



## Infrastructure Beyond Extractivism: Material Approaches to Restoring Indigenous Jurisdiction

Statement on Professor Elizabeth Hoover's removal from the *Infrastructure Beyond Extractivism* Grant Team

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Concerns were raised to the co-Directors of the *Infrastructure Beyond Extractivism* partnership grant team about Dr. Elizabeth Hoover, and her claims of Mohawk and Mi'kmaw identity. One community member filed a formal ethics complaint with us, triggering our team's Ethics & Accountability Framework and Intervention Process.

Upon hearing the complaint, Dr. Hoover initially offered to be removed from the grant; however, she also indicated interest in participating in our Ethics & Accountability Intervention Process. Accordingly, as co-Directors we met with Dr. Hoover on August 22, 2022, presented the ethics complaint against her and allowed her to respond. At our invitation, Susan Hill, a Haudenosaunee citizen (Wolf Clan, Mohawk Nation) and an associate professor at the University of Toronto, generously agreed to serve as a witness to the process and provide input and guidance.

Once the process was concluded, we subsequently held meetings with our grant team's Governing Collective on September 30 and October 1, 2022. During these meetings, the Governing Collective considered the matter in light of our Ethics & Accountability Framework and came to the consensus that Dr. Hoover should be removed from the grant. Dr. Hoover accepted this outcome without further appeal. Dr. Hoover has released a statement on her identity, which can be found here. <https://www.profelizabethmhoover.com/identity>

We have released a statement on Indigenous Identity and Ethics that speaks more broadly to our governing process. It will also be available on our project website. <https://jurisdiction-infrastructure.com/accountability-ethics/>

We're looking forward to continuing our research with open hearts, transparency, honesty, and integrity.

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