REVOLVING SKY: ARTISTS AND SCIENTISTS EXPLORING HUMAN EXPERIENCES OF EARTH AND SKY

Today’s big environmental challenges cross disciplinary boundaries, requiring academics to collaborate outside their sphere and translate research language to the general population. Contemporary performance artists who address these broad audiences frequently incorporate scientific and indigenous knowledge about environmental issues within their work.

This pilot project brings together native performance artist Ty Defoe and the collective All My Relations with a cohort of faculty and students to exchange and develop knowledge linked to our dark skies and earth science surroundings. As they develop and complete their performance piece — “Revolving Sky” — All My Relations will be in residence at the university over multiple visits. The cohort will participate in a variety of workshops and experiences, including site-specific field experiences, and connect into existing courses/seminars. The project will culminate in transformative new research and knowledge, e.g. publications, presentations, new courses, and performances.

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