

Practicing Law with Humility

How can Indigenous Laws make Canadian Lawyers better?

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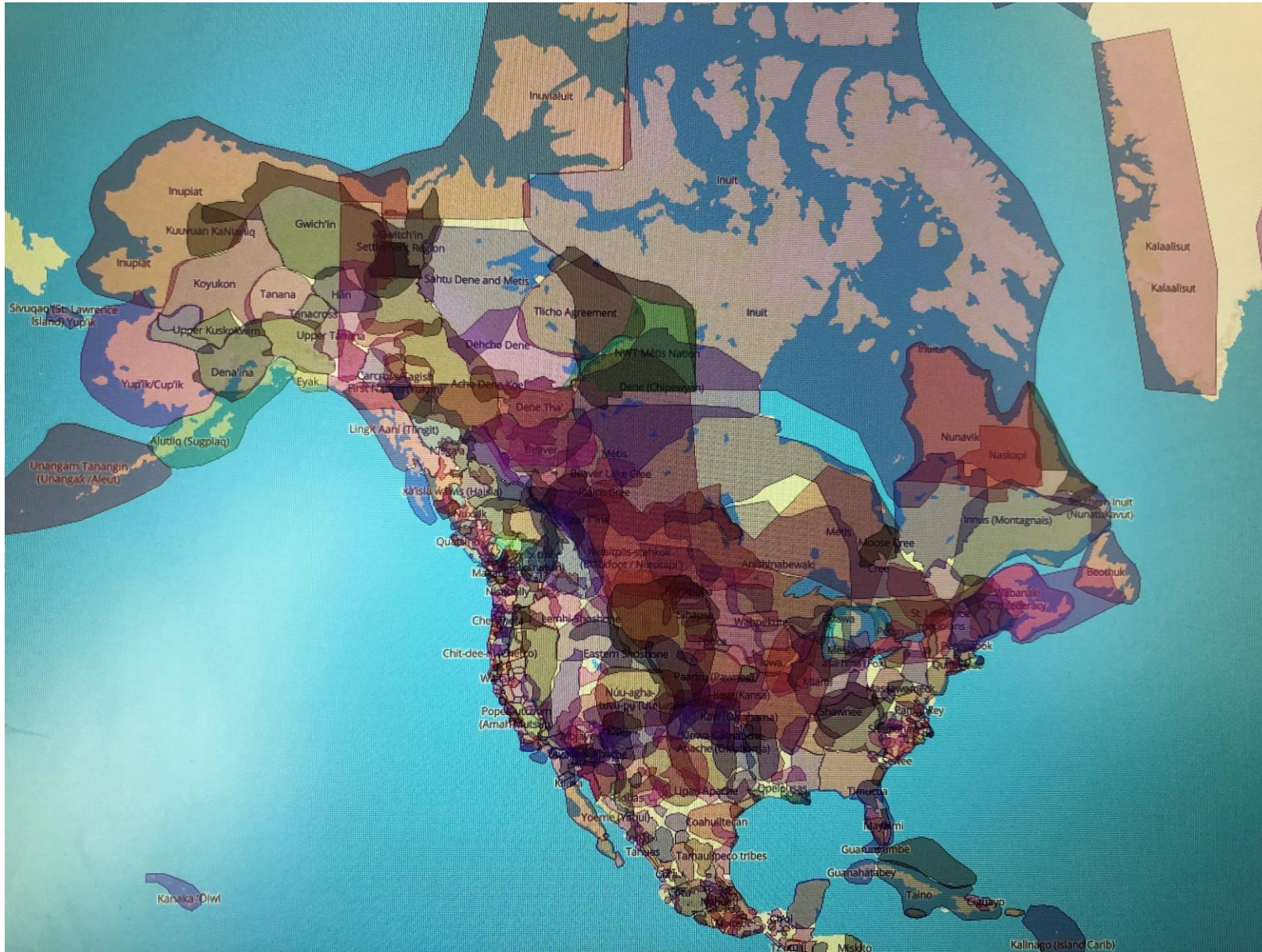


