



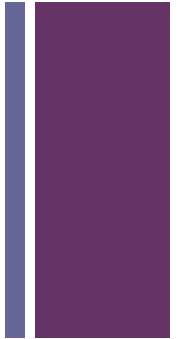
Core Journals in  
Canadian  
Aboriginal Studies:  
Academic Library  
Perspectives



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# Context



## Nationally

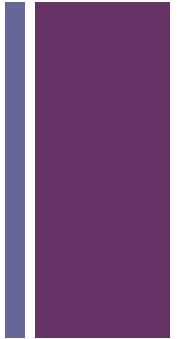
- Steady increase in Aboriginal studies programs
- Developing new library collections to meet demand
- Highly interdisciplinary in nature

## Locally

- Concordia's First People's Studies
- New major
- Regional Quebec and Canadian focus

# + Context

- Seeking data to guide collection development decisions
  - Showcase Concordia's current collection
  - Identify gaps for collection management
  - Understand local needs within the national context

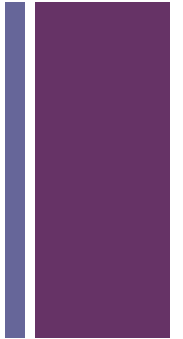


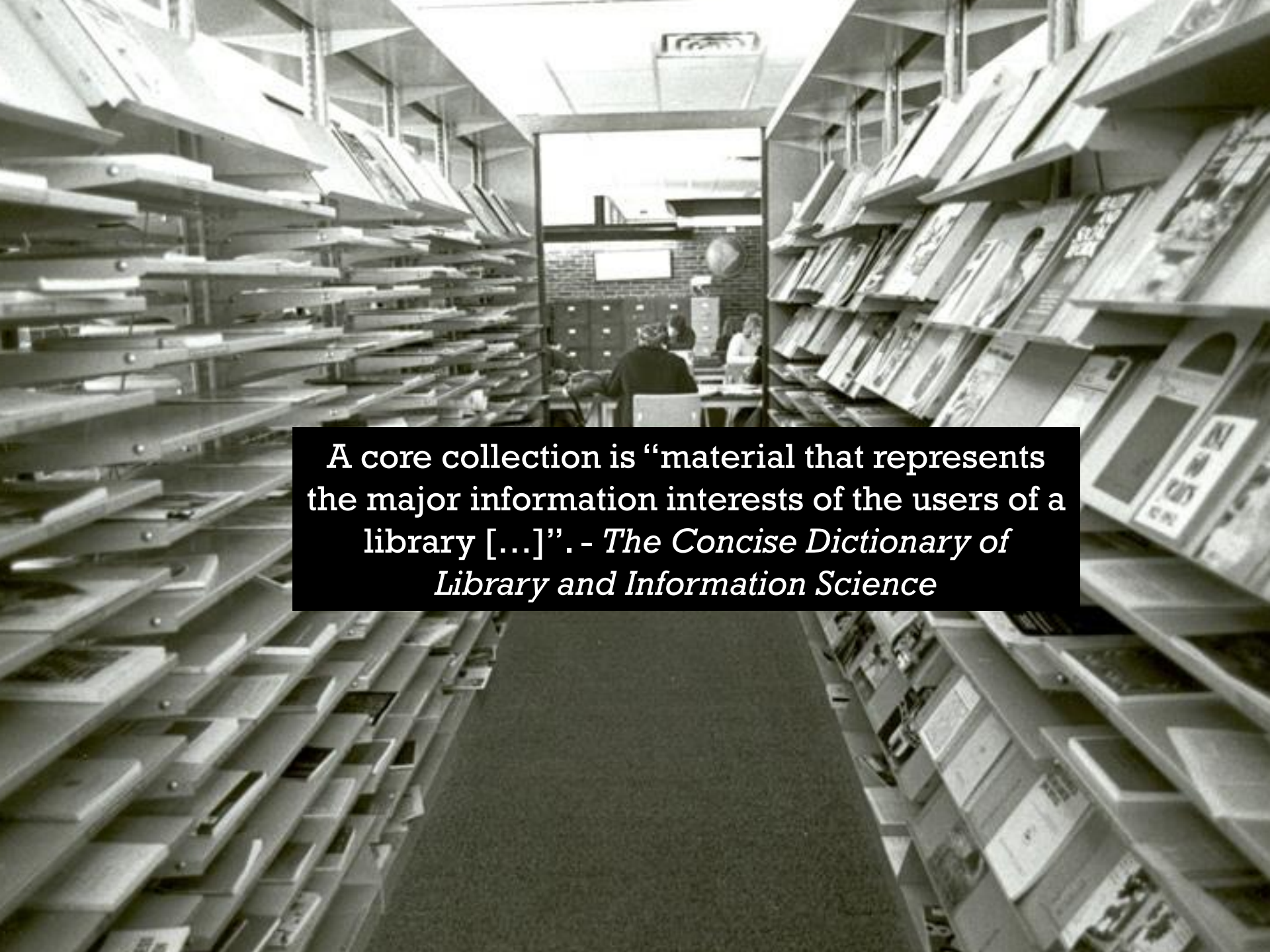


The term First Peoples includes First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples in Québec and Canada, as is outlined by the School of Community and Public Affairs, at Concordia University.

# + Objectives

- Generate a local core list to support Concordia's First Peoples Studies program incorporating faculty data.
- Support collection development and management decisions.
- Create a core journal list for Canadian aboriginal studies with a methodology that would be relevant to other libraries with similar needs.

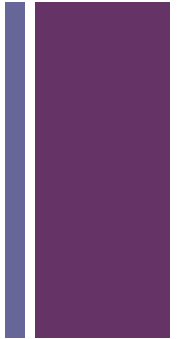




A core collection is “material that represents the major information interests of the users of a library [...]”. - *The Concise Dictionary of Library and Information Science*



# Literature Review - Highlights



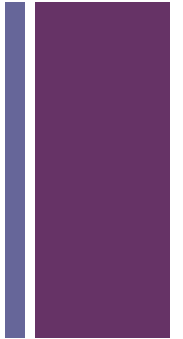
- Core Journal Collections & Aboriginal Studies Collections
  - Core journal lists and methods are well covered in the LIS literature
  - Interdisciplinary & emerging areas of study have fewer well-established core lists available
  - Every academic context differs
  - Local focus is important
