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Endowment

Simply existing
As a Métis woman
In your *learned* spaces

(they are not our spaces for learning,
you've been clear)

Not designed with us in mind

(if you are Billy Joel,
I am *not* New York)

Is an act of resistance

I bead
In unexpected places

(the quad;
fancy conference rooms;
the bleachers)

To resist your erasure

Perhaps one day

Presidents

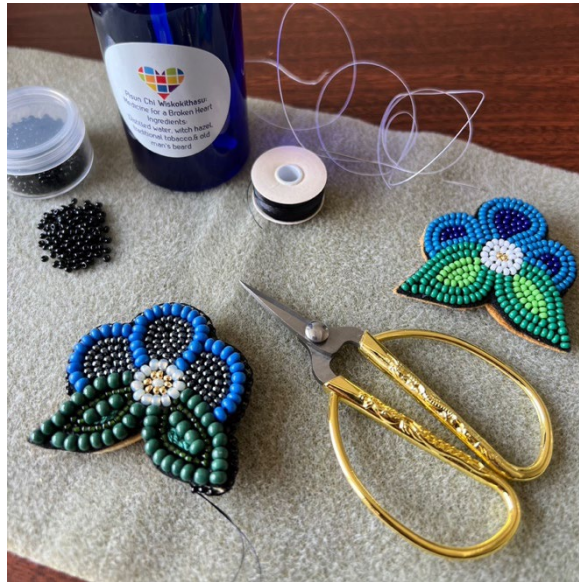
Provosts

Professors

Will understand that this disruption

to the visual status quo

is a gift I offer you,



the invitation:

*ask me about
the beads*

Biography

Danielle Lussier, Red River Métis, is mum to three young people growing up as members of the Métis diaspora. An award-winning administrator, professor, researcher, and change leader, she believes there is room for love and communities of care in ethical education.

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