



Erratum to: A Settler Colonialism Induced Feminist Snap

A case study in IRS denialism and institutional violence

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The author has prepared this erratum to inform readers that there are a few minor changes that have been made to the original text of this article in addition to the inclusion of primary source textual data to provide readers with access to all sources referenced in the article. The first of these revisions include the contents of the abstract and a revision to the first heading. The additional revisions include corrections to inaccurate dates, corrections to formatting errors, and the direct citation of one of the emails referenced in the original article, in addition to some changes in wording for clarity. Some of these changes are the author's own and some emerged in response to a report drafted by an investigations committee that was convened at the request of the University of Lethbridge Board of Governors. This article has been the subject of controversy because it challenges Indian Residential School (IRS) denialism more broadly, and it documents the discrimination the author faced for opposing it. Frances Widdowson and Paul Vinitz have since made a YouTube video where they engage in a discussion of the article that ends in what both the University of Lethbridge Administration and the University of Lethbridge Faculty Association considered at the time, January 2024, to be a possible incitement to gun violence against the author and a number of other faculty and staff on campus (Widdowson, 2024, 1: 47: 14). This failed to garner a retraction or the author's silence. Finally, other individuals initiated an investigation into the veracity of the claims made in the article and its academic rigor. This erratum is a result of these many challenges. Here, the author outlines the specific revisions undertaken and includes the previously publicly unavailable primary source email communications that provided the foundation for part of the analysis in the second half of the article.

CHANGES TO THE ABSTRACT

The abstract has been changed to more accurately describe the contents of the article. It now reads as follows:

In this article, the author prefaces an analysis of IRS (Indian Residential School) Denialism and the ableist, misogynistic abuse she faced at the University of Lethbridge by locating her lived experience as feminist research demands. She then focusses on IRS denialism on the University of Lethbridge Campus and the hate mail that she received in addition to correspondence with the university administration through witnessing, reflexivity, auto-ethnography and critical discourse analysis (author's revision).

CHANGES TO HEADINGS, FORMATTING AND DATES

At the top of p. 35, HEADING 1 STYLE has been changed to BACKGROUND (Author's revision).

The footnote that appears in the original article under the first column of text on p. 36 has been moved under the second column of text to match the location of the in-text reference (author's revision).

On p. 38, in the first column of text, the second direct quotation from the author's mother's testimony to the RCAP committee in 1993 has been properly indented as a block quotation to reflect her words as distinct from the author's (author's revision).

On p. 38, in the second column of text, the dates for the author's attendance at SAM school have been corrected to 1980-1982 (author's revision).

CHANGES TO THE TEXT

On pp. 39-41, the author has clarified who authored each email cited in each passage (revision at the request of the investigations committee).

On p. 41, the word "mathematical" was included in the first full paragraph of analysis to reflect that $250 + 250$ does not equal 450 as the contents of the email cited suggest (author's revision).

On p. 41, ellipses have been added to direct quotations of the departmental emails that were sent to the author to indicate sections that have been edited out for the sake of length and to avoid repetition (revisions at the request of the investigations committee)..

On p. 41, additional text from Victor Rodych's original email has been added for clarity (revisions at the request of the investigations committee).

On p. 41, the phrase "after all his friends made him a full professor" has been deleted from the article (revision at the request of the investigations committee).

On p. 42, first column of text, the author has deleted the word "worth" to describe the emails she is discussing as seven years of email evidence (author's revision).

On p. 42, where the original article refers to the email harassment the author received from members of her own department as "seven years' worth of email", the author has changed that phrase to the word epistolarium for accuracy and to eliminate repetition as it is a lengthy archive of correspondence that the author is discussing in that section (author's revision).

The original email thread from the department of philosophy and the original hate mail cited in the article have been attached to the PDF of the revised article with redacted names of some of the current department members who were also recipients of these emails but did not contribute to the thread (revision at the request of the investigations committee).

REFERENCES

Frances Widdowson. 9 January 2024. *The Firing of Paul Viminiz*. YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GmcOR87GE1Q> (Accessed August 9, 2025).

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