

Department of Philosophy Colloquium Series

Thursday,
March 3, 2022
4 - 5:30 p.m.

on Zoom
(details below)

**Everyone
Welcome!**



Indigenous Feminist Philosophy of Language: Reclamation, Post-Traumatic Relationality, and Transformative Justice



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Indigenous language activists are continuously offering nuanced conceptions of language embedded with insights on tribally-specific, land-based onto-epistemologies and cosmologies, and co-creating decolonial and liberatory strategies for language reclamation and cultural resurgence. "Indigenous philosophies of language," as I describe them, spring from Indigenous communities engaged in Indigenous language reclamation work. Many language resources, as well as other items of profound cultural import, are currently locked away within the confines of US research institutions. Legal avenues for repatriation are insufficient for language reclamation, not only because protections like NAGPRA usually do not apply to language resources, but also because a Western legalistic and property-based framework undermines the inherent relationality in Indigenous communities' understandings of language. I am interested in this talk in partnering Indigenous feminist transformative justice work with the language reclamation work stewarded by contemporary Indigenous communities to offer a relationality-based framework for the reclamation of stolen Indigenous language resources.

Zoom details will be distributed Thursday morning.

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