Nothing With Us Without Us: Exploring Research Partnerships With Native American Communities

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Nothing With Us Without Us Research With Native American Communities
There are presently 566 Native American tribes legally recognized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) of the United States.
Be mindful that any research project needs to be performed with an attitude of respect toward the community.

The EBCI Cultural IRB does not accept any research projects dealing with traditional medicine or religious practices. Such information is not deemed appropriate for dissemination outside of the tribe.
Acquisition of traditional knowledge is not considered a right, but a privilege. An attitude of entitlement will not benefit a researcher and may appear to constitute exploitation.

Are you providing a desired service? The Cherokee concept of duyukta is about balance. Any research project requires the taking of informants’ time, knowledge, and experience. It is imperative that the researcher’s project is of benefit not only to the informant but also to the tribe as a whole.

Few tribal members are impressed by titles or degrees. Tribal members will judge researchers on their character, and especially on their motives for conducting research.
The success of any research conducted with tribal members is dependent on the relationships built with people within the community.

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