

Revitalizing Indigenous Culture and Land Based Practices: Sharing Across the Waters

Summer Field School Course with Kim Anderson, University of Guelph

Hello! I am an Indigenous (Metis) professor at the University of Guelph (Canada), where I do research on Indigenous relationships, land based learning and Indigenous women and gender. I have the opportunity to teach a two-week field course in Sweden for third-year University of Guelph students in the spring/early summer 2022. May-Britt Öhman organized a tour for me in Sweden in 2017 and I spent time with Sami in Jokkmok and other sites. I loved visiting with Sami people and am excited to come back with students!



The course will bring 10 students (a mixture of Indigenous and non-Indigenous) and a Mohawk Grandmother to Sweden so we can learn about cultural revitalization and land based practices with the Sami, and share what we are doing.

While we are there we could do some presentations about our land-based work, which mostly involves gardens and food sovereignty in southern Indigenous communities in



Canada. The students and I can share our own experiences around the recovery of Indigenous identity and culture, and I can talk about how we are bringing Indigenous knowledge into the universities.

We are looking for opportunities to learn about the Sami as this would allow our students to think about Indigenous land based and cultural revitalization in another context—across the waters!

Our class would benefit from any presentations, workshops or discussions that would teach us about Sami culture and land based practice. I am always interested in discussions about gender issues as well.

We would also like to do volunteer work that would give us a glance at land based and/or cultural activity. This would also create a nice environment for visiting.

I'm open to any suggestions and discussion, through May-Britt or at kimberle@uoguelph.ca.

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