

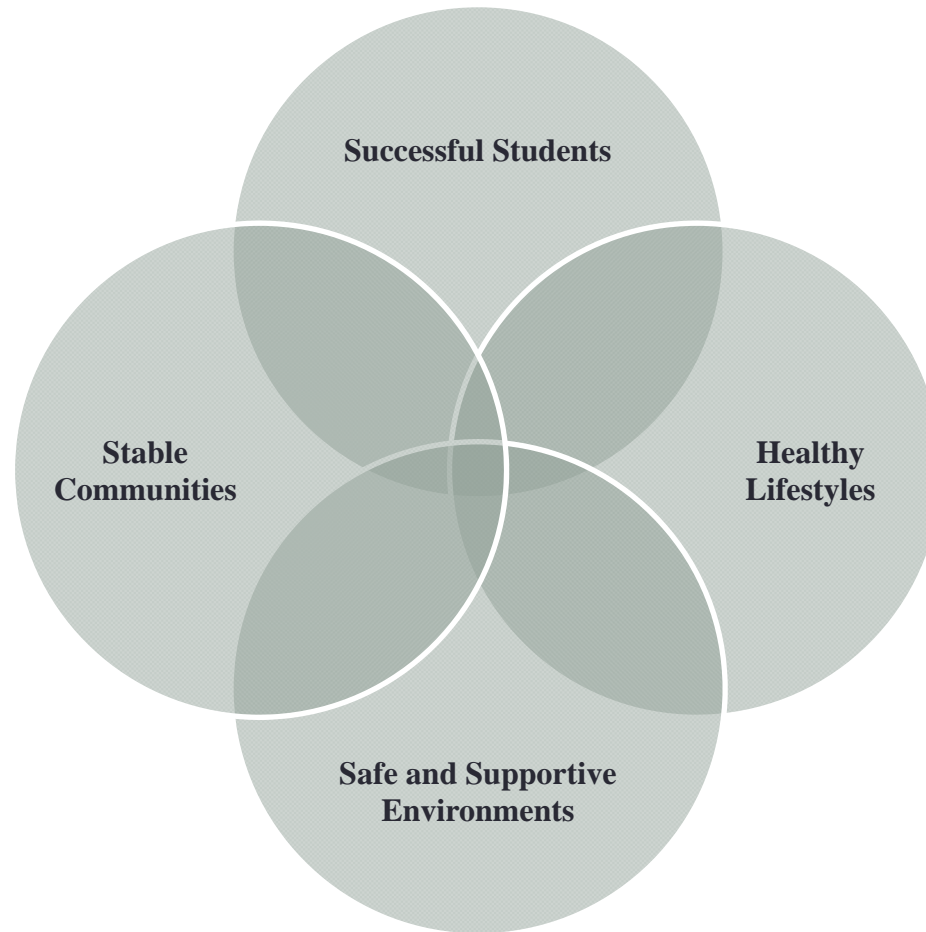
Native Education Agenda

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Stable Communities:

Policies and Strategies

- Effective Governance
- Economic Development
- Community Engagement



Safe and Supportive Environments:

Policies and Strategies



- Protection from Environmental Hazards
- Safe communities
- Drug-free communities



Healthy Life Styles:

Policies and Strategies



- Physical Activity
- Healthy Foods and Safe Drinking Water
- Access to Healthcare



Successful Students:

Policies and Strategies

- Native Language
- Equitable Opportunities
- Higher Education
- Capable Teachers
- Safe Facilities



Indian Education Goals

affirmed by the

U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

- Affirm Tribal sovereignty and control of education
- Restore Assistant Secretary position at DOE
- Revitalize Native languages, histories and cultures
- Increase school leaders, teachers and educators
- Develop seamless education from birth to higher education, life long learning and career goals
- Fulfill education consultation goals
- Expand accountability with Indian Country to ensure the leveraging of federal funds, improved policies and interagency resources to improve cultural based outcomes for Native students and communities.
- Affirm U.N. Declaration that *“Indigenous peoples have the right to self-determination. By virtue of that right, they freely determine their political status and freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development”*.





