Ethnogeology: Interdisciplinary Studies of Indigenous Knowledge

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Ethnogeology is the study of the valid scientific observations that are incorporated and reflected within Indigenous knowledge of geological features and processes. However, despite the perspective that is implied with the ethno-, most of the work being done in this small subfield is being conducted by geologists and geoscientists. It is lacking is the anthropological perspective and holistic approach that I believe is necessary for future studies of ethnogeology. Through an integrative literature review, utilizing an interdisciplinary approach, I aim to demonstrate the ways in which various fields may have already contributed to the field of ethnogeology, and the degree to which interdisciplinary models are being utilized. I also advocate for the continued necessity of the inclusion of Native voices in these bodies of work.