

## Description

Educational decolonization is a key activity of AERC. Through development of innovative research project with diverse partners, AERC is exploring many facets of Aboriginal education as it develops vibrant ethical dialogic process and results that contribute to increased success for Aboriginal learners.

## Goals

- Research and study the needs of Aboriginal student populations, successful pedagogy and practices, and experimental methods to shape future policy and directions of provincial and band schools
- Improve the educational capacity of schools to retain and meet the needs of Aboriginal students, while improving the knowledge and sensitivity of other students and school staff to Aboriginal peoples
- Develop supportive partnerships with Aboriginal communities, elders, institutions and organizations
- Build local and Canadian capacity to value and learn from the knowledge and educational practices of diverse Aboriginal peoples
- Mobilize knowledge and practices among educational institutions through dialogues, conferences, publications and websites on Aboriginal education
- Develop research activities as decolonizing sites to improve Indigenous education across disciplines, throughout Canada and internationally
- Facilitate dialogue with Aboriginal communities, organizations and elders to develop collaborative protocols and practices for ethical research, learning and teaching
- Support and enrich graduate students and faculty in scholarly interests and subsequent research in Aboriginal education
- Create local, provincial, national and international partnerships with other pre-eminent universities and groups

*This Centre will build research capacity and nourish leadership in a new generation of scholars as they take their place in the Canadian academy, in the administration of schools, colleges, and universities and in advancing Aboriginal education.*

Dr. Marie Battiste  
Academic Director, AERC  
2005 - 2012



Contact:  
**Dr. Alex Wilson**  
Academic Director  
Room 1212, College of Education  
[www.aerc.usask.ca](http://www.aerc.usask.ca)  
[aerc@usask.ca](mailto:aerc@usask.ca)  
(306) 966-1360

## Who has been served?

### Researchers & Research Assistants

AERC funded 46 research positions between 2009 and 2011, including 36 student assistants (27 graduate students and 9 undergraduate students).

### Learners

AERC mentors students in Indigenous research theory and methodology, and qualitative research processes in assessments and evaluations.

### Partners

AERC supports student organizations - for example, Student Teachers Against Racism Society (STARS) in their speaking events, workshops, conferences and activism.

## Aboriginal Framework

