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Editorial

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This edition testifies to the broad international reach of the journal, with contributions variously concerned with Arctic Indigenous communities, the Métis of Canada, Native Hawaiians and Māori of Aotearoa (New Zealand). Two articles stress the need to work collaboratively and respectfully with Indigenous populations whilst conducting research. The first, by Gwen Healey, notes the increased interest in health research in the Arctic, particularly with Inuit populations. Healy seeks to add to the growing body of literature concerned with Indigenous ways of knowing by highlighting Inuit concepts that inform an effective Arctic research model. The second, by primary author Peter Hutchinson and a range of co-contributors, highlights the ways in which Métis collaborators working in health developed a participatory Indigenous research method that was unique in that it foregrounded Métis relationships and relationality. In so doing, the researchers were able to give substance to otherwise staid policy statements about the need for good ethical research conduct.

Stephanie Nohelani Teves notes the convergence of Native Studies and Queer Studies in questioning heteronormativity within Native communities, and the ways that settler colonialism has been elided in much of Queer Studies scholarship. Teves adds to this literature by offering a critical reading of Ke Kulana He Māhū, a film that charts the struggle for LGBTQ rights in Hawai`i but overlooks the Hawaiian sovereignty movement that was happening simultaneously.

The final paper, by Helen Moewaka Barnes, Belinda Borell and Tim McCreanor, examines the manner in which settler privilege has insinuated itself throughout the public and private domains in ways that support its ‘interests, aspirations and sensibilities’. This intimation is disinterred through their efforts to theorise the structural dynamics of ethnic privilege in Aotearoa. The authors conclude with a renewed call for effective anti-racist efforts to ameliorate the effects of settler advantage.

Book Review


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