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Trainings
Freedom Lodge and The Black Hills Historical Trauma Research & Recovery Center has changed the conversation about health, healing and recovery in South Dakota and across Indian Country. We believe that each of us has a role to play in the health of tribal nations and Mother Earth. Each of us has wisdom and a contribution to make through a deep remembering of who we are. We hold this knowledge in our bodies as a walking library of our ancestors. As the 8th generation approaches, it is time to look forward, to fully heal our wounds, to reclaim our heritage and to mend the Sacred Hoop of Life. This we do to honor the next seven generations. We invite you to join us.
Our Mission – Historical Trauma Recovery
Our Vision – Thriving Native Communities
What We Do – Healing For Seven Generations
https://freedomlodge.org/services/

Podcasts - Ted Talks - Short Videos
From the Global Oneness Project - 
In celebration of Indigenous Peoples Day, we’ve created an Indigenous Cultures Collection. You’ll find thirty stories and fifteen lessons that explore Indigenous
cultures around the world. These stories document artists, chefs, writers, individuals, and communities that celebrate Indigenous language vitality and Native traditions.

https://www.globalonenessproject.org/library/collections/indigenouscultures

**From Bioneers -**

**Indigeneity Conversations Podcast** - “Indigeneity assumes a spiritual interconnectedness between all creations, their right to exist and the value of their contributions to the larger whole. At the core of Indigenous thinking is that coexistence relies on the ability of all peoples’ and living things’ voices be heard and heard equally.”

LADONNA HARRIS, FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF AMERICANS FOR INDIAN OPPORTUNITY

https://bioneers.org/indigeneityconversations/?mc_cid=cb5bc3bd62&mc_eid=7f3f362236

**As She Rises** is a new podcast from Wonder Media Network. It brings together poems from artists throughout the US and territories that depict the effects of climate change on their home and their people. [As She Rises](https://bioneers.org/indigeneityconversations/?mc_cid=cb5bc3bd62&mc_eid=7f3f362236)

**Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Podcast**

In this podcast, an Indigenous woman and a white settler woman — both Anabaptists — uncover the deep structure of colonization that systematically deprives Indigenous Peoples of their human rights today. This deep structure — called the Doctrine of Discovery— is rooted in church doctrines that originated in the 15th century and that still justify current laws and policies that justify the removal of land from Indigenous Peoples.


**1491s - Indigenous Comedy** - This group of indigenous misfits originally came together to make funny videos to put on YouTube. Since their first video in 2009, the group’s work has gone viral - earning fans around the globe with their satirical and absurd comedy. From sold out performances to appearances on "The Daily
Show with Jon Stewart" and "TEDx Talks," the group continues to grow.
http://www.1491s.com/videos

**Indigenous Voices for Decolonized Futures** - Indigenous peoples, deeply rooted in place-based knowledge, are leading the way in developing strategies on how best to approach climate justice and climate resilience. What does climate and environmental justice look like when Indigenous voices are brought to the forefront? How can we move beyond “land acknowledgements” toward meaningful courses of action for our shared futures?

[Dr. Cutcha Risling Baldy – Indigenous Voices for Decolonized Futures](http://www.1491s.com/videos)

**Organizations**

**Native Land Digital** [https://native-land.ca/](https://native-land.ca/)
Our Mission - Native Land Digital strives to create and foster conversations about the history of colonialism, Indigenous ways of knowing, and settler-Indigenous relations, through educational resources such as our map and Territory Acknowledgement Guide. We strive to go beyond old ways of talking about Indigenous people and to develop a platform where Indigenous communities can represent themselves and their histories on their own terms. In doing so, Native Land Digital creates spaces where non-Indigenous people can be invited and challenged to learn more about the lands they inhabit, the history of those lands, and how to actively be part of a better future going forward together.

