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My name is Elizabeth and I am currently a student in a PhD program, Language Literacy and Sociocultural Studies at the University of New Mexico. My specialty is Northeastern Woodlands people culture and natures of personal identity. I have been writing about this for several years now, having been deeply inspired by my Northeast Woodlands relatives and friends.

I am writing a paper for class that I will also be submitting to the Algonquian Conference in 2018. (<http://algonquianconference.atlas-ling.ca/>). This paper will be about what is going on with Abenaki language revitalization today in New England. I want to address how empowering it is for an Abenaki person of today to learn their language. I am also interested in the connection between Indigenous identity and heritage language. I am trying to get a feel of what is out there today for the Abenaki people in New England who want to learn Abenaki.

My main question is how can an Abenaki language revitalization become successful when the Abenaki people of New England are scattered everywhere? What can I say and do in a conference and paper setting that might help this become successful?

Thanks so much in advance Elizabeth Ann Berton-Reilly, M.Ed.