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The Calgary Winter Games provide an important part of my first book. The event was used to discuss the manner in which organizers designed a Western-Canadian and First-Nation matrix for the "national" identity of the host in comparison to its more traditional Anglo-French identity. While noteworthy, the inclusion of indigenous facets of Canadian identity were small; far more limited than would occur 22 years later in Vancouver.

Because the comparison of the Calgary and Vancouver games provides a unique opportunity to track changes in the "indigeneity" of Canadianness, it is a fruitful piece of forthcoming research on Indigenous Identity in Canada.

My Most recent paper, Indigenizing the Nation: State Identity in the Olympic Games, is the result of two years of research on the treatment of First Nation identity within broader displays of Canadian Identity leading up to and during the Vancouver Winter Games.