

François Bastien's story begins in Wendake. He is a member of the Huron-Wendat First Nation. He and his family now reside on the traditional lands of the WSÁNEĆ Peoples and are grateful for the opportunity to live and learn from those who have stewarded and protected the lands on which they now reside since time immemorial. He has worked for, lived in, played and developed relationships with many Indigenous Peoples and communities which have all contributed to his learning journey. While doing so, he has observed various incongruities between Indigenous ways of organizing and contemporary colonial models. Throughout his academic work in various Western post-secondary institutions, he has also noticed a shared struggle to decolonize and indigenize. Reconciliation for him means embarking on a mutually beneficial co-constructed journey of transformation and collaboration between Western and Indigenous worldviews; a road that is built and shared as opposed to being static and owned.

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