

Dear Louise,

I am extraordinarily grateful for now having an opportunity to join the IP Task Force. Thank you so much!!!

As for a brief biographical sketch, I wonder if you might excerpt aspects of a 2020-2021 Marquis Who's Who in America (January 1, 2021) press release for your purposes (see <<https://www.24-7pressrelease.com/press-release/478379/roulette-william-smith-phd-celebrated-for-dedication-to-the-field-of-medical-research>>)? I was being cited for my research on stresses and stress-activated viruses contributing to general and mental health during this SARS-CoV-2 / COVID-19 pandemic. [NB: I also will be cited in the 2021-2022 edition of Marquis Who's Who in America for my research on possible roles of the mutagenic and stress-activated Epstein-Barr virus in causing COVID-19 viral variants.]

I have several research interests that should interest the indigenous psychology community. To my knowledge, I am the only scholar/investigator (worldwide) with an interest in common sense, its development and disorders ... despite the term 'common sense' being known in virtually all languages and cultures throughout the world. My perspective is that common sense is a unique form of cognition and consciousness!

Interestingly, although the term "common sense" is used in virtually all languages, indigenous psychology may find interest insofar as there are no universal terms or descriptions for persons having disorders or 'lacking' in common sense. Also, responses to aberrant commonsense can be quite / dramatically different.

Another of my research findings that may find interest in indigenous psychology concerns menstruation, gestation and birthdays in humans. I explored reasons for a "birthday problem" in statistics; to wit, birthdays are not distributed uniformly throughout the days in a year. I then discovered that there is a multimodal distribution of human birthdays ... with modes occurring on or around each of the 12 or 13 annual Full Moons throughout the year ... at all longitudes, latitudes and altitudes on the Earth. That is, human gestation requires 10 Full Moons, not nine months ... with this also explaining why female menstruation (i.e., menstrual cycles) often coincide (e.g., in college dormitories, etc.).

My present interest in the IP Task Force derives from aberrant commonsense associated with misinformation, disinformation, denialism, conspiracies, et al., that occurred during the epidemic of HIV/AIDS (and especially associated with pronouncements by UC Professor Peter Duesberg and South Africa President Thabo Mbeki), the Disinformation Dozen and other Anti-vaxxers associated with SARS-CoV-2 / Covid-19 pandemic, and the Wakefield hypothesis about thimerosal and autism. I decided to now focus my research on evolutionary issues associated with common sense, in part, because of these aberrations.

I believe that it is especially important to explore the evolution of common sense in indigenous communities. This research would also focus on the evolution of gods / God because herd behavior

often is associated with some real or imaginary leader. Also, Indigenous knowledge occasionally is overlooked because its transmission may not be in written scripts.

Moreover, because common sense is about herd behavior and because many northern and southern hemispheric aboriginal and indigenous peoples integrate perspectives on animal and plant life, I wish to learn as much as possible about their perspectives on common sense in animals, plants, trees and forests (e.g., Professor Susan Simard's research on 'mother trees', and the 'root-brain' hypothesis of Charles Darwin and his son Francis Darwin). An additional recent interest pertains to indigenous understanding of cognitive, consciousness and common sense issues associated with migratory fish and birds, and especially among animals that spend parts of their lives in fresh water rivers and parts of their lives in salt water (e.g., trout, salmon, eels, et al.)

Lastly and in conclusion, I am including the following list of References of some of my past reports and publications on common sense et al. Most of the citations are available on <Academia.edu>.

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Be safe and strong, and stay happy, healthy and well!

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