

AIS 340: Summer 2013 A Term

## The Health and Wealth of Native Nations



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"Many Indian people throughout the Americas say that a rich person is one who has many relatives. This philosophy epitomizes the Indian world: An Indigenous person always positions himself or herself in a nexus of kin relations."

How might health and wealth be imagined through a different paradigm? What for instance, are the relationships between American Indian and Alaska Native families, peoples, their land and their traditional economies? How is cultural/spiritual, physical/mental, and economic health imagined differently in Indian Country? How have Native peoples perceived their own definitions of family, of community and of health? How and why is a present "healing" of Native individuals and families articulated to a revitalized land and community that extends to include so much more?

Instructor: Dian Million, Ph.D., All texts for class provided. Link to see related discussion informing part of this class: [Therapeutic Nations: Healing in An Age of Indigenous Human Rights](#). Text not required.  
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