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**Indigenous Peoples and the Great Lakes Environment** Springer Science & Business Media  
 William F. Pinar presents a comprehensive and original study that demonstrates the significance and pertinence of the scholarship of George Grant for teaching today. While there are studies of Grant’s political philosophy, there has been no sustained study of his teaching. Pinar not only draws upon the collected works; he has also consulted Grant’s PhD thesis at Oxford, as well as the philosopher’s biography, collected letters, and the vast secondary literature. What emerges is a treatise that reveals Grant’s timeliness and his prescience in identifying and critiquing key educational issues nearly half a century ago, from academic vocationalism and educational technology to privatization and the ascendancy of research—issues that are eminently relevant today. Beyond the classroom, Grant’s concerns extended to the impact of economic globalization which, he feared, would erase distinctive national histories and cultures. As such, Grant foresaw the current issues of right-wing populism, notably in the UK and the US, as reactions against these historical tendencies. This volume is destined to become an indispensable reference work for students of Grant in particular and for students of education in general. This book is published in English. - S’il existe des études portant sur la philosophie politique et la théologie de George Grant, il n’y avait jusqu’à maintenant aucune étude soutenue sur son enseignement et, plus précisément, sur la relation de son approche pédagogique à celles-ci. Aucune étude ne puisait de façon aussi poussée à l’œuvre complète - y compris à ses présentations aux enseignants et à sa thèse doctorale d’Oxford en philosophie - ou à sa biographie, sa correspondance, et la vaste littérature secondaire. Conçu comme livre de référence pour les adeptes de Grant de même que comme un manuel pour les étudiants en éducation, cet ouvrage arrive à point nommé. Pinar souligne la prescience de Grant, qui identifiait et critiquait il y a déjà cinquante ans des questions d’ordre éducationnel - vocation académique, technologie pédagogique, privatisation de l’enseignement, ascendance de la recherche sur l’enseignement - qui sont d’actualité. Grant était aussi préoccupé par le destin de ce qu’il appelait la particularité au Canada et à l’étranger, et s’inquiétait que la mondialisation économique effacerait les histoires et cultures nationales distinctives. Un état mondial, universel et homogène les remplacerait, ce qui représenterait la pire tyrannie infligée à l’humanité. Grant avait vu venir le populisme de droite que l’on voit actuellement prendre prise notamment au Royaume-Uni et aux États-Unis, comme réaction à ces tendances historiques. Ce livre est publié en anglais.

**Language, Culture, and Power** Springer  
 As financial systems migrate to a pervasive, online environment, business leaders and layman investors alike must adapt to changes in the market brought about by this new age of business. Strategic E-Commerce Systems and Tools for Competing in the Digital Marketplace advances the body of knowledge on electronic business and commerce with an in-depth look at the opportunities and concerns surrounding online business and finance. This cutting-edge reference aids business leaders, financial managers, investors, and consumers looking to build their portfolios and thrive in modern digital business environments.

### Public Pedagogy in a Digital World BRILL

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### Encyclopedia of Education and Human Development John Wiley & Sons

The bestselling popular science author of A Grain of Salt serves up “interesting factoids about the way that science has helped shape our everyday lives” (Joe Culotti, PhD, professor of molecular and medical genetics, University of Toronto). In Let Them Eat Flax, award-winning author Dr. Joe Schwarcz continues his crusade against purveyors of poppycock as he investigates the surprising and sometimes sinister science of everyday food and life. What difference does an atom make? It could mean life or death! Get the lowdown on oxygenated water, the healing powers of prayer, and the health benefits of chocolate. Could there be a link between McGill University and Jack the Ripper? Find out how cinnamon helps to counter high cholesterol, and learn just how sweet sugar alternatives can be. In the tradition of Schwarcz’s five previous bestsellers, Let Them Eat Flax fries scientific baloney with humor, wit, and information. From food poisoning to the secret of the Stradivarius violin, fertilizers to spontaneous human combustion, Schwarcz investigates explosive subjects and delivers the unbiased, scientific facts readers need to make informed decisions in their everyday lives. “Dr. Schwarcz . . . has a knack for translating science into a language that anyone can understand and actually enjoy.” —Toronto Sun “Joe Schwarcz’s magic is in convincing us that there is verve and value in real chemistry.” —Roald Hoffman, Nobel Laureate “Dr. Joe blends intelligence, scientific expertise, critical thinking, humor, and a healthy dose of skepticism in a prescription for good reading.” —Leon Jaroff, former senior editor, Time magazine, and founder of Discover magazine

### The Case for the Humanities ECW Press

"This book provides research on the pedagogical challenges faced in recent years to improve the understanding of social media in the educational systems"--Provided by publisher.

