

Subject: Re: Assistance With Data

Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 at 1:57:40 PM Central Standard Time

From: [REDACTED]

To: Ezzo, Julia

CC: [REDACTED]

Hi Julia!

Thank you so much these resources and suggestions are very helpful.

Best,

[REDACTED]

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From: Ezzo, Julia <julia@msu.edu>

Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 10:27:37 AM

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Hi [REDACTED],

A possible resource type you should look into are [dissertations and theses](#). Other researchers may have already done some interviews that cover the topics you're interested in. I did a really basic search using [Proquest Dissertations and Theses](#) ("native americans" OR indians OR indigenous) AND lansing
And got two results that might be helpful:

[Where the Rivers Come Together: Reclaiming and Re-Imagining Indigenous History, Identity, and Language in the City](#)

[“Theory begins with a story, too”: Listening to the lived experiences of American Indian women](#)

Try searching for more dissertations/theses by playing around with the keywords used, for example, searching with the names of specific tribes living in the Lansing area. Be sure you check the citations used in these and other publications to see if there are other useful sources.

I hope this helps!

Best,

Julia

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Hi Julia!

We are students from Professor Jezierski's senior seminar course, and we attended your government docs lab a couple months ago. We were wondering if you could assist us with finding possible qualitative data like recordings of interviews, ethnographies, or even small sample quantitative data relating to our research project.

Our research questions revolve around the movement of Indigenous peoples to urban spaces such as Lansing, how they are challenging the settler-colonial project and building community and political capacity. As well as how the Indian Relocation Act of 1956, and possible economic and employment influences such as Lansing's auto plants have contributed to Indigenous people's relocation or migration to Lansing, Michigan.

So far, we have compiled sources on theoretical framework of community capacity building and settler-colonial discourse, various academic and interview sources on the Indian Relocation Act of 1956, other sources centering on defining Indigenous patterns of migration from reservations to cities, and other sources focusing on Indigenous reclamation and revitalization methods of mobility.

We have been struggling in finding an answer to our first research question specifically in finding contemporary data for local Indigenous organizations and groups and how they engage in community and political capacity building. We have also been struggling finding migration data sources, or sources identifying influences of Indigenous migration specifically in the Lansing area. We have reached out to those involved in the Indigenous communities in Lansing and are waiting to hear back. However, due to time constraints of our class ending we are wondering if you could help us find other sources that could supplement our research.

Hoping to hear from you soon,