**Student Research Profiles**

**Jason Bruce**

I'm Jason, a PhD candidate and Mental Health Project Manager at Indspire. My research focuses on creating a culturally responsive teacher evaluation framework for Stó:lō First Nations community schools in British Columbia. Emphasizing Indigenous pedagogical practices, I underscore the importance of assessment, community engagement, and relationship-building in education.

**Brooke Lavallee**

My name is Brooke Lavallee, and I am a member of Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation, bear clan.  I hold a Masters of Education with specialization in Indigenous Education.  My research will centre on urban Indigenous-led early learning programs that are rooted in connection to land, culture, and language, aiming to understand their influence on Indigenous identity formation.

**Lisa Marie Milliken**

Lisa Marie Milliken, Chippewa of Kettle and Stony Point FN, is developing a Knowledge Basket/dissertation podcast presentation to explore strategies that improve wholistic wellbeing of Two-spirited youth experiencing trauma in Canada. Her research methodology seeks to decolonize, centre Indigenous knowledge and queer theory while utilizing trauma informed, community-based methods.

She is a mother of five beautiful children and two grandchildren and currently resides with her partner in Curve Lake First Nation where she works remotely for Indigenous Services Canada.

**Mackenzie Ramsay**

Aaniin! Mackenzie / Smiling Water *nindizhinikaaz. Neen Anishinaabe-Métis kwe. Manidoo gaming ndoongibah.* I am a registered member of the Métis Nation of Ontario, specifically, the Georgian Bay community (region 7) and have mixed settler roots from France, Ireland, and England.

I am a PhD candidate, doing my dissertation knowledge basket on, 'Quilting Remembrance: A way of picking up our individual and collective responsibilities toward Mother Earth and the continuation of ALL life.'

**Sam Roan**

Aniin/ Boozhoo niindiginkaaz Binesibekwe. Mishkosiminoziibing indojiba. Tan'si, niya Yotinahiskwew. Big Grassy ochi niya. I am Samantha Roan. I am Anishnaabekwe and Nehiyawiskwew from Big Grassy River in Treaty 3. I am Lynx Clan. I have family ties that span Treaty 1 - 8. My homelands are Lake of the Woods to the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. I have 3 children and a wonderful partner from Maskwacis, Treaty 6 by way of Mountain Cree Camp.

I am a second year PhD student in the Knowledge Basket Dissertation stream and will be researching how healthcare providers are taught about Indigenous peoples and the policies that affect this learning. I hope to make accessing healthcare safer so that my children and yours will have better experiences.

**Shane Young**

*Mi’kmaw and Newfoundland Settler from Qalipu First Nation, Shane explores colonialism's impact on Indigenous identities.*Based in Toronto since 2006, his work on social media's role in identity reclamation offers insights into digital communities, resurgence, and strategies for supporting Indigenous futures—a profound act of decolonization and self-determination.