### Let Them Eat Data Let Them Eat DataHow Computers Affect Education, Cultural Diversity, and the Prospects of Ecological Sustainability

As online courses and digital learning enable more people from more places to learn together, it is crucial for instructional design to incorporate diverse cultural perspectives. Culturally Inclusive Instructional Design provides a framework for thinking about culture in digital learning, offering insight into how to build inclusive online communities that encourage reflection and growth, regardless of content domain. Chapters cover the foundation, components, and implementation of the authors’ Wisdom Communities (WisCom) framework, which enables learners from global backgrounds to experience long-lasting, transformative learning through real-world problem-solving. This book is a timely, resourceful guide to building truly collaborative, inquiry-based online learning experiences.

### Conventional Approaches and Information Technology SAGE Publications

"This book is the first publication that takes a genuinely global approach to the diverse ethical issues evoked by Information and Communication Technologies and their possible resolutions. Readers will gain a greater appreciation for the problems and possibilities of genuinely global information ethics, which are urgently needed as information and communication technologies continue their exponential growth"--Provided by publisher.

### What Is Curriculum Theory? IGI Global

Describes the world's leading approach to art and design taught at Rhode Island School of Design At

Rhode Island School of Design students are immersed in a culture where making questions, ideas, and objects, using and inventing materials, and activating experience all serve to define a form of critical thinking—albeit with one's hands—i.e. "critical making." The Art of Critical Making, by RISD faculty and staff, describes fundamental aspects of RISD's approach to "critical making" and how this can lead to innovation. The process of making taught at RISD is deeply introspective, passionate, and often provocative. This book illuminates how RISD nurtures the creative process, from brief or prompt to outcome, along with guidance on the critical questions and research that enable making great works of art and design. Explores the conceptual process, idea research, critical questions, and iteration that RISD faculty employ to educate students to generate thoughtful work. Authors are from the faculty and staff of the Rhode Island School of Design, which consistently ranks as the number one fine arts and design college in the United States. The Art of Critical Making shows you how context, materials, thought processes, and self-evaluation are applied in this educational environment to prepare creative individuals to produce dynamic, memorable, and meaningful works.

[Cultural Perspectives](#) University of Georgia Press

We believe in social justice. We support educational reform. Yet unless we reframe our approaches to both, says C. A. Bowers, the social justice attained through educational reform will only lead to more intractable forms of consumerism and further impoverishment of our communities. In *Educating for Eco-Justice and Community* Bowers outlines a strategy for educational reform that confronts the rapid degradation of our ecosystems by renewing the face-to-face, intergenerational traditions that can serve as alternatives to our hyper-consumerist, technology-driven worldview. Bowers explains how current technological and progressive programs of educational reform operate on deep cultural assumptions that came out of the Enlightenment and led to the Industrial Revolution. These beliefs frame our relationship with nature in adversarial terms, view progress as inevitable, and elevate the individual over community, expertise over intergenerational knowledge, and profit over reciprocity. By making eco-justice a priority of educational reform, we can begin to: democratize developments in science and technology in ways that eliminate eco-racism; reverse the global processes that are worsening the economic and political inequities between the hemispheres; expose the cultural forces that turn aspects of daily life—from education and entertainment to work and leisure—into market-dependent relationships; uplift knowledge and traditions of intergenerationally connected communities; and develop a sense of moral responsibility for the long-term consequences of our excessive material demands. In the tradition of Wendell Berry, David Orr, and Kirkpatrick Sale, Bowers thinks about our place in the natural world and the current economies to show how we can reform education and create a less consumer-driven society.

