

Terms to Be Familiar With

- **COLONIZATION** - The action or process of settling among and establishing control over the Indigenous people of an area: the action of appropriating a place or domain for one's own use.
 - **EXTERNAL COLONIZATION:** Expropriation of fragments of Indigenous worlds, animals, plants, resources, and human beings: extracting them in order to transport them to - and build the wealth, the privilege, or feed the appetites of - the colonizers.
 - **INTERNAL COLONIZATION:** Biopolitical and/or geopolitical management of people, land, flora and fauna within the “domestic” borders of the colonized nation.
- **DECOLONIZATION:** The process to bring about the repatriation of Indigenous land, life, and ways. To remove the influences through acts of getting rid of the vestiges of colonization, or freeing a country from being dependent on another country.
- **SURVIVANCE:** More than mere survival—it is a way of life that nourishes Indigenous ways of knowing. Survivance is the renunciations of dominance, detractions, obtrusions, the unbearable sentiments of tragedy, and the legacy of victimry. It is an active resistance and repudiation of dominance. Our Native stories and traditions are the sources of Survivance.

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“Decolonization Is Not a Metaphor” Tuck and Yang, 2012
“Aesthetics of Survivance” – Gerald Vizenor, 2019

