b>	<b>POLITICAL COLONIALISM</b>	<b>SCIENTIFIC COLONIALISM</b>
<p><b>1.</b> <b>Removal of wealth</b></p>	<p>Colonial power explores and exploits raw materials and wealth from colonies for the purpose of ‘processing’ it into manufactured wealth or goods.</p>	<p>Colonial powers export raw data from a community for the purpose of ‘processing’ it into manufactured goods. (i.e. books, articles, wealth, etc.)</p>
<p><b>2.</b> <b>Right of access &amp; claim</b></p>	<p>Colonial power believes it has the right of access and use to anything belonging to the colonized people.</p>	<p>Scientist believes she/he/they have unlimited right of access to any data source and any information belonging to the subject population.</p>
<p><b>3.</b> <b>External power base</b></p>	<p>The center of power and control over the colonized is located outside the colony itself.</p>	<p>The center of knowledge and information about a people or community located outside of the community or people themselves.</p>



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## Seventh Direction: Rematriating the Academy



I am the child of Kukuna Ahkuy (Mother Earth) and the grandchild of Kòohumuna Niipáahum wáak Kmoxòomsuna Kíishooxkw (Grandmother Moon and Grandfather Sun). I have access to grounding and rising medicines.



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THANK YOU!





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