CSULB LAND AND TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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WHAT ARE LAND AND TERRITORIAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS?

Smply stated, a land and territorial acknowledgment is a statement that recognizes the ongoing presence and relationship of the First Peoples whose land an institution occupies. For First Peoples, this recognition is protocol for visitors and guests travelling, working, or living in a community that is not their original homeland. The statement expresses an awareness about the dispossession of the indigenous peoples of the land to make visible ongoing forms of settler-colonial privilege and dominance. While land and territorial acknowledgments are more frequently performed these days as part of institutional gatherings, such as at convocations, graduations, and conferences, the purpose and intent of these statements should also move beyond a mere repetition of words and, instead, should inaugurate actions that build or maintain relationships with First Peoples.

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