

WEEK ONE

Syracuse University
Humanities Center

*Jeannette K. Watson Distinguished Visiting
Professor in the Humanities*

Krushil Watene

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March 18-29, 2024



Indigenous Philosophy, Global Change, and Just Futures

Join us in welcoming [Krushil Watene](#), Peter Kraus Associate Professor of Philosophy (Waipapa Taumata Rau, Aotearoa / University of Auckland, New Zealand), to Syracuse! We invite you to engage with her work through these public activities:

Rethinking Sustainable Futures:

PUBLIC LECTURE

Indigenous Conceptions of Well-Being, Development, and Justice

Wednesday, March 20, 4:00-5:30 p.m. - Peter Graham Scholarly Commons, 114 Bird Library

Indigenous philosophies are germane to advancing sustainable and equitable social, economic, environmental, and cultural development, worldwide. Watene discusses Indigenous contributions to how sustainable development is conceptualized, designed, and implemented at both local and global levels. In addition, Watene focuses on how insights from Māori tribal communities are transforming how sustainable development should be understood and pursued.

Indigenous Philosophy: Local Insights for Global Challenges

PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE

Thursday, March 21, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. - Schine 304 A/B/C

Faculty working in the fields of Native American and Indigenous Studies and Philosophy join Watene to discuss reconciliation, transitional, and indigenous justice.

Indigenous Philosophy and Environmental Justice: Concepts, Methods, Applications

BY-REGISTRATION WORKSHOP

Friday, March 22, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. - Peter Graham Scholarly Commons, 114 Bird Library

In this three-part interdisciplinary graduate student workshop on Indigenous philosophy, Watene and participants first discuss key concepts in Māori Philosophy - particularly kaitiakitanga (stewardship). Next, the seminar delves into methods of philosophical inquiry found within many Māori communities (and how Indigenous communities are reclaiming their philosophies). To conclude, Watene and students explore how Indigenous philosophies are manifested in (and are transforming) policy and law. Session includes short breaks and lunch. **NOTE:** *While detailed philosophical knowledge is not required, preparation through pre-readings and active participation in class discussion is essential.* **Space is limited;** interested students may [apply here](#).

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Indigenous Philosophy and Intergenerational Justice

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Monday, March 25, Noon-1:30 p.m. - Peter Graham Scholarly Commons, 114 Bird Library

Watene describes key Māori concepts vital to realizing intergenerational justice and explores some intergenerational challenges. She discusses how Indigenous philosophies enhance relationships through regenerative practices, invest in relational repair, and enable the ongoing transformation of concepts and ideas. The presentation concludes with an overview of important practical implications of Indigenous philosophies, particularly for enabling climate justice, because they help empower local communities, rethink responsibilities, and enable innovation. Policies and processes can, from Indigenous perspectives, help realize intergenerational justice and ground an enduring sense of collective responsibility to its pursuit.

Dialogue on Indigenous Philosophies of Sustainability and Climate

PUBLIC DIALOGUE

Friday, March 29, 3:00-4:30 p.m. - Hendricks Chapel

Kyle Whyte (University of Michigan) and **Mariaelena Huambachano** (Syracuse University) join Watene to discuss the role of Indigenous philosophies, leadership, and diplomacy in global justice and policy development agendas. Conversation draws from Whyte's work with the White House Office of Domestic Climate Policy, Watene's service on the UN Human Development Reports and International Science Council's Committee for Freedom and Responsibility in Science), and Huambachano's work with the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) and service on the UN High-Level Panel Experts on Food Security and Nutrition of the Committee on World Food Security.

Closing Reception

PUBLIC RECEPTION

Friday, March 29, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Hendricks Chapel Noble Room

The Humanities Center invites our campus community to conclude and celebrate Professor Watene's residency!



About Professor Watene...

Krushil Watene's research addresses fundamental questions in ethics, politics, and Indigenous philosophy. It engages intersections of diverse philosophical traditions, trans-disciplinarity, and the role of local communities for global change. Watene's primary areas of expertise include mainstream theories of well-being, development, and justice; intergenerational justice; and Māori philosophy.

Krushil Watene's residency** is hosted by **Verena Erlenbusch Anderson** (Associate Professor, Philosophy) and **Mariaelena Huambachano** (Assistant Professor, Native American and Indigenous Studies / Religion) with major funding from the **Syracuse University Humanities Center** and significant support from the department of **Philosophy**. We thank all **collaborators and co-sponsors** and offer more info at the **Humanities Center website!