

DA8002W Indigenous Practical Theology Symposium

Offered: 2018: Intensive – March (NAIITS Masters unit – in Melbourne Vic and also Sydney NSW)

This unit aims to introduce students to a range of issues facing indigenous peoples in various parts of the world, and to a variety of ideas and points of view in response to these issues. Students will be introduced to skills, ideas and techniques that equip them for cross-cultural work.

Upon successful completion of this unit, it is expected that students will be able to:

1. Describe a range of perspectives held by Indigenous peoples, and articulate issues from an insider perspective before, and as well as, critiquing them.
2. Use both emic and etic approaches in critiquing cultural issues related to Indigenous contexts.
3. Articulate and describe key issues affecting indigenous peoples from both a cultural and theological perspective
4. Develop a contextually appropriate solution to one of the identified issues.

Prerequisites: Nil

Class Time: Four day intensive, with additional subsequent online component

Assessment:	One essay (2,000 words)	(50%)
	Face to face sessions during Symposium (1,500 words)	(15%)
	Pre and post course reading report (1,500 words)	(15%)
	Online forum interactions (1,000 words)	(20%)

Faculty: Casey Church

Recommended Reading:

* = set texts recommended for purchase

Fixico, Donald L., *The American Indian Mind in a Linear World*, New York: Routledge, 2003

Rainbow Spirit Elders. *Rainbow spirit theology: Towards an Australian aboriginal theology*. Victoria: HarperCollinsReligious, 1997

Rynkiewicz, Michael., *Soul, Self, and Society: A Postmodern Anthropology for Mission in a Postcolonial World* Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2011

Salzman, Philip Carl and Patricia C. Rice, *Thinking Anthropologically: A Practical Guide for Students*. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall, 2011

Stonechild, Blair, *The New Buffalo: The struggle for Aboriginal Post-Secondary Education in Canada*. Winnipeg: University of Manitoba Press, 2006.

Woodley, Randy S., *Shalom and the Community of Creation: An Indigenous Vision*. Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans, 2012.