Punihei’s Indigenous Methodologies
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Why We Don’t Know More

• Indigenous peoples...
  – Exist?
  – Have knowledge systems?
  – Do research?
  – Have research methodologies?
  – Do scholarly work?
YES WE EXIST!

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MY STORY
Defining Methodology

• “The application of principles, practices, and procedures…” (Collins III & O’Brien, 2003, p. 220)

• “…in its simplest definition generally refers to the theory of method, or the approach or technique being taken, or the reasoning for selecting a set of methods” (Tuhiwai Smith, 2012, p. ix.)
Indigenous Methodologies

“...tend to approach cultural protocols, values and behaviours as an integral part of methodology. They are ‘factors’ to be built into research explicitly, to be thought about reflexively, to be declared openly as part of the research design, to be discussed as part of the final results of a study and to be disseminated back to the people in culturally appropriate ways and in a language that can be understood”

Hula: My Indigenous Methodology

- Kono: *Invitation*
- Hoʻokupu: *Offering*
- Nānā ka maka: *Observations*
- Hoʻopili: *Mimicry*
- Ma ka hana ka ʻike: *Demonstration*
- Hoʻokuleana: *Responsibility*

(Pukui, 1983)
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