

Arctic Research is Relationship - Exploring the Foundations of Collaborative, Community, and Indigenous-Centered Arctic Research



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Course Description: This is an advanced level course intended to create welcoming, respectful spaces, dialogues, and productive research collaborations with Tribes, Indigenous peoples, agencies and organizations. The goal of this course will be to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of challenges and the foundations of knowledge co-production, participatory research, and Indigenous-led and practical applications of scientific research within the broader context of a rapidly changing Arctic and increasing recognition of Indigenous knowledges and data sovereignty. The course aims to serve graduate students, early career researchers as well as seasoned Arctic researchers. The course is developed in partnership with the National Science Foundation (NSF) Navigating the New Arctic Community Office (NNA-CO).



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Course Instructors

The course will be team-facilitated, led by Dr. Polly Hyslop, Upper Tanana Dineh, Research Professor of Indigenous Studies at Alaska Pacific University (APU). The team consists of Dr. Beth Ginondidoy Leonard, Deg Xit'an (Athabascan) and member of the Shageluk Tribe of interior Alaska (APU), James Temte, Northern Cheyenne (APU), Dr. Noor Johnson (CU Boulder) and Jessica Lewis-Nicori, Yup'ik from Chefnak AK (APU). Guest speakers will include experts (Elders and emerging youth leaders) who are leading dialogues on decolonization and racial equity, and professionals who work for or closely with Tribes and Indigenous Organizations on science and conservation challenges.

Continuing Education Units or College Credit Option

Alaska Pacific University offers for credit and continuing education units (CEU's) professional development courses in conjunction with outside third-party agencies. Participants who successfully complete this course will be awarded three (3.0) CEUs. College students will be eligible to receive (4.0) APU college credits upon completion.

To Apply, Eligibility, Date & Time

Please [fill out an application via this link](#) by August 30th. The cost of the course is \$110 to cover the APU transcript fee for CEU's plus the cost to purchase the required text, [The Right to be Cold](#) by Sheila Watt-Cloutier. The class size will be limited to 25 students. We are seeking course participants who have a direct role in Arctic research in various capacities. APU students are also welcome to apply and participate for college credit. All applicants will be notified by September 1 if they are accepted into the program. Meets Fridays via Zoom 10:00am-12:00pm AKT September 22-December 8, 2023.

For More Information, Contact:

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