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POWER OF POSITIVE THINKING



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RECOVERY FROM DISCOVERY



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4 GENERATIONS SOLUTION



● Before 1947

● 1947-1967

● 1967-1987

● After 1987

CREATING THE ABILITY TO RECOVER



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CULTURAL PRIDE AND SYSTEMS CHANGE



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SINEW OF OUR ELDERS



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● Fear – Kidney

● Anger – Gall
Bladder

● Grief – Lungs

● Loss - Heart

1990
TO
1994

GONA

2013 Sustained
Effort

330 TRAININGS
18,000
Participants

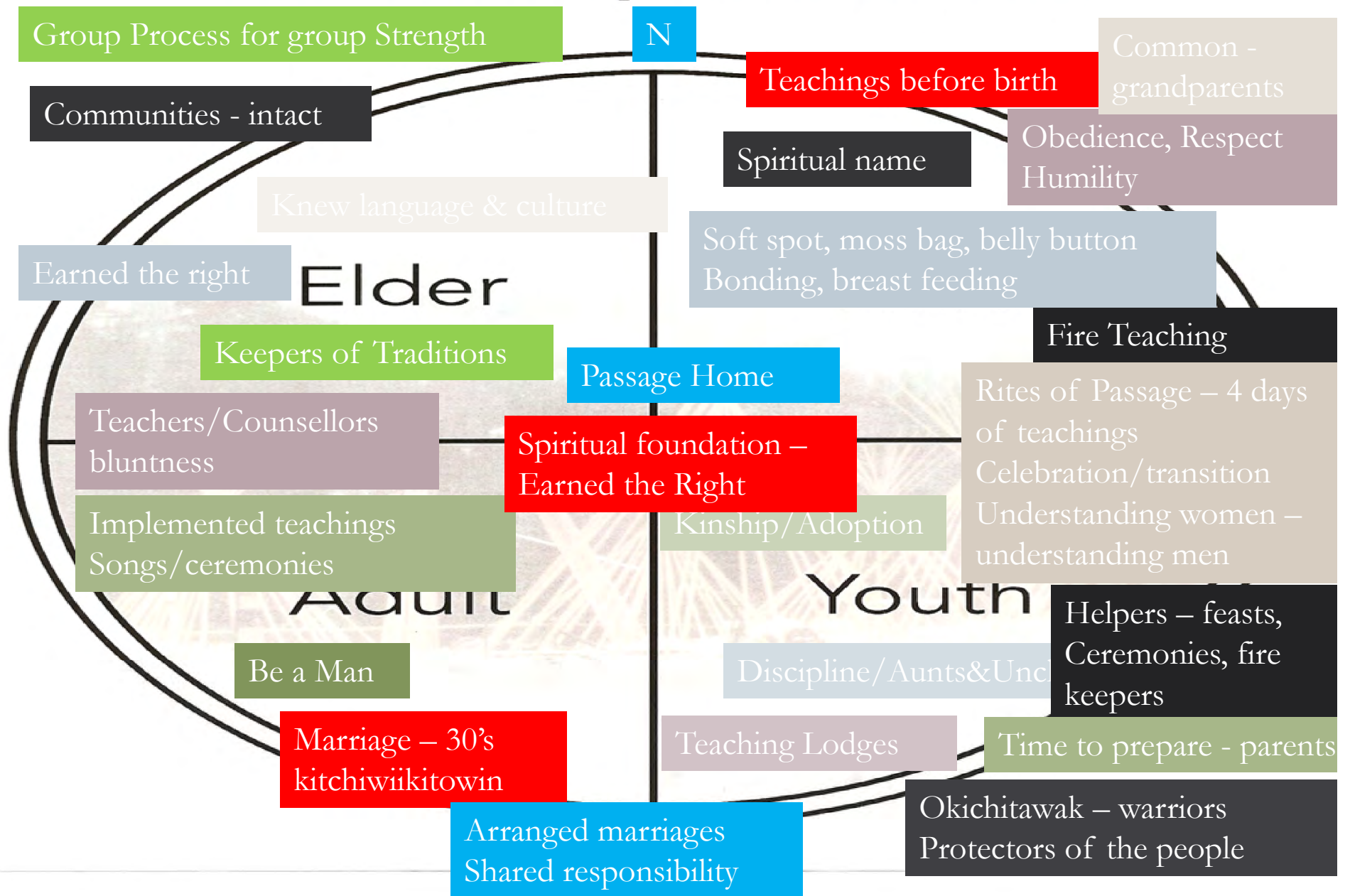
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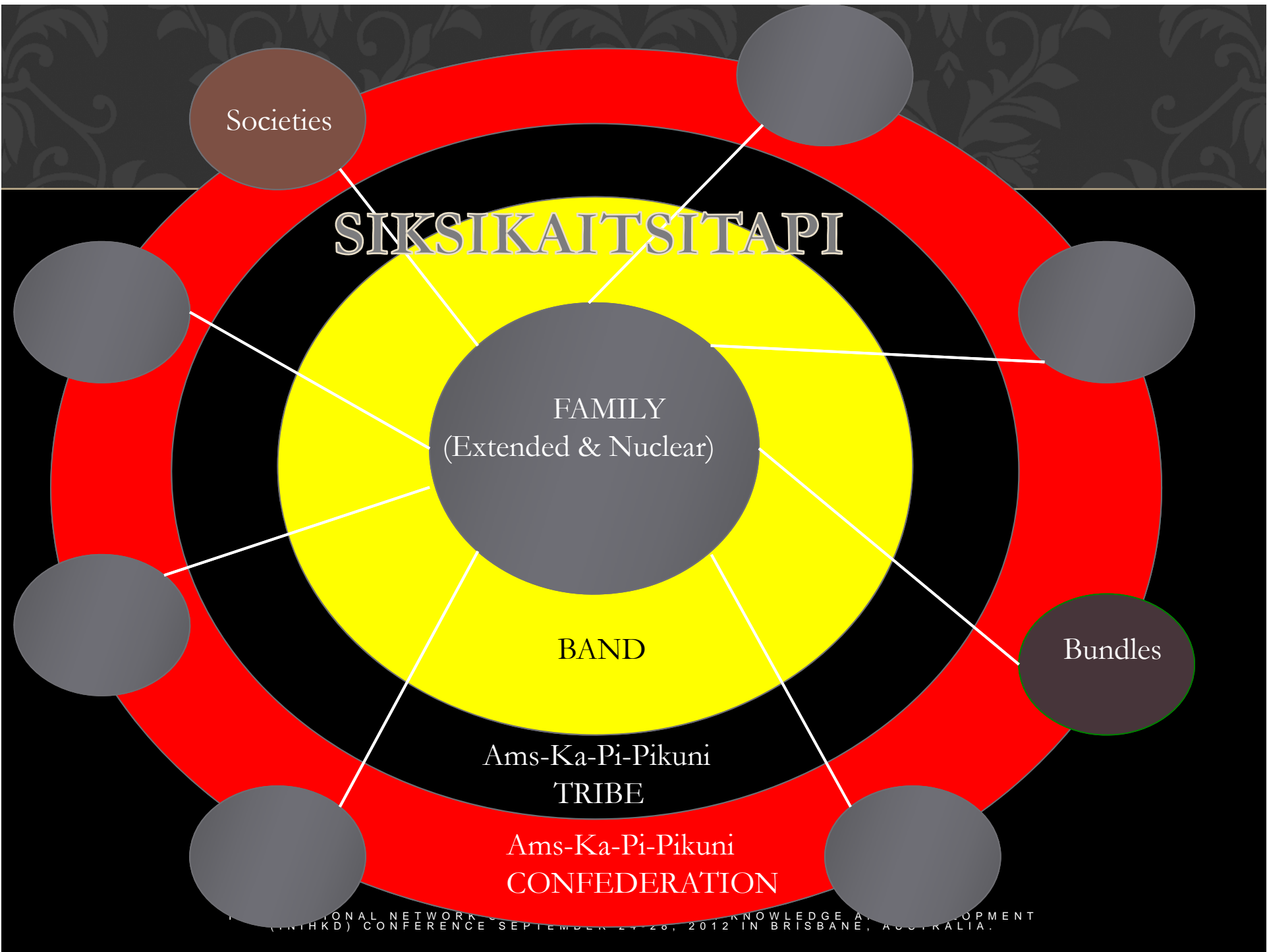


