

Settler Colonialism:

- focused on obtaining land & removing native people
- gender central to colonial formations (women play central role)
- not as much racial mixing * (racial purity)

Anti-conquest: strategies of innocence:

- travel writing
- science/observations
- stories of empty land (paintings, the frontier) - no human inhabitants/complications
- decrees/papal bulls
- idea of wilderness

How does gender fall into colonization as a social construct:

- similar to how race is organized.
- colonization relies on enforcing gender + racial standards.

- establishing "we r white" and "we r not native"
- "we r not African" for land ownership
- YAY racism! - hereditary

From White Mother to Dark Race:

- Intimacies of empire (kinship, sex) are central to colonization/creation of a nation
- colonists looked at how natives viewed gender
 - deemed that natives not fit to own land
- white women become experts on being a woman
 - assimilate natives
- protecting white women from native men
- establishes a difference!

Decolonization:

- a lot of the logic we take for granted are highly related to colonization
- centrism: the thinker puts themselves at the center of their logic (i.e. Columbus: this is empty!)
- hegemony: interests of dominant party are disguised as universal and common.
 - dualism: separation of colonists from everything else. (reason/nature, culture/nature, man/woman human/not human)
 - humans separate themselves from nature
 - organized hierarchically. man > woman, etc.
 - characteristics of dualism:
 - denial that underside affects upside
 - justifies domination
 - homogenization/stereotyping
 - e.g. when Obama got elected, people hoped he would be a good president to set precedent for black people
 - backgrounding - underside seen as unnecessary
- for natives: nature was never separate from cultures/humans
 - relationship w/ nature

Plumwood: let's rename everything!

- Obama: Mt. McKinley → Mt. Denali
- stop seeing nature as passive.
 - nature is full of stories
- Pipe Spring National Monument → Metengwaa