  - No one size fits all solution
  - Borders and geographical restrictions
  - Non-academic sources



# Literature Review – Core Criteria

- Active, regularly published
- Historically accurate & contextualized
- Aboriginal authors, local & tribal literature
- Canadian
- Mixed methods

Nisonger, T. E. (2007). Journals in the Core Collection: Definition, Identification, and Application. *Serials Librarian*, 51(3/4), 51-73.





# + Methodology

## **Keyword selection:**

Aboriginal, native, First Nations, indian, autochtones, Inuit, Metis, amérindien & indigenous





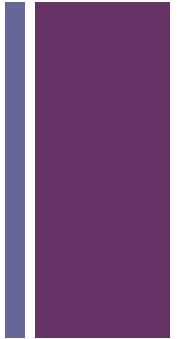
# Methodology

- Compiled a general inventory of Canadian serials publications with aboriginal studies content
- Starting point: First Nations Periodical Index
- Review of existing core title lists in Canada
- Queries in:
  - UlrichsWeb Global Serials Directory
  - WorldCat



# + Methodology

- First Peoples Studies list of faculty
- Google Scholar, 8 EBSCO databases, 9 ProQuest databases, Autochtonia, Indigenous Portal (iPortal) and CPI.Q (a balance of cdn and american content)
- Preferred venues of publication of local faculty
- De-duping



# + 56 Titles

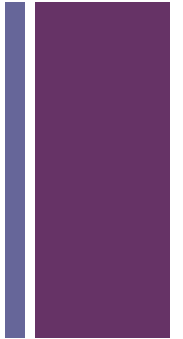
## **Elimination & Retention Criteria**

- Canadian and active status
- Publication type
- Local newspapers and magazines
- Peer review vs. popular
- Confirmed significant aboriginal content
  - List of 30 titles





# Core Journals at Concordia



- *International Journal of Canadian Studies*
- *Canadian Journal of Native Studies*
- *Recherches amérindiennes au Québec*
- *Études Inuit Studies*
- *First Peoples Child & Family Review*
- *Canadian Native Law Reporter*
- *Windspeaker*
- *Wawatay News*

# + Further Research

- Identified main aboriginal studies journals
  - Next step: identify journals with significant aboriginal content from different disciplines
  - For example: Medicine, Law, Geography, Economics, etc.

