

# Indigenous scholars

Indigenous voices have been, and continue to be, silenced and marginalised in the discipline of geography. This graphic highlights just a few Indigenous scholars that you may come across in geography

# in Geography

**Jody Inkster** is a member of Kaska Dena (Wolf Clan), which are a First Nations people of British Columbia and the SE Yukon in Canada. She also identifies as Tahltan. Inkster focuses on how Indigenous communities view water as a living entity or relative.

**We love:** Wilson, N.J. and Inkster, J. (2018).

"Respecting water: Indigenous water governance, ontologies and the politics of kinship on the ground". *Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space*, 1(4), pp.516-538.

**Eve Tuck** is Associate Professor of Critical Race and Indigenous studies at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE). Tuck is Unangaꞯ and grew up outside her community.

**We love:** Tuck, E. and Yang, K. W. (2012).

"Decolonization Is Not a Metaphor".

*Decolonization: Indigeneity, Education & Society*. 1 (1): 1-40.

**Zoe Todd** is a Métis anthropologist and scholar. Métis people are an Indigenous group from Canada. Todd has studied human-animal relations in the context of the Canadian settler-colonial state.

**We love:** Todd, Z. (2016). "An Indigenous Feminist's Take on the Ontological Turn: 'Ontology' is just another word for colonialism". *Journal of Historical Sociology* 29(1): 4-22.

**Michelle Daigle** is an Assistant Professor in Indigenous Studies and Geography at the University of Toronto. Her research interests lie in Indigenous resurgence, food sovereignty and feminism. Daigle is Mushkegowuk (Cree), a member of Constance Lake First Nation in Treaty 9, and of French ancestry. She continues to build grounded theorisations of decolonial geographies.

**We love:** Daigle, M. (2016) "Awawanenitakik: The spatial politics of recognition and relational geographies of Indigenous self-determination". *The Canadian Geographer* 60 (2): 259-69.

**June Rubis** is a former DPhil student at the School of Geography and the Environment at the University of Oxford. She is Bidayuh, the collective name for several Indigenous groups found in southern Sarawak, Malaysia and Borneo. The name means 'inhabitants of land'. See: <https://www.geog.ox.ac.uk/graduate/research/jrubis.html> for a list of her publications, which focus around forest conservation and development amongst Indigenous communities.

**Bagele Chilisa** is a Botswanan post-colonial scholar who is a full professor at the University of Botswana.

She belongs to the Bantu people of Africa, who are native to 24 countries across Central, Southeast and Southern Africa. Chilisa has a Master of Arts degree in Research Methodology and has worked for NGOs like UNESCO, UNDP and the World Bank.

**We love:** Chilisa, B. (2017) "Decolonising transdisciplinary research approaches: an African perspective for enhancing knowledge integration in sustainability science". *Sustainability Science*, 12(5): 813-827

**Linda Tuhiwai Smith** was a professor of Indigenous education at the University of Waikato in Hamilton, New Zealand. She affiliates to the Ngāti Awa and Ngāti Porou iwi and Tuhourangi tribes in Aotearoa New Zealand. She is currently leading a new research kai (food) institute that looks at issues including Māori knowledge regeneration. Professor Smith is also a member of the Waitangi Tribunal.

**We love:** Smith, Linda Tuhiwai. (1999) *Decolonising methodologies: Research and Indigenous peoples*. London: Zed Books.

**Brad Coombes** (Kati Mamoe, Ngati Kahungunu) researches the intersection between political ecology, Indigenous rights and environmental justice. He often contributes to policymaking and is the programme director for the University of Auckland's Master of Environmental Management course.

**We love:** Coombes, B., Johnson, J.T. and Howitt, R. (2012) "Indigenous geographies I: Mere resource conflicts? The complexities in Indigenous land and environmental claims". *Progress in Human Geography*, 36(6): 810-821.

*Disclaimer: although we have tried our best to showcase a variety of Indigenous scholars from across the Global North and South, this is just a tiny sample of those who are proving highly influential in shaping and decolonising geography. If you would like yourself, or someone else, to be added to this graphic then please do contact us @oxgeogsoc. We are always looking to broaden our knowledge and are conscious of being reductive.*

