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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
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