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The TI and Wolf are so closely associated for me that I cannot separate them. The work of the TI and Wolf has given me a very significant knowledge and practice base for my work in formal and informal human services. Equally important, Wolf modeled astute and systematic critical thinking. He modeled examining and revealing the layers of concepts and issues in any topic. He modeled beginning always with the experiences of devalued people and concluded with impacts on the lives of devalued people. I have tried to adopt these approaches to thinking, even though I doubt I can ever demonstrate Wolf's incisiveness.

One memory relates to being a participant at a History workshop done by the TI. Also attending were many service workers from US service agencies. When Wolf finished the workshop, there were no acknowledgements of what the TI had brought to us, and no thanks for the scholarly material that had been presented. I was so shocked that here was Wolf amongst them, and that they not only didn't recognise the gem amongst them, but some were scornful of Wolf and the material. Yet my sense is that they were so fortunate to have him in the same country as them. I stood and gave a brief thank you speech, not to be self-important, but because it would have been a travesty to not acknowledge his work.

How I understand the treatment of many devalued groups across the world would be extremely superficial without the work of Wolf and the TI. The teachings from SRV, the many other workshops I've done and the material I have read form significant lenses that I use to understand the world, and to act in this world.

Wolf's capacity to analyse the past, critique the present and forecast the future leaves me in awe. He has been a mentor, teacher, critical ally, and guide. I can hear his voice in my head, and I often think, 'What would Wolf say?'