ANTI-RACIST COMMUNITY ENGAGED LEARNING: PRINCIPLES, PRACTICES, AND PEDAGOGY

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I acknowledge the complexity of the land’s history and the privilege I have to currently live and learn within the boundaries of the Chumash people, as I have previously among the Māori in Aoteaoa New Zealand.

I aim to be responsible educated conscious co-conspirators with Indigenous peoples for Indigenous rights as I continue to learn and expand my walk on this path, wherever I am, with humility, grace, and integrity.
I WAS BORN IN SEVILLE, SPAIN.
My parents are M. Faye Callaham Harris & Alvin Johnson Sr. of Morgan City & Baton Rouge, LA.
THESE ARE MY ELDERS.

Mother Dear, my Father’s Mother

Da & Mur, my Mother’s parents

Great Grandpa Richard, my Mother’s Grandfather

Daddy George, My Father’s Father

Great Grand Mama Sally, my Mother’s Grandmother
CO-DECOLONIZATION

• Being *invited, asked, or otherwise directly implied* (e.g., employed)---

  Community engagement and/or efforts on behalf of,

  Alongside,

  In service to, and/or

  To the benefit of Indigenous ‘rewriting and re-writing’ efforts

• Requires one to *act in the capacity of altruistic* service *without* the need/ requirement for *reciprocity*.

• Requires *selfless humility, setting aside/stepping away from one’s ego*.

Might be considered *Spiritual* ~ involves ‘loving thy neighbor’, taking the ‘high road’, the act of *UNCONDITIONAL* Love
DECOLONIZATION

- According to Professor Linda Tuhiwai Smith--- an esteemed Maori scholar, social scientist and researcher, decolonization involves: “rewriting and rerighting” our “position in history” (L. T. Smith, p. 29). And when “we tell our own stories, write our own versions, in our own ways, for our own purposes” (p. 29). This is mind, body, spirit work. This is an ‘all in’ enterprise...
The Creation of a new Way of Being in Unity

Co-Decolonizing Research Methods:
Toward Research Sustaining Indigenous and ‘Other’ Community Engaged Ways of Knowing
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Santamaría Graff & Santamaría, 2020

Unlearning, (Re)Membering, and (Re)Imagining (futures) Through Research Methodologies

RESEARCH ‘ON’ (POWER OVER)
Dominant Westernized Research Practices

Cultural Destructiveness & Incapacity
Cultural (Or Colonial) Erasure
Cultural Pre-Competence
Culturally Sustaining
Futurities

RESEARCH ‘WITH’ (POWER SHARING)
Participatory (participants as co-researchers)

RESEARCH FOR THE PEOPLE BY THE PEOPLE (POWER IN THE PEOPLE’S HANDS)
Decolonizing Practices (Land, Water, Space)
Re-writing and re-writing our place/story in history (Smith, L. T., 2012)
“The Henceforward” (Tuck, Guess, & Sultan, 2014)
Black Indigenous Identities Honored

Anticolonialism (Patel, 2016)

Decentered

RESEARCH ‘ALONGSIDE’ (POWER SHARED & REDISTRIBUTED)
Indigenous Futurities (Goodyear-Ka’ōpuia, 2019)
Ubantu (Chilisa, 2020)
Co-Decolonizing Practices (Santamaría Graff, Santamaría Graff, & MICOP, 2020)

Chilisa (2020)
- Researcher as colonizer, Research as colonized
- Researcher as knower/teacher, Research as object/subject/known/pupil
- Researcher as redeemer, Research as the problem
APPLIED CRITICAL LEADERSHIP: ACL 2.0

Leadership Applications of this Work

https://www.academia.edu/45610647/Applied_Critical_Leadership_A_Way_Forward_through_Shared_Disproportionate_Trauma

Ways in which this work is manifested and shared in the “Mainstream” to inform the highest greatest good

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XYlev_n7JU
FEEL FREE TO CONNECT

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