

## North Dakota Specific Two Spirit/LGBTQ+ Native American Resources

### Local Tribal Two Spirit Terms:

- **Arikara:** Male-bodied *Kuxa't*
- **Dakota/Lakota/Nakota (Oyate):** Male-bodied *Winkte*; Female-bodied *Bloka eglwa ke* (“thinks she can act like a man”) [ editor’s note: cited by Beatrice Medicine, its age unknown ]
- **Hidatsa:** Male-bodied: *Miati*
- **Mandan:** Male-bodied: *Mihdacka* (mih-ha = “woman”)
- **Ojibwe:** Male-bodied *Agokwa* (“man-woman”); Female-bodied: *Okitcitakwe* (“warrior woman”)
- Source: <http://nativeout.com/twospirit-rc/two-spirit-101/two-spirit-terms-in-tribal-languages/>

### Recent Local News Stories:

- **Happy National Coming Out Day: Gay and Lesbian in Indian Country;** [Chelsey Luger](#) 10/11/14  
<http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2014/10/11/happy-national-coming-out-day-gay-and-lesbian-indian-country-157303> (*Interviews with 3 tribal North Dakotans*)
- **Two Spirit History: 3 Part Series;** KFYR-TV, Channel 5 NBC Affiliate
  1. *Gay & Transgender Native Americans Once Revered, Now Discriminated: What Changed?* By Megan Mitchell | Posted: Mon 6:36 PM, Nov 23, 2015 | Updated: Mon 9:15 AM, Nov 30, 2015 <http://www.kfyrtv.com/home/headlines/LGBTQ-Native-Americans-Once-Reversed-Now-Discriminated-Against-What-Changed-353086631.html>
  2. *Same Sex Marriage Not Recognized for All Americans* By Megan Mitchell | Posted: Tue 6:22 PM, Nov 24, 2015 | Updated: Wed 8:29 PM, Nov 25, 2015  
[http://www.kfyrtv.com/home/headlines/Two-Spirit-Couples-Not-Recognized-by-Most-Tribes-353219631.html?utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=facebook](http://www.kfyrtv.com/home/headlines/Two-Spirit-Couples-Not-Recognized-by-Most-Tribes-353219631.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook) KFYR-TV
  3. *Suicide Epidemic Plagues Two Spirit People* By Megan Mitchell | Updated: Mon 10:07 AM, Nov 30, 2015 [http://www.kfyrtv.com/home/headlines/KFYR-Two-Spirit-Suicide-353992981.html?utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=facebook](http://www.kfyrtv.com/home/headlines/KFYR-Two-Spirit-Suicide-353992981.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook) KFYR-TV

### Research Articles:

- Baker W, Schwarzwalter L (2007). "**Two Spirit Men, Then and Now: The Stigmatization of Gay and Bisexual Men in North Dakota.**" Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association, TBA, San Francisco, CA:  
[http://citation.allacademic.com/meta/p\\_mla\\_apa\\_research\\_citation/1/7/2/3/1/pages172314/p172314-1.php](http://citation.allacademic.com/meta/p_mla_apa_research_citation/1/7/2/3/1/pages172314/p172314-1.php)  
Abstract: "American Indian gay and bisexual men, specifically those living in North Dakota are a misunderstood and misrepresented group. There are virtually no statistics or subsequent research that have been devoted to this population. By completing this study, we may begin to understand the plight of this stigmatized group. Homosexuality has been a part of traditional American Indian cultures in the past. The researchers will attempt to explore if this has changed in recent times. This will be achieved by interviewing gay and bisexual American Indian males in North Dakota, since so little is known about them."