[George Grant's Critique of Time, Teaching, and Technology](#) Island Press

Drawing on themes from John MacKenzie's *Empires of Nature and the Nature of Empires* (1997), this book explores, from Indigenous or Indigenous-influenced perspectives, the power of nature and the attempts by empires (United States, Canada, and Britain) to control it. It also examines contemporary threats to First Nations communities from ongoing political, environmental, and social issues, and the efforts to confront and eliminate these threats to peoples and the environment. It becomes apparent that empire, despite its manifestations of power, cannot control or discipline humans and nature. Essays suggest new ways of looking at the Great Lakes watershed and the peoples and empires contained within it.

[Engaging Stakeholders in Education for Sustainable Development at University Level](#) Springer Science & Business Media

In the latest edition of this best-selling text, David Capuzzi and Douglas Gross, along with 24 experts in the field provide a prevention-intervention paradigm to address contemporary issues facing today's youth. Written from a systemic perspective, this book offers guidance in helping teens who are struggling with the complex challenges that can be brought on by peers, family members, and difficult social environments. Part 1 presents information on at-risk population identification, causal factors of problematic behaviors, and promotion of resiliency in youth. Part 2 examines the development of at-risk behaviors relating to dysfunctional family dynamics, low self-esteem, depression, mood disorders, and stress and trauma. Part 3 explores the behaviors most often identified as placing youth at risk, such as eating disorders, suicidal preoccupation, teen sexuality, gang membership, school violence, substance abuse, homelessness, school dropout, and bullying, as well as the unique strengths of and stressors faced by multiracial and LGBTQ youth. Case studies illustrate prevention efforts from individual, family, school, and community perspectives, and text sidebars create greater reader self-awareness and enhance the understanding of the concepts, skills, and applications of the chapter material. A complimentary test manual and PowerPoint slides for instructors' use are available by written request to ACA. \*Requests for digital versions from the ACA can be found on wiley.com. \*To request print copies, please visit the ACA website here. \*Reproduction requests for material from books published by ACA should be directed to permissions@counseling.org.

[Rhode Island School of Design on Creative Practice](#) John Wiley & Sons

Education for Sustainability is a component of Encyclopedia of Human Resources Policy, Development and Management in the global Encyclopedia of Life Support Systems (EOLSS), which is an integrated compendium of twenty one Encyclopedias. The Theme on Education for Sustainability provides the essential aspects and a myriad of issues of great relevance connection between education and more sustainable futures and embraces a reality that all need to know. It demands a much broader interpretation of education—a holistic perspective that accommodates new and challenging ideas. Such education is imperative in creating the knowledge, wisdom and vision needed for the transition to a more sustainable world. In helping to design this sustainable future, education for sustainability implements a vital systemic perspective that will allow for a complex interdependence of all life forms and Earth. This volume is aimed at the following five major target audiences: University and College Students, Educators, Professional Practitioners, Research Personnel and Policy Analysts, Managers, and Decision Makers and NGOs.

### LET THEM EAT SHRIMP

Routledge

Annotation Clean water is essential to human survival, yet it is increasingly scarce. Despite pressures on this crucial resource, people often have little or no opportunity to participate in watershed decisions that affect them, particularly when they live along international watercourses. The success of efforts to manage water effectively, efficiently, and equitably will depend, in large part, on providing the public with a voice in watershed management decisions that affect them. This volume examines experiences in public participation in the management of many watercourses around the world, drawing lessons learned and highlighting areas for further development. Rowman & Littlefield

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[The Nature of Technology](#) Wilfrid Laurier Univ. Press

Digital technologies have transformed cultural perceptions of learning and what it means to be literate, expanding the importance of experience alongside interpretation and reflection. Learning the Virtual Life offers ways to consider the local and global effects of digital media on educational environments, as well as the cultural transformations of how we now define learning and literacy. While some have welcomed the educational challenges of digital culture and emphasized its possibilities for individual emancipation and social transformation in the new information age, others accuse digital culture of absorbing its recipients in an all-pervasive virtual world. Unlike most accounts of the educational and cultural consequences of digital culture, *Learning the Virtual Life* presents a neutral, advanced introduction to the key issues involved with the integration of digital culture and education. This edited collection presents international perspectives on a wide range of issues, and each chapter combines upper-level theory with "real-world" practice, making this essential reading for all those interested in digital media and education.