DECOLONIZING

Traditional Family Systems

The Four Cycles of Life







**When "I" is replaced by "we",
even illness becomes wellness.**

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Respectful and Collaborative Indigenous/Academic Research Partnerships:

Strength and Hope

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A photograph of a person standing on a sandy beach, facing a group of people in a canoe on a body of water. The person on the beach is wearing a dark jacket and shorts. The canoe is filled with several people, some holding paddles. The background shows a shoreline with trees and a house. The text is overlaid on the image.

Canoe Journey As A Metaphor For Life

When paddling to another Tribe's village a guest canoe must stop at the shore with paddles up, introduce themselves, announce their intentions, and ask *permission to come ashore*.

A photograph of a person standing on a sandy beach, looking out at a group of people in a canoe on a lake. The person is wearing a dark jacket and shorts. The canoe is filled with several people, some of whom are looking towards the camera. The background shows a calm lake and a forested shoreline with some buildings.

Conventional research places most of the authority and decision making in the hands of the funders and the academics.

Historically, the role of Tribal sovereignty has been ignored in the process of research.



As Tribes and Native organizations become more research savvy, they are asserting their sovereignty to become true partners in research

A photograph of a person in a wetsuit and hat standing on a beach, looking out at a group of people in a canoe on the water. The scene is set on a calm body of water with a forested shoreline in the background.

Community Based Participatory Research

- Collaborative partnerships in all phases of research
- Builds on strengths and resources within the community
- Recognizes community as experts

A photograph of a person wearing a wide-brimmed hat and dark clothing standing on a sandy beach, looking out at a group of people in a canoe on the water. The scene is set during sunset or sunrise, with a calm body of water and a forested shoreline in the background.

Community Based Participatory Research

- Facilitates cross-training and capacity
 - Disseminates findings and knowledge gained to all partners
 - Promotes a co-learning and empowering process that attends to social inequalities
- (Israel, 1998)



Tribal Participatory Research Method

- **Tribal Oversight**
 - Tribal Resolutions
 - Community Advisory Council
 - Ongoing Communication with community
- **Training and employing community members as project staff.**



Tribal Participatory Research Method

- Use of a facilitator
 - Facilitates balance of power
 - Translates between researchers and community members

• (Fisher & Ball, 2002, 2003)





Tribal Sovereignty Guiding The Research Process

- **Provide regular updates to community**
- **Insuring Tribal oversight of all research activities**
- **Present all project activities and materials to Tribal CAB for input and approval**

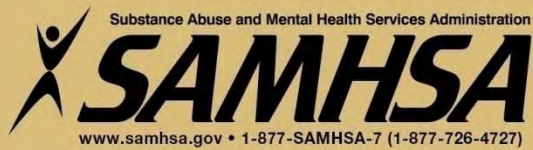
A photograph of a person in traditional dress standing on a sandy shore, looking out at a group of people in a canoe on a lake. The scene is set during sunset or sunrise, with the sun low on the horizon, creating a warm glow over the water. The person on the shore is wearing a dark, long-sleeved tunic and a wide-brimmed hat. The canoe is filled with several people, some holding paddles. The water is calm, and the background shows a line of trees on the far shore.

Tribal Sovereignty Guiding The Research Process

- **Joint Authorship of papers**
- **Data Ownership**
- **Data Sharing**
- **Data Use**
- **Access Agreements and MOUs**
 - **Responsibility of academic institutions**







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