## Course Name
GNDS 325
Indigenous Meanings of Reproduction and Health

## Contact Hours/Delivery Method
Office hours via Zoom by appointment
Weekly virtual tea every Tuesday from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm EST

## Official Course Description
Indigenous meanings of reproduction and health will form the core of this course. We will discuss the bio-medical model and examine how it has influenced the health of Indigenous peoples, with a particular focus on maternity care in Canada. We will discuss contradictions and incongruencies in an open, respectful, and thought-provoking manner.

## Required Course Materials
n/a

## Course Objectives
**Course objectives**
- To introduce perspectives of health by a variety Indigenous peoples in Canada
- To explore how Indigenous peoples in Canada describe health and wellness
- To develop an appreciation of a variety of Indigenous meanings of reproductive wellness
- To remember information about a variety of Indigenous meanings of reproduction and health

## Course Evaluation
**Weekly annotated reading assignments**
(10 X 4% = 40%)

**Reading Reflections**
(4 X 15% = 60%)

## Topics in Course Outline
1. **Canada’s Nation Building**—Terminology & Background
2. **Indigenous Meanings of Health and Wellness**
3. **Midwifery**
4. **Indigenous Doulas**
5. **Evacuation for Birth**
6. **Death Midwives and Death Doulas**
7. **Two Spirit and Queer Health**
8. **Coercive and Forced Sterilization**
9. **Water is Life**
10. **Guatemalan Midwives**
11. **Reproductive Justice**