



LAND-GRAB UNIVERSITIES

Talk:

Land Grab U: Land-Grant Universities and Indigenous Peoples

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12:00 – 1:00 PM

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In 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Morrill Act, which distributed public domain lands to raise funds for fledgling colleges across the nation. The creation story told around this event is that land-grant universities were given the gift of free land, but the Morrill Act worked by turning land expropriated from tribal nations into seed money for higher education. In all, the act redistributed nearly 10.8 million acres from more than 250 tribal nations for the benefit of 52 colleges. Ahtone and Lee's presentation will examine the land used to found the University of California and reveal the links between violent colonialism and higher education. Audience Q&A will follow. ASL and Spanish interpretation will be provided.

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