

**Subject:** Re: The Atlantic on land acknowledgements

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I'm glad that Ed posted this because I have been thinking a lot about land acknowledgments. I was going to include my version (see below) on my cse143 syllabus next quarter because the Allen School lists this as a diversity best practice. But I have my doubts about whether it really is a good idea to do so.

Magda doesn't want us to use these email lists to discuss topics like this and I'm happy to oblige. I would be willing to help organize an opportunity for people to get together to discuss this in person if others are interested.

--Stuart

I acknowledge that by the labor theory of property the Coast Salish people can claim historical ownership of almost none of the land currently occupied by the University of Washington.

On Wed, 8 Dec 2021, Ed [REDACTED] wrote:

Chloe and I are currently attending the monthly 2-hour meeting of the Hopper-Dean Collaborative. The first hour is a conversation with Tia McNair who is the the VP for Diversity, Equity, and Student Success and Executive Director for the Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation (TRHT) Campus Centers at the Association of American Colleges and Universities:

<https://www.aacu.org/contributor/tia-brown-mcnair>

She pointed us to this recent article in The Atlantic on land acknowledgements:

<https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2021/11/against-land-acknowledgements-native-american/620820/>

This article really resonated with me.

I am **\*not\*** attempting to start an email conversation on this important topic  
- I'm merely recommending the Atlantic article as thought-provoking.