Story Circles

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Land Acknowledgement

Michigan State University occupies the ancestral, traditional, and contemporary Lands of the Anishinaabeg – Three Fires Confederacy of Ojibwe, Odawa, and Bodéwadmi peoples. The University's campus resides on the traditional Lands of the Saginaw Band of Chippewa, ceded under coercive or violent circumstances in the 1819 Treaty of Saginaw. Michigan State University is supported through the Land Grant Act, where 10.7 million acres were taken from 245 Tribal nations through the treaty system to fund and establish agricultural colleges. Michigan State University was established on and with 235,193 acres of Anishinaabe Land ceded in the 1819 Treaty of Saginaw and the 1836 Treaty of Washington.

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Michigan State University recognizes, supports, and advocates for the sovereignty of Anishinaabe Nations from the Great Lakes area, for historic Indigenous communities in Michigan, for Indigenous individuals and communities who live here now, and for those who were forcibly removed from their homelands. By offering this Land Acknowledgement, we affirm Indigenous sovereignty and will work to hold ourselves more accountable to the needs of Indigenous peoples and to the creation of equitable and fair policies for years to come.

Source: https://aiis.msu.edu/land/

Agenda

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Check-in

Our Story Circle

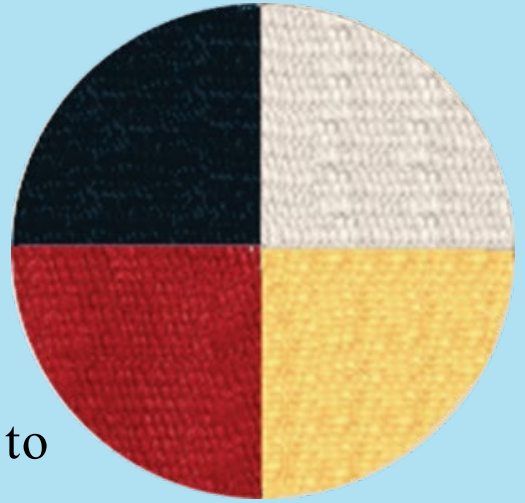
Facilitating your own circle.

Feedback

Check-in:

How are you feeling?

Indigenous Worldview: The Circle.



“The Circle process that many non-Native people are using today is rooted in the tradition of talking Circles that Indigenous Peoples in North America use and have used for millennia….During the 1990s, members of First Nations in Canada began teaching the Circle practice to non-Native people. They chose to do this because First Nation communities were seeking alternatives to the mass incarceration of their people, which was—and remains—another form of genocide….In the process, non-Native people experienced the Circle process and its power to bring positive transformation for everyone involved. From these origins, the use of Circles among non-Natives has grown.”

Sources: First Nations Pedagogy, Tapestry Institute, Restorative Solutions

Our Story Circle

Intentions

- Listen closely
- Stories stay, lessons leave
- Take space, make space
- Pay attention to your body
- No comments, questions

Stories

- 1.5-2 minutes per person
- Beginning, middle, end
- Pass, we'll come back
- Theme:

How I know my work matters.

Story Circles in Extension

- Brainstorm: How might you use story circles?
- Trauma-Informed Storytelling Practices
- Oregon State Story Circles Toolkit
- Need a thought partner as you design your circle? Email me!

Thank you!

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