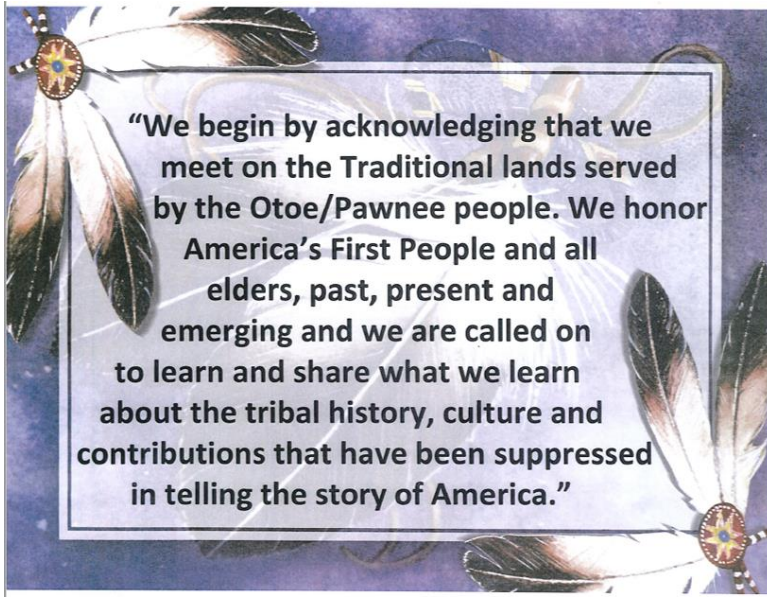


2022 Land Acknowledgement Resources

PURPOSE from UNLV (<https://www.unlv.edu/about/statements-compliance/land-acknowledgement>)

A land acknowledgement recognizes and respects the relationship that exists between Indigenous Peoples and their ancestral and contemporary territories. Additionally, land acknowledgements provide us with the opportunity to explore the impacts of colonization and systems of oppression on Indigenous Peoples. Land acknowledgements do not exist in a historical context or past tense. It is vital to understand the long-standing history that brought us to reside on the land, and to seek to understand our place within that history. Colonialism is a current, ongoing process, and we need to build our mindfulness and understanding of our present participation.

EXAMPLE from Western Nevada College



Statement used by AAUW Capital at meeting at Governor's Mansion (2021)

We respectfully acknowledge that The Nevada Room is situated on the traditional homelands of the Washoe, Northern Paiute, Western Shoshone, and Southern Paiute peoples. These lands continue to be a gathering place for Indigenous Peoples and we recognize their deep connections to these places. We extend our appreciation for the opportunity to live and learn on their territory.

TEMPLATE from the Nevada Department of Education

At its simplest, an acknowledgment could look like this:

“We acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of the _____ People.”

Beginning with just this simple sentence would be a meaningful intervention in most U.S. gathering spaces.

From there, there are many other elements to bring into acknowledgment:

Often, statements specifically honor elders:

“I would like to acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the _____ People, and pay my respect to elders both past and present.”

Some allude to the caring, reciprocal relationship with land:

“I want to respectfully acknowledge the _____ People, who have stewarded this land throughout the generations.”

Acknowledgments may also make explicit mention of the occupied, unceded nature of the territory in which a gathering is taking place:

“We would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the occupied/unceded/ seized territory of the _____ People.”

“I would like to begin by acknowledging that we are in _____, the ancestral and uncended territory of the _____ People.

EXAMPLE STATEMENTS from Nevada Agencies & Organizations

UNR - Website

We acknowledge that the University of Nevada, Reno is situated on the traditional homelands of the Numu (Northern Paiute), Wašiw (Washoe), Newe (Western Shoshone), Nuwu (Southern Paiute) peoples. These lands continue to be a gathering place for Indigenous Peoples and we recognize their deep connections to these places. We extend our appreciation for the opportunity to live and learn on their territory.

UNLV - Website

The University of Nevada, Las Vegas wishes to acknowledge and honor the Indigenous communities of this region and recognize that the university is situated on the traditional homelands of the Nuwuvi, Southern Paiute People. We offer gratitude for the land itself, for those who have stewarded it for generations, and for the opportunity to study, learn, work, and be in community with this land. We encourage everyone in this space to engage in continued learning about the Indigenous peoples who work and live on this land since time immemorial, including the Las Vegas Paiute Tribe and the Moapa Band of Paiutes, and about the historical and present realities of colonialism. As one of the most diverse universities in the United States, UNLV believes it is important to recognize and appreciate the

use of Southern Paiute land as part of its mission to be a welcoming and inclusive place for working and learning.

UNR School of Art – Performing Art Series

Before we begin, I want to take a moment to remind ourselves about our connection to place and land. I would like to honor the original inhabitants of the land that our University sits upon -- the northern Paiute, Washoe and Western Shoshone Native Community, the Tribes of the Great Basin and the Shoshone speaking groups who have stewarded this land throughout the generations. I would like to extend my gratitude for the opportunity to live, learn, and experience the arts on their territory.

Nevada Humanities

(Used informally)

But before we begin, I want to acknowledge: that we gather in our homes throughout Nevada on the traditional lands of the Paiute, Shoshone, and Washoe people past and present, and to honor with gratitude the land itself and the people who have stewarded it throughout the generations. This calls us to commit to being better stewards of this land as well.

Nevada Department of Education

We would like to acknowledging the indigenous peoples whose traditional homeland where we are presenting from, in what is now the state of Nevada, the Numu (Northern Paiute), Nuwu (Southern Paiute), Wašiw (Washoe), and Newe (Western Shoshone).

Tools:

<https://usdac.us/nativeland>

- Downloadable Resource Guide
- Links to Land Acknowledgement Statement posters

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ETOhNzBsiKA&t=2s>

- This video accompanies [#HonorNativeLand](#)—a guide and call-to-action to spread the practice of acknowledgment of traditional Native lands at the opening of all public gatherings.

<https://native-land.ca/>

- Native Land Digital Map