



EP. 3: NATASHA AND LEANNE PART 2

We continue our chat with **Natasha Rainkie and Leanne Joe** about their experiences as Indigenous students at UFV. In part 2, Leanne shares stories about confronting instructors when Indigenous perspectives were not represented and the positive impacts of open communication on meaningful Indigenization. The two leave us with powerful advice and with a song.

FAST FACTS

- Both [Leanne](#) and [Natasha](#) were awarded [UFV's Lieutenant Governor General's Medal](#) for promoting inclusion, democracy, and reconciliation.
- Learn the story of the [Women's Warrior Song](#), by Martina Pierre.
- The [Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action](#) (2015) and the [UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#) (2007) provide important context for Indigenization efforts at UFV.
- The [Pulling Together Series](#), produced by BCCampus, is recommended reading for Indigenizing curricula, research, and services at UFV.

NATASHA AND LEANNE'S ADVICE TO FACULTY

Remain open to blind spots on your decolonization journey

Wherever you are in the process, there is always more to learn. If a student or colleague alerts you to a blind spot, listen with [humility](#) and act with courage. Remember that discipline specific decolonizing resources now exist for almost all fields. Check out [this resource](#) that inspired Geography instructors to create a decolonized program in land planning.

Incorporate Indigenous pedagogies

Leanne and Natasha both recommended Indigenizing classes through [storytelling](#) and [land-based education](#). To explore these pedagogies, check out the [Indigenization workshops](#), offered by Specialist Lorna Andrews to receive guidance on weaving these approaches into your teaching in meaningful and culturally-appropriate ways.

What is Ekta?

Ekta, pronounced "ay-k-ta," is a Sanskrit word meaning **unity, togetherness, and solidarity**. The Ekta podcast features student stories that highlight what is needed to foster ekta at UFV.

Spotlight on Halq'eméylem

Kw'as hó:y

Pronounced "kwa-seye"
Meaning "thanks"

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