

INDIGENOUS AND WESTERN SCIENTIFIC EPISTEMOLOGIES IN DIALOGUE

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Dr. Sinclair recently joined OSU as faculty in the School of History, Philosophy, and Religion. Her environmentally and decolonially oriented research lies at the productive intersection of Environmental Philosophy, Native American Philosophy and Traditional Knowledge, Philosophy of Biology, History of Science, and Critical Animal Studies. Broadly speaking, her research investigates questions around animal and interspecies ethics primarily by challenging the epistemological claims that underly knowledge of and justify action toward specific animals, the environment, and marginalized humans. Much of her recent work has drawn on non-Western and anti-colonial epistemologies to challenge and reframe dominant narratives around key concepts within science and environmental ethics—like species, nativity and invasivity, biological individuality, the ecosystem, and the vector (in vector biology). Her dissertation and future monograph "Species Trouble: From Settled Species Discourse to Ethical Species Pluralism," develops the importance of species pluralism (i.e. the recognition and use of multiple species definitions) as a corrective to the sometimes reductive, problematic species concepts used in environmental and humanist ethics. Her work has appeared in journals like *The American Journal of Bioethics*, *Environmental Ethics*, *Environmental Philosophy*, and *Environment and Society*, among others.

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