

Our Identity, Our Path

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Northwestern



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Introduce yourselves

Jordan Gurneau

St. Croix Chippewa

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My STEM Career

- Associates degree from City Colleges of Chicago
- Bachelors of Science, environmental science - Northeastern Illinois University
- Currently Northwestern University - PhD environmental engineering



Which picture is from '18 and '19



Story



Pamala Silas

Menominee Nation

Oneida Nation





Tribal Sovereignty

Tribal sovereignty refers to the fact that each tribe has the inherent right to govern itself.



*Council chambers of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde in Oregon.
Photo from Grand Ronde We All Belong*

Understanding Native People

Diversity in tribal representation

74% residing in urban areas

Unique methods of outreach and messaging, systems of support and role modeling

Critical that the organization be culturally competent

Important Values To AI/AN

Humility and service to others are very highly valued

Responsibilities to family and community are paramount

Team work is more important than self-promotion or boasting

Strong connection to history and the past

Cultural “multiplicity” is prevalent

Respect for Elders is deep

Military Service is honored

History And Trust: Yesterday Impacts Today

Very unique political status – not just race or cultural

Treaties

Forced Relocation

Boarding School

Separation and forced assimilation

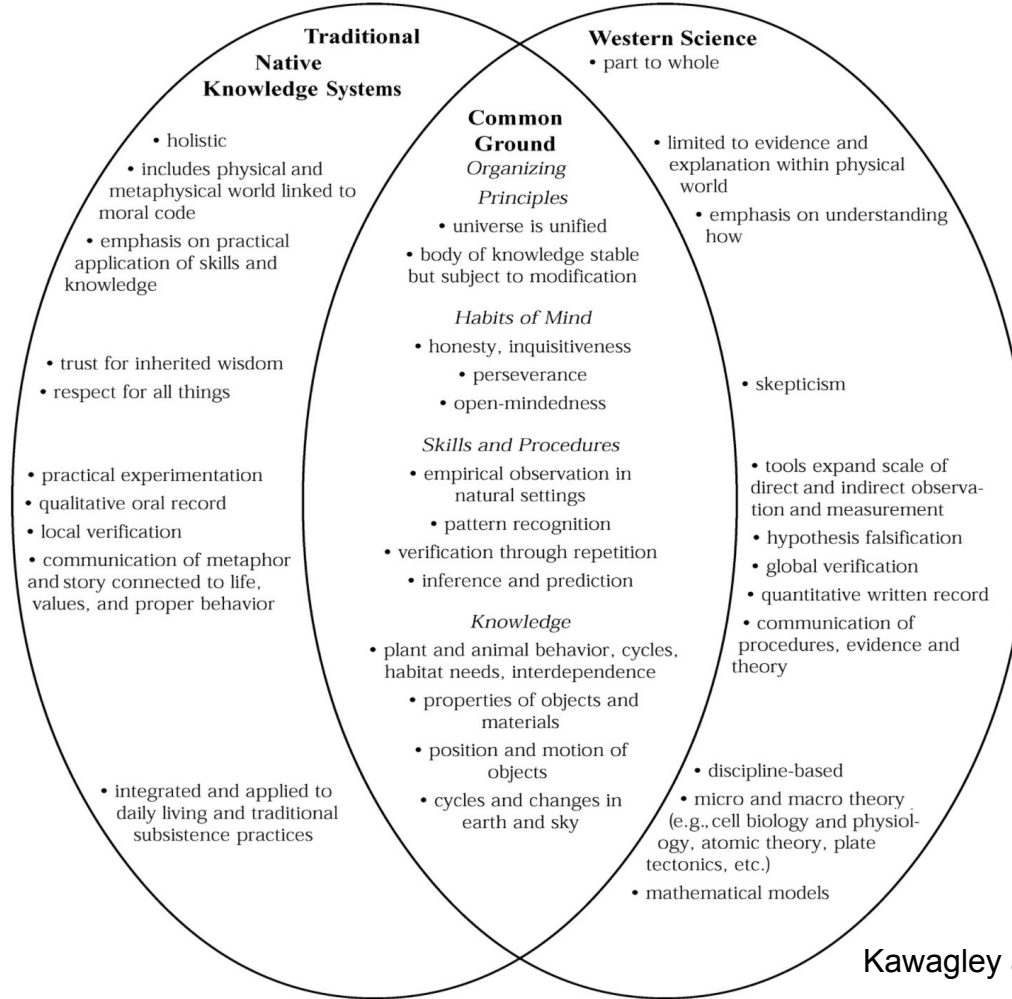
Religious Freedom

1960s civil rights movements

Health, class, and education issues of today

Sovereignty issues

What about now?



Kawagley and Barnhardt, 2005, p.16



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