

# SEMINAR

## Multiple dimensions of Indigenous ecological restoration

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The field of ecological restoration is somewhat narrowly focused on assisting the recovery of ecosystems that have been degraded, damaged, or destroyed in some manner. Indigenous nations and Indigenous families engaged in ecosystem restoration regard the work in much broader terms, often involving restoration of human connections to land/water, restoring Indigenous languages and knowledges, and restoring communal land-based practices. Indigenous peoples' recognition of lands and waters as living, ancestral beings also dramatically alters our perspectives, meanings, and approaches to land- and water-based restorative practice. This seminar unpacks these concepts with examples from Turtle Island, Hawai'i, and Aotearoa.

Dr. Reo is a citizen of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. He is Associate Professor of Indigenous Environmental Studies at Dartmouth College, a university in New Hampshire, USA, where he studies Indigenous approaches to land tenure focusing on how Indigenous knowledges, ethics, and languages shape the ways Indigenous peoples take care of their homelands. Dr. Reo blends ecological, anthropological and Indigenous methodologies in his work, often via tribal community-university partnerships.

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