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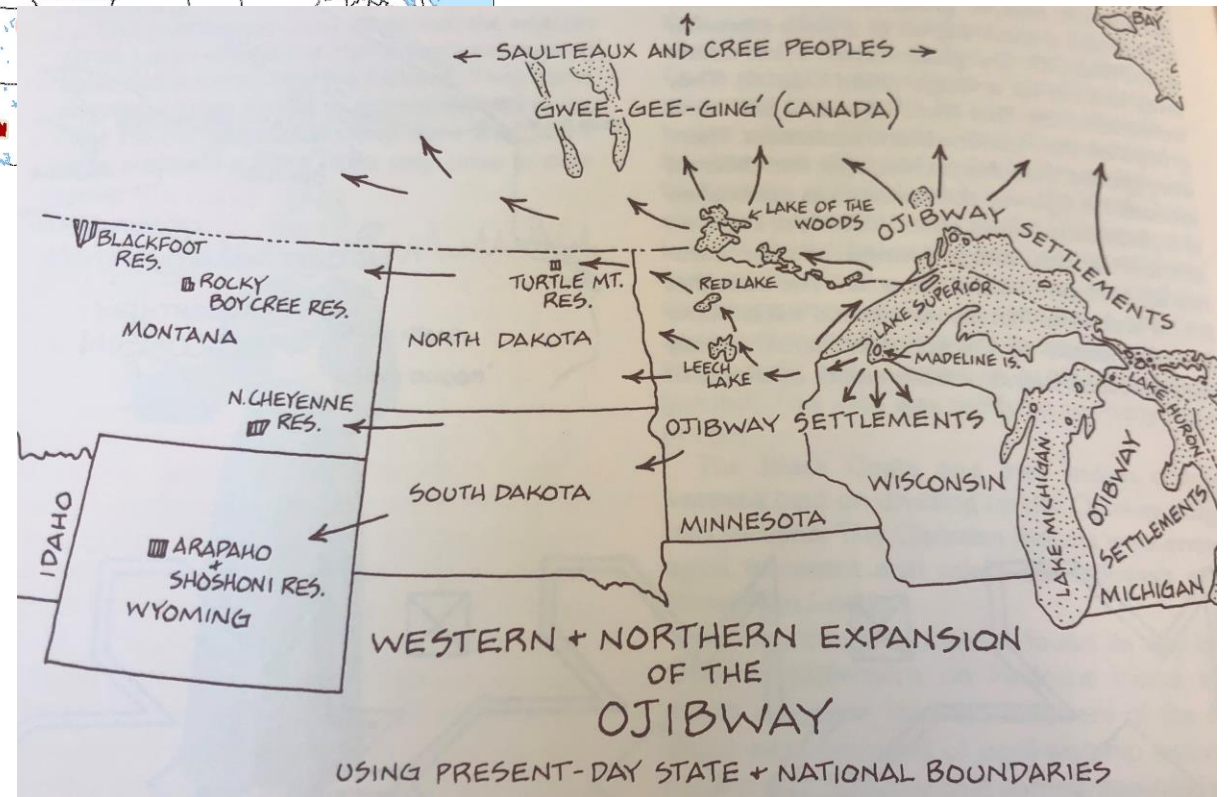
- Indigenous and Anishinaabe Law
- The Grandfather Teachings
- Dabaadendiziwin
- Humility in the Criminal Law: **WARNING murder/gun violence case**
 - NOTE: THIS WILL BE REVISTED IN THE JAN 2020 ETHICS TRAINING
- Humility as law students

What is
Indigenous
Law?