[Let Them Eat Data](#) IGI Global

Data science has never had more influence on the world. Large companies are now seeing the benefit of employing data scientists to interpret the vast amounts of data that now exists. However, the field is so new and is evolving so rapidly that the analysis produced can be haphazard at best. The 9 Pitfalls of Data Science shows us real-world examples of what can go wrong. Written to be an entertaining read, this invaluable guide investigates the all too common mistakes of data scientists - who can be plagued by lazy thinking, whims, hunches, and prejudices - and indicates how they have been at the root of many disasters, including the Great Recession. Gary Smith and Jay Cordes emphasize how scientific rigor and critical thinking skills are indispensable in this age of Big Data, as machines often find meaningless patterns that can lead to dangerous false conclusions. The 9 Pitfalls of Data Science is loaded with entertaining tales of both successful and misguided approaches to interpreting data, both grand successes and epic failures. These cautionary tales will not only help data scientists be more effective, but also help the public distinguish between good and bad data science.

**Concepts, Methodologies, Tools, and Applications** EOLSS Publications

What's the connection between a platter of jumbo shrimp at your local restaurant and murdered fishermen in Honduras, impoverished women in Ecuador, and disastrous hurricanes along America's Gulf coast? Mangroves. Many people have never heard of these salt-water forests, but for those who depend on their riches, mangroves are indispensable. They are natural storm barriers, home to innumerable exotic creatures—from crabeating vipers to man-eating tigers—and provide food and livelihoods to millions of coastal dwellers. Now they are being destroyed to make way for shrimp farming and other coastal development. For those who stand in the way of these industries, the consequences can be deadly. In *Let Them Eat Shrimp*, Kennedy Warne takes readers into the muddy battle zone that is the mangrove forest. A tangle of snaking roots and twisted trunks, mangroves are often dismissed as foul wastelands. In fact, they are supermarkets of the sea, providing shellfish, crabs, honey, timber, and charcoal to coastal communities from Florida to South America to New Zealand. Generations have built their lives around mangroves and consider these swamps sacred. To shrimp farmers and land developers, mangroves simply represent a good investment. The tidal land on which they stand often has no title, so with a nod and wink from a compliant official, it can be turned from a public resource to a private possession. The forests are bulldozed, their traditional users dispossessed. The true price of shrimp farming and other coastal development has gone largely unheralded in the U.S. media. A longtime journalist, Warne now captures the insatiability of these industries and the magic of the mangroves. His vivid account will make every reader pause before ordering the shrimp.

### SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES, SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENTS

Algonquin Books

Today's schools compartmentalize children and curriculum. Standardization dictates curricular content and assessment, narrowing the focus of classrooms and schools that serve diverse populations from varied geographical backgrounds. Against the backdrop of the western-derived, institutional framework of schooling are cultural ways of knowing that are place-based, holistic, experiential, and connected to oral storytelling. In the current movement toward acknowledging and understanding cultural knowledge, teacher education programs need to work in collaboration with cultural communities, honoring traditions and epistemologies and seeking to revitalize and sustain (Paris, 2012) language and culture. Such initiatives inform the big picture of educational reform and enrich mainstream university teacher education programs. This book highlights the journeys, challenges and unfolding stories of transformation that reside within university/community/school partnerships focused on cultural and linguistic revitalization through schooling.

[Vital Links for a Knowledge Culture](#) University of Ottawa Press

[Let Them Eat Data](#)How Computers Affect Education, Cultural Diversity, and the Prospects of Ecological SustainabilityUniversity of Georgia Press

### REVITALIZING THE COMMONS

Springer

Sustainable Communities, Sustainable Environments? What is enacted when we engage with these ideas? This book provides a variety of international perspectives from the traditional fields of science and technology education as teachers (primary through tertiary), teacher educators, and academic researchers engage with this topic.

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