

ANTH 112.21 Introduction to Socio-Cultural Anthropology
Winter 2019

I acknowledge that St FX is in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People.

Apr. 2: First Nations issues.

READ: Darnell, R. 2002. "Occupation Is Not a Cross-cultural Universal: Some Reflections from an Ethnographer." *Journal of Occupational Science*. 9(1): 5-11.

What is the history of interaction between Canada's Indigenous peoples and settlers?

What are some recent attempts to redress the injustices of this history?

Truth and Reconciliation Commission: <http://nctr.ca/reports.php>

National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women (ongoing):
<http://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/>

What does the Canada Human Rights Act say about prohibited grounds of discrimination?
<https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/h-6/page-1.html#docCont>

Darnell:

- note the journal in which this appears; what is an occupational scientist?
- deals with cross-cultural communication
- also addresses ethnocentrism in how settler society deals with Indigenous people
 - how do settlers in post-industrial market economy Canada perceive work and occupation? What do they value?
 - what does Darnell tell us about some of the difficulties faced by Aboriginal peoples as they try to access education and jobs in this economy?
 - note how Darnell interprets the underlying meaning in what Nancy says in her job interview; Darnell is a linguistic anthropologist and much of her work focuses on different communicative practices and their meanings.
 - what are the implications for employers who wish to hire candidates from diverse populations? How does one determine the "best" candidate?

- Fordham and Darnell both touch on educational institutions
 - what does each argue about the experiences of students who are not in the dominant class?
 - what does each argue should be done to address inequality experienced by students not in the dominant class?