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Animal-Centric Storytelling in Mi'kmaw Social Research

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Abstract: Mi'kmaw stories transmit cultural teachings and engage listeners on spiritual, emotional, physical, and intellectual levels. Traditional stories feature animals prominently, often centering their experience in ways that highlight the Mi'kmaw worldview of all living beings as interconnected. Traditionally, stories were transmitted verbally, and tailored to context and audience, providing flexibility for cultural engagement and transmission. Comparing examples from multiple sources, this talk will demonstrate how stories can feature in Mi'kmaw social research, and will offer points to consider when analyzing Mi'kmaw stories collected in English text by settlers.

Margaret Robinson is a two-spirit scholar and a member of Lennox Island First Nation who grew up in the Eskikewa'kik district of Mi'kma'ki, in what is currently Nova Scotia. Her research interests include food sovereignty and how cultural identity, language, and the arts can promote wellbeing for oppressed people. Margaret's research is supported by the Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Reconciliation, Gender, and Identity. Professor Robinson is author of *"Is the Moose Still My Brother If We Don't Eat Him?"* in *Critical Perspectives on Veganism*, J. Castricano & R.R. Simonsen (Eds.), New York, NY: Palgrave McMillan, among other publications.



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