



## ACKNOWLEDGE you are standing on Native land LISTEN to Native voices

The Community Design Studio at Lesley Art + Design has paired design students in a year-long effort with local, national, and international advisors, legislative staff, Native leaders, and historians to support a legislative initiative to reconsider the seal, motto, and flag of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Through a series of research documents, an installation and a podcast that honors Native voices, we uphold past successes and best practices, as well as difficult lessons learned. We enact a community-informed and relational design process that begins with empathy and proceeds through repeated consultation with project advisors in order to support respectful, culturally-responsive, and reciprocal inter-governmental relationships. Our work to inform the commission, and engage public spaces throughout Massachusetts, encourages outcomes that reconcile the symbols of a hurtful colonial past with the cultural, political, environmental, and social priorities of Native and non-Native communities today.

### COMMUNITY DESIGN STUDIO

Lesley University College of Art and Design  
BFA Graphic + Interactive Design, Fall '20 & Spring '21  
Faculty: Rick Rawlins & Katherine Shozawa

Students: Manel Abdellaoui, Armando Bahena, Alina Balseiro, Erika Bastos, Maya Caspi, Victoria Clark, Sydney Drezek, Malia Edney, Denisha Fisher, Donell Janvier, Chelsea Johnson, Jennifer Kalashian, Alyssa Lisacki, Jessica Mahoney, Long Mai, Jamal McCabe, Madeline Meyer, Bryan Moschella, Courtney Rodriguez-Pagano, Casey Sheaves, Jessica Stevens, Yuermin Sun, Terry Wang **Chair of Design:** Heather Shaw  
Workshops: Michael Coleman, BFA '18 and Christine Lopez, BFA '18 **LA+D Digital Fabrication Lab:** Cameron Noble



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Tribal Affiliation: Northern Cheyenne  
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