

Decolonizing: Placing Indigenous Peoples in the Conversation: An Evening with Claudia Fox Tree & Debby Irving, 11/18/2021

Resources Shared in the Chat

Song playing at the beginning - [*Blackbird*](#) by The Beatles sung in Mi'kmaq by Emma Stevens (Mi'kmaq)

The Land Acknowledgement read at the beginning of the program, adopted by the Andover Commission on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion:

We open by respectfully acknowledging that we collectively gather on the territory of many Indigenous peoples, who have stewarded this land for hundreds of generations. With gratitude to the Andover Center for History & Culture for their guidance, we acknowledge the harmful effect colonization and violent systemic and cultural inequities have had on our understanding of Indigenous identity and terminology. Andover was home to the Pennacook people as early as 6000 BCE, and we honor their past, present, and emerging leaders. Land Acknowledgments are a small, but essential, step towards building a culture of respect, truth, and accountability. To learn more about the land we are on, visit: <https://native-land.ca/>

21-Day Racial Equity Indigenous Challenge

<https://www.debbyirving.com/21-day-indigenous-challenge/>

Link to livestream: National Day of Mourning 2021: <https://youtu.be/IrXXA2SaiAs>

Films:

Dawnland - <https://dawnland.org/>

Gather - <https://gather.film/>

Articles:

Decolonization is not a metaphor

<https://clas.osu.edu/sites/clas.osu.edu/files/Tuck%20and%20Yang%202012%20Decolonization%20is%20not%20a%20metaphor.pdf>

The Atlantic

<https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2021/05/return-the-national-parks-to-the-tribes/618395/>

Podcast:

<https://crooked.com/podcast-series/this-land/>

Debby Irving's Fall Break Myth Busting Flash Cards

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/18c9fVq9xcMUbKqQ7r6PGGrtIZismBJztEWJMhmRrvVE/coopy?fbclid=IwAR1DI96qjdJvHPSbC-IUQ49iTnfABC-qFuvGPBcVTjTGWk8pecJtaBovhpM>

Claudia Fox Tree Native American Contribution Cards

<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Native-American-Contributions-Cards-5311028?st=877a44c1bfa26516088e3b4d9c2361d8>

Claudia Fox Tree Indigenous Library

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1prkajAJ9sEQf58jVA_VO2AchA9guroimnyZoEIdaAT0/copy

Books Mentioned:

As Long as Grass Grows: The Indigenous Fight for Environmental Justice, from Colonization to Standing Rock by [Dina Gilio-Whitaker](#)

<http://www.beacon.org/As-Long-as-Grass-Grows-P1445.aspx>

Indian Givers: How the Indians of the Americas Transformed the World by Jack Weatherford

<https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/187629/indian-givers-by-jack-weatherford-author-of-the-bestselling-genghis-khan-and-the-making-of-the-modern-world/>

You can purchase *My Grandmother's Hands* directly from Resmaa Menakem's website:

<https://www.resmaa.com/merch>

If You Lived During the Plimoth Thanksgiving by Chris Newell, (Children's book ages 7-10)

<https://kids.scholastic.com/kids/book/if-you-lived-during-the-plimouth-thanksgiving-by-chris-newell/>

Native American Place Names of Maine, New Hampshire, & Vermont by R. A. Douglas-Lithgow

https://books.google.com/books?id=SSOqNZsitBQC&printsec=frontcover&source=gbs_ge_summary_r&cad=0#v=onepage&q&f=false

Organizations to consider supporting:

Massachusetts Center for Native American Awareness - <https://www.mcnaa.org/>

United American Indians of New England - <http://www.uaine.org/>

North American Indian Center of Boston - <http://www.naicob.org/>

Native Women's Wilderness - <https://www.nativewomenswilderness.org/mmiw>

LANDBACK - <https://landback.org/>

Take action

MA Indigenous Legislative Agenda - <http://maindigenousagenda.org/>

Community Change, Inc. - <https://communitychangeinc.org/>

Jacob Ginga, artist & teacher - <https://www.instagram.com/makerjake/?hl=en>

Resmaa Menakem – Anti-Racist Education - <https://www.resmaa.com/>

Visit the Courageous Conversations page for recordings & handouts from previous events -

<https://mhl.org/courageous-conversations-merrimack-valley-history-events>

Antiracism & Social Justice Sources – Memorial Hall Library website - <https://mhl.org/antiracism>

Libraries Working Towards Social Justice Programs - <https://mhl.org/newsletter>