

# Locating our selves amidst the wealth:

## Creative approaches to intersectionality for personal and social transformation

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### intersectionality & settlement

Susan's family's hometown has been occupied 16,744 days. Robert was born in a city that has occupied other people's land for 120,815



days. How long has where you live been occupied?

How do we intersect with race, class, gender, ability in our own lives? And with others?

Where are we located amidst the wealth?



### decolonization & social transformation

Creative expressions of our stories offer access to varied intersections in our selves and with others.

These provides both self-awareness and plans for social transformation.

A key ingredient of colonization—what we actively critique—is disconnection. Intersectionality and decolonization repair relationships with our selves and each other.



### connections

what every American needs to know about Israel/Palestine: [ifamericansknew.org](http://ifamericansknew.org)

North Coast Coalition for Palestine: [nccpal.org](http://nccpal.org)

Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions: [bdsmovement.net](http://bdsmovement.net)

Decolonization: Indigeneity, Education & Society: [decolonization.org](http://decolonization.org)

Critical Ethnic Studies Association: [criticalethnicstudies.org](http://criticalethnicstudies.org)

Cultural Survival Quarterly: [www.culturalsurvival.org](http://www.culturalsurvival.org)

Indian Land Tenure Foundation: [iltf.org](http://iltf.org)

National Native News: [nativenews.net](http://nativenews.net)

Native American Rights Fund (NARF): [www.narf.org/](http://www.narf.org/)

Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience (STAR): <http://www.emu.edu/cjp/star/>

"...euro-americans in the United States can't talk about Gaza, because we can't talk about Israel. Because we can't talk about the fact that the world is not suffering from a Israeli/Palestinian conflict, but that the world is suffering from the fact that Europe has never been



able to deal with it's 'Jewish Question' without some sort of intense barbarity and horror from the Inquisition to the Holocaust.... We can't talk about Israel because we can't talk about Wounded Knee. Because we can't talk about Sand Creek or Carlisle 'Boarding School.' Because we can't talk about forced sterilization or small pox blankets or Kit Carson and his scorched earth policy in the Southwest. Because we have Andrew Jackson on our twenty dollar bill. Because we are one huge settlement on stolen land. We can't talk about Israel because we are Israel." (Laduke, W. 2012 Facebook post quoting David Miller).

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