

**Grounds for Indigenous Knowledge:
The Importance of Being Emic in an Etic World.
Introduction to the Session**

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The seven papers that follow were all presented at the 96th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (AAA), which ran from November 19-23, 1997, in Washington, District of Columbia. The actual day of presentation was November 23, 1997. The idea of a session grew out of a chance meeting at the 95th AAA Meeting in San Francisco. John Beatty, Barbara Joans, and Larry Van Horn ran into each other. One idea led to another. The circle expanded, and the theme became "Grounds for Indigenous Knowledge."

Geographically, the papers range from Africa to the Caribbean to Canada and the United States. Intellectually, different ways of knowing are looked at in different contexts of knowledge. Some examples of emic content are provided and compared.

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Knowledge versus Knowing: Zande Leechcraft

Margaret L. Buckner

KRÉYÒL-KYÒLÒLÒ: Grounds for Indigenous Knowledge in Writing Creole Dictionaries

Ellen M. Schnepel

Satanism: Who Are the Natives?

John J. Beatty

Saying Connected with the Rest of "Us": The Moral Universe of I_V Drug Users

Pellegrino A. Luciano, Toni Marisa Gallo, Michael C. Clatts, Jo L. Sotheran, and Aylin Atillasoy

Seeking Indigenous Knowledge of National Park Neighbors

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Infighting in San Francisco: Anthropology in Family Court, Or: A Study in Cultural Misunderstanding

Barbara Joans

Impediments to the Economic Development of Nova Scotia's Largest Micmac Reserve

Daniel P. Strothes