

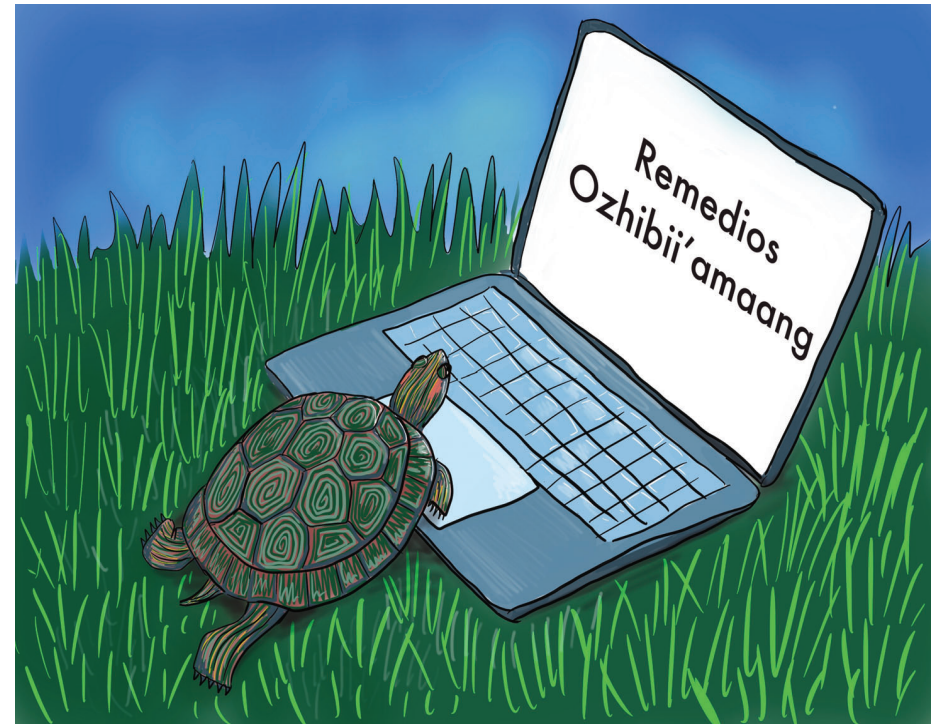


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## **Sabbatical Research:** Studying Effects of Colonization and Systemic Racism on Ojibwe Culture to Improve the Quality and Accuracy of Indigenous Language and Culture Revitalization

I wrote a book-length manuscript, aimed at benefiting revitalization programs, which shares pieces of Anishinaabe philosophy, including teachings about overcoming and/or dealing with depression and grief. The book focuses on the healing power of language and culture revitalization, while discussing colonizing forces, which sustain systemic racism, and cause internalized oppression and cultural change. With Dr. Gordon Jourdain, artist Annmarie Geniusz, and Remedios the Turtle, I completed a bilingual children's book manuscript telling the true story of a male turtle who now lays eggs. We presented this research at the 52nd Algonquian Conference, and our paper is under review.



Drawing by Annmarie Geniusz