

## ***Amanda Hutter Presents Her Work at RESRG's First Research Workshop***

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The Resources, Economy, and Society Research Group (RESRG) was pleased to have Amanda Hutter as the first researcher to present a Work in Progress at the group's monthly research workshop on November 28th, 2014. Amanda spoke to the group about her paper entitled "Indigenous Led Evaluations of Ecosystem Services Through Nbish Ehkinomahgi: The Teachings of Water That Bring Us Back to Our Relationship With Land", and her original approach to ecosystems research, which incorporates Indigenous worldviews into the contemporary discourse surrounding conservation economics.

Amanda uses traditional Anishnabe storytelling to create a narrative that weaves together ancient knowledge of the land with modern development and economic concerns. Her work suggests traditional Indigenous views of the land are not necessarily incompatible with Western Science. Instead, she offers a unique perspective into how traditional knowledge, and views on how humans interact with the natural world, overlaps with current development strategies.

Speaking to a group of RESRG members including Dr. Ron Harpelle, Dr. Pallavi Das, Dr. Steven Jobbitt, Roopa Rakshit and Barbara Gauthier, Amanda explained how her research "creates opportunities for future development through work strategies that respect the evolved economic and cultural needs of indigenous cultures."

Using the Seven Grandfather teachings as a guide, Amanda's work examines contemporary environmental issues from an innovative perspective, proposing that "Indigenous-led strategies" may be a response to the global challenges resulting from resource depletion.

The abstract of her paper can be accessed through the Workshop Abstracts link on the RESRG Review website at [www.resrg.ca](http://www.resrg.ca). RESRG looks forward to learning more about Amanda's research as she continues her fieldwork with the Saugeen First Nation in Ontario, Canada.