Land Acknowledgement

The practice of Land Acknowledgement stems from Indigenous tradition and today’s protocol for public gatherings. We encourage event planners to consider beginning sessions with a brief statement. For assistance with adapting the Land Acknowledgement or other questions, contact the Social Justice Institute at socialjustice@case.edu.

In recognizing the land upon which we reside, we express our gratitude and appreciation to those who lived and worked here before us; those whose stewardship and resilient spirit makes our residence possible on this traditional homeland of the Lenape (Delaware), Shawnee, Wyandot Miami, Ottawa, Potawatomi, and other Great Lakes tribes (Chippewa, Kickapoo, Wea, Pinakahsw, and Kaskaskia). We also acknowledge the thousands of Native Americans who now call Northeast Ohio home.

Case Western Reserve University and the greater Cleveland area occupy land officially ceded by 1100 chiefs and warriors signing the Treaty of Greenville in 1795.

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