

Indigenous Healing Psychology

From: [Katz, Richard](#)

Hi dear Louise,

I wanted to ask you for some advice about my book, "Indigenous Healing Psychology."

One of the most gratifying recent responses we've gotten to the book is that it is being adopted as a course reading in advanced and graduate courses in the health sciences, including training for practitioners in clinical, community and counseling psychology, and allied health professions. The student reactions have been heart-warming, as they speak of their connecting with a vision of psychology that allows them to be sensitive to and hopefully more effective in working with Indigenous peoples. And they also state how the book is for them a "best practices" picture of psychology and allied health service professions. Responses from community development leaders has also been most encouraging as they see the book as a resource in helping to build trust, respect and understanding between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities.

These reader responses are most gratifying as I know this kind of reception to their teachings is just what the Indigenous elders who speak in the book were wishing for.

I wonder if you might suggest any persons teaching in those clinical/counseling/community type courses that might be interested in learning about the book; perhaps I could contact them and send them a little flyer.

With affection,

Dick

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From: [Michelle Brenner](#)

Dear Richard,

I too have found your book soothing to my soul. I wonder if there is an opportunity for you to come to Australia, and talk? If you could contribute to the ticket in getting here, I could help with accomodation and getting accademic interest. Do you think we could start organising?

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I am pretty sure the CEO would help in organising something. Is there a short introductory, 2 day or 1 day training you could put together that gives a guide to the paradigm shift that lies at the heart of your book, of Indiginous healing practices?

I have written this article, not published yet, I am attaching it and the short abstract on the article , that hopefully doves tail into your work.

Let me know if you want me to help.

kind regards Michelle

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From: [Rachel Sing-Kiat Ting \(via iptaskforce list\)](#)

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Hi Richard,

I am so glad that you are sharing your wisdom with us. I have been reading your book "Indigenous healing psychology" since the beginning of the year, and it certainly struck a cord in me about your journey of IP. I am thinking of inviting a PhD student to write a book review with me about this particular book, and I have request our library (Monash University Malaysia) to keep a copy of it too. It is a valuable addition to the IP community, and your vulnerable reflection in the first part of the book is amazing. I have also becoming fond of indigenous healing methods since my humanitarian involvement with Tibetan community in China (2011), then I have studied Yi community of their Bimo religious tradition (2014-now). Now I am embarking on another journey with the Temiar people (indigenous people in Malaysia) about their healing tradition. So I certainly appreciate your frontier spirit in working with indigenous people. I have been recommending your book to all my students who are interested in doing IP research with a fieldwork/anthropological approach.

Hopefully we could write a more systemic book review by end of the year.

Peace,
Rachel

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