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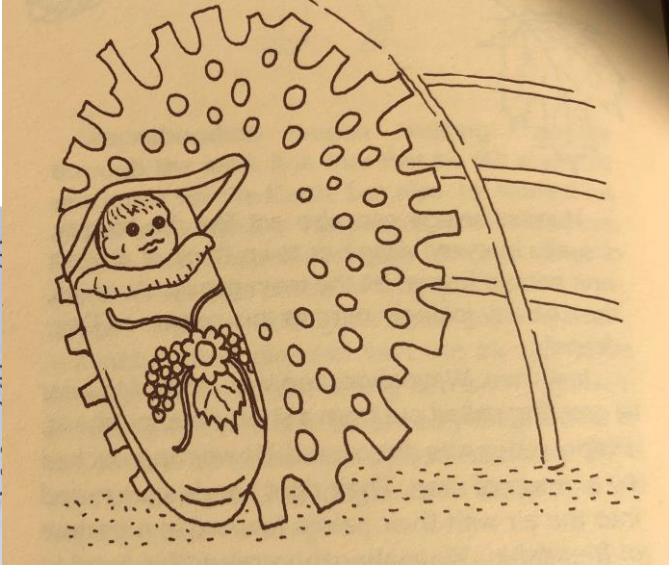
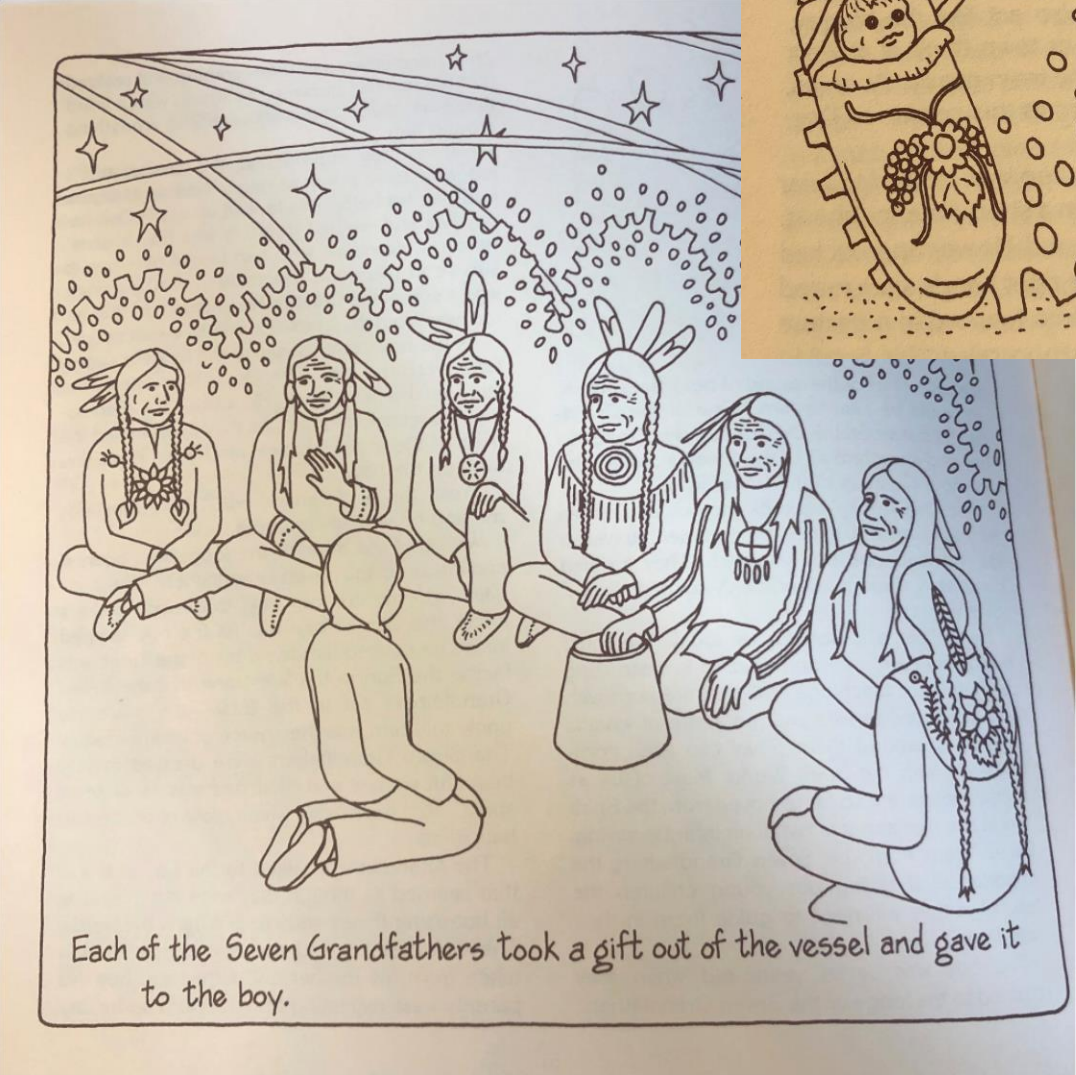
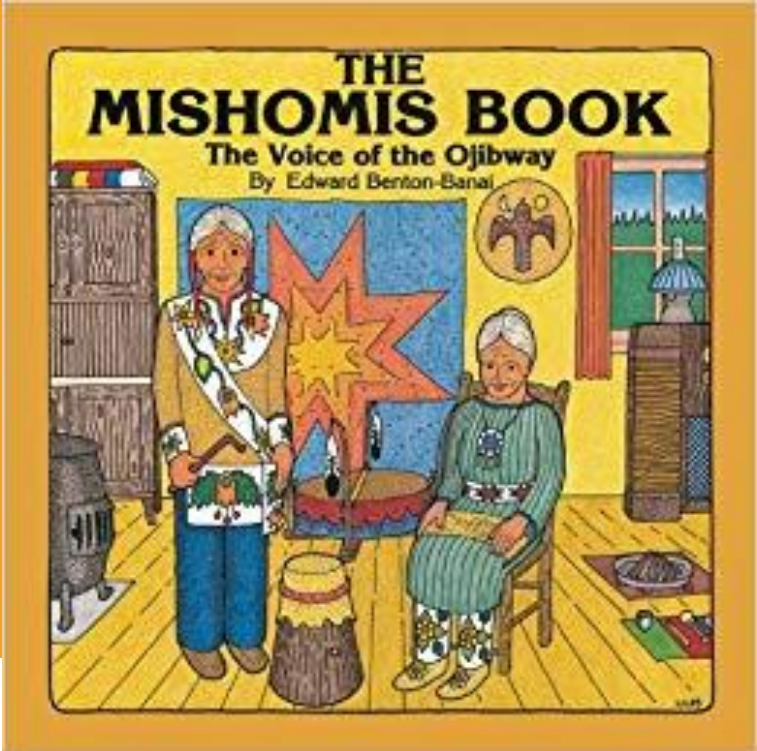
Who are the Anishinaabe?



Who isn't?



Grandfather Teachings



WISDOM

LOVE

RESPECT

BRAVERY

HONESTY

HUMILITY

TRUTH



Art: Aura & Chief Lady Bird

Think
Pair
Share

- In what way(s) are the Grandfather Teachings different from Canadian colonial law?

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- Humility is a state of positioning oneself in a way that does not favour one's own importance over another's
- Humility is a condition of being teachable
- Humility allows us to recognize our dependence on others and to consider their perspectives along with our own
- To measure out or be careful with your thoughts and views and appropriately apportion your judgements
- Looking outside of your own worldview and considering another perspective

Balance



Humility is not about viewing oneself as being above or below another. It is instead seeing all life as equally deserving of respect. Space must be taken up as necessary, just as it must be given away at times as well.

Think Pair Share

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How can practices of
humility improve your
experience as a law
student?

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