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ASK AWARD-WINNING SCHOLAR AND CREE CITIZEN DR. TRACEY LINDBERG WHAT SHE LIKES BEST ABOUT HER JOB, AND HER ANSWER MAY SURPRISE YOU.

“I love teaching, but the best part of my job is talking with our people and learning from them.” She gets to do this every day—Dr. Lindberg works with the Centre for World Indigenous Knowledge and Research at Athabasca University. The Centre is a 100% Aboriginal faculty and administrative body at the university.

Dr. Lindberg hails from Kelly Lake Cree Nation in northern Alberta. Born in Grande Prairie and living in the north, she cultivated the incentive to achieve her educational goals with the help of her family.

“My grandmother, mom and aunties all instilled in me a love of learning and a central work ethic,” she says.

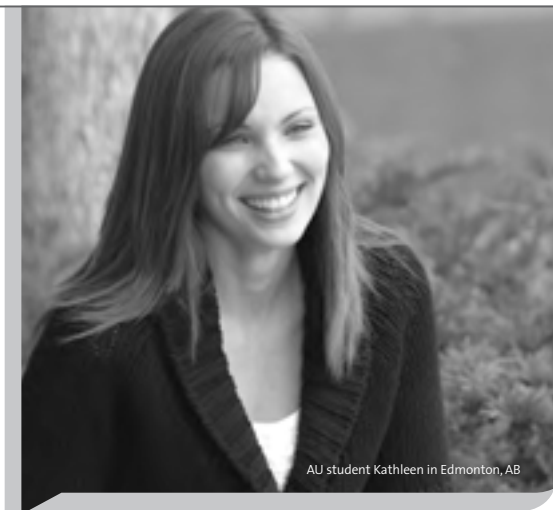
Their support led her to pursue Indigenous Studies. She followed this up with law school at the University of Saskatchewan (LL.B.) and Harvard University (LL.M.) as well as a doctorate in law at the University of Ottawa. Her doctoral dissertation earned her a Governor General’s Gold Medal in 2007.

She is thought to be the first Aboriginal woman in Canada to complete a graduate law degree at the prestigious Harvard University and probably the first Aboriginal woman to attain a doctoral degree in law at a Canadian university.

Throughout all of her education, she has been grounded in her Cree ancestry and the knowledge passed on to her by her relations.

Her advice for Aboriginal students: “Find something you love, something you are good at... Once you see yourself and your family reflected in what you are learning, you will work very hard to do well at it.”

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AU student Kathleen in Edmonton, AB

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University, Dr. Lindberg encourages Indigenous students to study with the University. “What many of us often do is leave home, go to school and work in the city. Athabasca University offers students the opportunity to study and work in our own Nations and communities.”

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