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Bio of...

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Chris Andersen is Métis from Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, part of the large Arcand family in the region. He completed an undergraduate BA (Hons) and an MA in Sociology at Queen's University (Kingston, Ontario) and a PhD in Sociology from the Department of Sociology here at the University of Alberta.

Today, Chris is an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Native Studies at the University of Alberta. He has taught a variety of courses in numerous subject areas including contemporary and historical Native society; legal issues; the criminal justice system; Aboriginal gangs; urban Aboriginal issues and identities; Métis history, Métis politics, as well as several theory and methodology courses.

From a research perspective, Chris has two major (and a minor) research interests. Primarily, he is interested in the ways in which, through the illogics of race, the Canadian state produces identity categories relating to Aboriginal communities particularly (but not only) relating to the term 'Métis'. In this context, he's particularly interested in examining these categorization processes in the legal field as well as in the census. A second major research interest is that of urban Aboriginal identities and policies. Specifically and using the notion of situated identities, he explores the distinctiveness of urban Aboriginal identities and the ways in which various authorities (both government and non-) attempt to come to grips with these phenomena. He also has a more minor research interest in the growth of the discipline of Native Studies.

Chris has published widely in domestic and international peer reviewed journals, as well as editing two well-known collections on indigeneity and race. He is currently writing a book tentatively titled *Mixed by law: Métis and the misrecognition of Canadian indigeneity*.