

“Research in Action” Podcast Instructor Guide

Use the following episode description, learning objectives, guiding questions and activity suggestions to more easily include “Research in Action” podcast episodes as a supplemental resource for your course.

Podcast and Episode Information

“Research in Action” is a weekly podcast about topics and issues related to research in higher education featuring experts across a range of disciplines.

On this episode, the guest is Qwo-Li Driskill, a (non-citizen) Cherokee Two-Spirit and Queer writer, activist, and performer also of African, Irish, Lenape, Lumbee, and Osage ascent. They are the author of *Walking with Ghosts: Poems* (Salt Publishing, 2005) and the co-editor of *Sovereign Erotics: A Collection of Two-Spirit Literature* (University of Arizona, 2011) and *Queer Indigenous Studies: Critical Interventions in Theory, Politics, and Literature* (University of Arizona, 2011). Their book *Asegi Stories: Cherokee Queer and Two-Spirit Memory* (University of Arizona 2016) was a finalist for a Lambda Literary Award in 2017.

Segment One [00:00-11:49] - In this segment, Qwo-Li shares about their research in indigenous and two-spirit studies.

Segment Two [11:50-22:38] - In this segment, Qwo-Li shares about their experience using research to write poetry.

Segment Three [22:39-34:08] - In this segment, Qwo-Li describes what makes a strong poetry collection.

Show notes and a transcript for this episode can be found at:

<http://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/research/podcast/e178/>

Learning Outcomes

By listening to this episode, students will be able to:

- Describe indigenous studies
- Describe two-spirit studies
- Discuss the elements that make up a strong poetry collection

Guiding Questions for Listening

- How does Qwo-Li Driskill describe indigenous studies?
- Why does Qwo-Li Driskill hesitate to call indigenous studies a “field”?
- How would you define two-spirit studies based on Qwo-Li Driskill’s description?
- How does Qwo-Li Driskill use the metaphor of basket weaving to describe their research methodology?
- What is Qwo-Li Driskill’s process for writing poetry?
- How does Qwo-Li Driskill know when a poetry collection is finished?
- What makes a good poetry collection according to Qwo-Li Driskill?
- What are some of the challenges of conducting indigenous and two-spirit research?
- According to Qwo-Li Driskill, what role do the archives play in indigenous and two-spirit research?
- What other disciplines or methodologies are helpful when conducting indigenous or two-spirit research?

Possible Activities

- Ask students to visit the show notes for this episode (<http://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/research/podcast/e178/>) and look at an additional resource that is linked in connection with this episode. Students can write a short review of that resource to share with their peers.
- Ask students to visit the show notes for this episode (<http://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/research/podcast/e178/>) and post an additional resource connected to the content of the episode in the comments section.
- Have students share questions that are raised for them based on the content of this episode. What would they ask Qwo-Li Driskill if they could?

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About the Research in Action Podcast

“Research in Action” (RIA) is a podcast about topics and issues related to research in higher education featuring experts across a range of disciplines. Episodes are posted weekly and include guest interviews and occasional solo episodes. Guests are from a range of higher education institutions and share their expertise on qualitative, quantitative and mixed methods as well as their personal experiences as researchers, research and writing practices, organizational and productivity strategies, and much more. Some weeks, bonus content will also be posted.

“Research in Action” is hosted by [Dr. Katie Linder](#), research director for Oregon State University Ecampus.

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