**IllumiNative** [https://illuminatives.org/](https://illuminatives.org/)
Created and led by Native peoples, IllumiNative is a new nonprofit initiative designed to increase the visibility of – and challenge the negative narrative about – Native Nations and peoples in American society.
For decades, the lack of representation and information about Native peoples has perpetuated damaging myths and stereotypes. Native peoples rank at or near the bottom of most socio-economic indicators – such as educational attainment, domestic violence, and poverty – and are often portrayed in popular entertainment, the news media, educational curricula and other influential sources as 'noble
savages’ of days gone by. But research shows that a more powerful, more accurate, and more inspiring narrative about the contemporary Native experience – one of innovation, creativity, resilience and community – is being overlooked and obscured the negative one.

**Woman Stands Shining (Pat McCabe) -** [https://www.patmccabe.net/](https://www.patmccabe.net/)

*For Thriving Life, Light and Love*

Pat McCabe (Weyakpa Najin Win, Woman Stands Shining) is a Diné (Navajo) mother, grandmother, activist, artist, writer, ceremonial leader, and international speaker. She is a voice for global peace, and her paintings are created as tools for individual, earth and global healing. She draws upon the Indigenous sciences of Thriving Life to reframe questions about sustainability and balance, and she is devoted to supporting the next generations, Women’s Nation and Men’s Nation, in being functional members of the “Hoop of Life” and upholding the honor of being human.

**Center for Humans and Nature - LYLA JUNE JOHNSTON -** Poet, Musician, and Community Servant [https://www.humansandnature.org/lyla-june-johnston](https://www.humansandnature.org/lyla-june-johnston) Lyla June Johnston is a musician, public speaker and internationally recognized performance poet of Diné (Navajo) and Tsétsêhéstâhese (Cheyenne) lineages. Her personal mission is to grow closer to Creator by learning how to love deeper and to support and empower indigenous youth.

**Native Hope -** Native Hope exists to address the injustice done to Native Americans. We dismantle barriers through storytelling and impactful programs to bring healing and inspire hope. [https://www.nativehope.org/](https://www.nativehope.org/)
Books
Augustine, Sarah, *The Land is Not Empty, Following Jesus in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery*, Herald Press, 2021

Ethnobotany (books on Native American Plant use)
“Iwigara” by Enrique Salmon and other books on Native American Plant use, can be found on this list:
https://sno-isle.bibliocommons.com/list/share/1258187187_snoislelib_karena/1996095209_native_american_plant_use

Books by Indigenous-Native Writers — compiled by Elissa Washuta
This is an in-progress, reverse-chronological list of books by Native and Indigenous writers, a list compiled by Elissa, a Cowlitz tribal member and writer. It is neither exhaustive nor exclusive. She has compiled this list over the years that she’s been a reader, writer, editor, and teacher, seeking out books by predecessors and peers in Native literatures. A limited number of YA & children's books appear on a separate list. As an affiliate, she earns a commission for the books you buy here. She encourages you to use this list to buy books from your favorite independent bookstore or request titles from your library.
https://bookshop.org/lists/books-by-native-indigenous-writers

Articles and Short Reading
What do Native Americans REALLY think of Thanksgiving?

Land Acknowledgement Toolkit

What Is Decolonization?: In Conversation with Alexis Bunten

Why We Should Indigenize Place Names

Other Resource Lists
Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples
For more than a decade, Earth Ministry has engaged the Northwest faith community in supporting Indigenous-led campaigns to protect Native treaty rights, fishing areas, and sacred sites. Following the leadership of NW Native tribes, we have mobilized people of faith to successfully oppose climate-damaging fossil fuel
projects and to support tribal efforts to recover salmon and orca populations through river restoration and prevention of further pollution in the Salish Sea.

https://earthministry.org/solidarity-with-indigenous-peoples/

Learn more from tribes and organizations specifically associated with the Thanksgiving story.

- United American Indians of New England
- Wampanoag Trading Post and Gallery
- Aquinnah Wampanoag Indian Museum
- Aquinnah Cultural Center
- Plimoth Patuxet Museums
- truthsgiving.org

Learn about leading organizations doing decolonization and education work.

- Akomawt Educational Initiative
- Healing and Reconciliation Institute
- Decolonizing Wealth Project