

The Native Seed Pod

an antidote to the monoculture



Melissa, James, Gwen, and TEK team in Montreal, Canada, 2022

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Greeting Relatives,

Warm hello's and welcome to Season 4 of [The Native Seed Pod](#)! We are excited to announce the release of this season with new hosts, new partners, and new storyscapes! From explorations in Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Biomimicry with Arizona State University to language revitalization work with Native California Indian leaders in Northern California, this season we look forward to sharing, learning and growing good seeds of knowledge together.

Our first episode of Season 4 "[TEK Warriors Indigenize Ecology with Ethical Space](#)" joins host Melissa Nelson in conversation with James Rattling Leaf and Gwen Bridge as we dive in to learn about their work with Tribes and First Nations in the US and Canada and how they are elevating TEK in academia, research, and government.

From the ethical space framework and Canadian policies supporting the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in land management regimes, such as prescribed fire, to discussing tribally specific climate strategies during these

extreme times, Gwen, James, and Melissa provide a concrete case study of Indigenous ecologists ethically and respectfully including TEK in the Ecological Society of America, a major society of Western trained scientists to promote Native ways of knowing through intergenerational Indigenous leadership. We hope you enjoy.

Many wishes for health, wellness, and good listening to you all!

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