



## Content & Teaching Strategies for Inclusive Agriculture Education

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There's a lot of education we can do with each other

Y'all might be the most inclusive word I've ever heard

What's one thing we can always talk about with someone else without (with little) conflict or immediate negative feelings?

Leave with 1-3 tangible goals you can implement for the upcoming year

Expand our notion of what agriculture is

#### Take a picture- SMILE- you're getting free resources :~)



https://vtechworks.lib.vt.edu/handle/10919/99373

### Course content

 What's the ACTUAL reality of agriculture in the US?

 What's the version we currently teach?

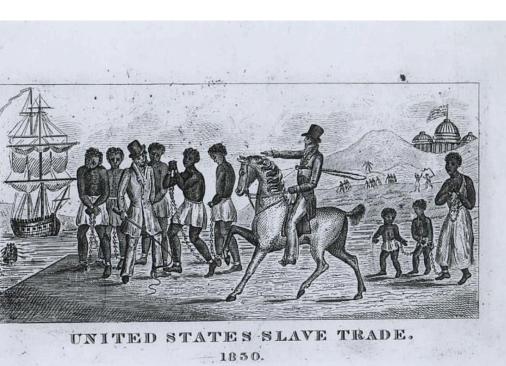
 What's the version in the textbooks/resources we pull from?



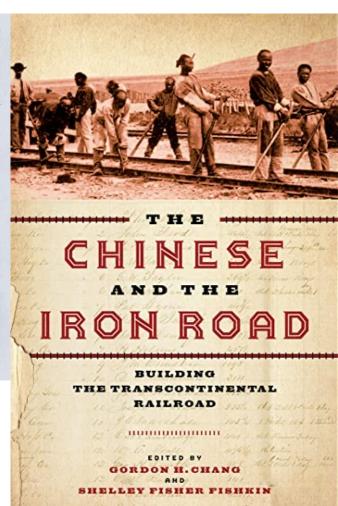
Expectation



## Who built ag & infrastructure in the US?



How do we integrate the actual history of agriculture?

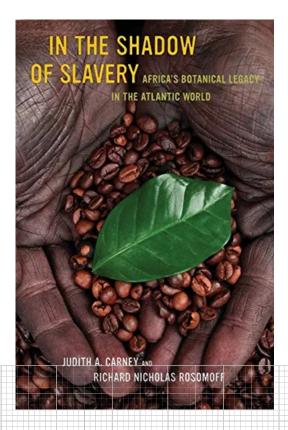


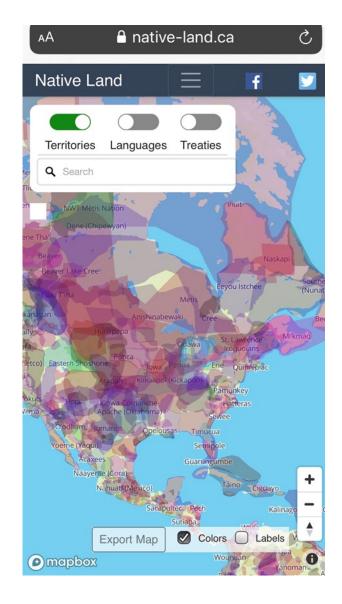


In August of 1619, a ship appeared on this horizon, near Point Comfort, a coastal port in the English colony of Virginia. It carried more than 20 enslaved Africans, who were sold to the colonists. No aspect of the

# Content for teaching 'History of Agriculture' in Secondary *Introduction to Agriculture Courses*







## History of the land awarded to Land Grant Universities – The Reality

## **High Country News**

KNOW THE WEST

**Land-grab universities** 

Expropriated Indigenous land is the foundation of the land-grant university system.

Robert Lee and Tristan Ahtone | March 30, 2020 | From the print edition

We're all on stolen land

In 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Morrill Act, which distributed public domain lands to raise funds for fledgling colleges across the nation. Now thriving, the institutions seldom ask who paid for their good fortune. Their students sit in halls named after the act's sponsor, Vermont Rep. Justin Morrill, and stroll past panoramic murals that embody creation stories that start with gifts of free land.



Explore the land-grab universities data, maps and interactive features

We reconstructed approximately 10.7 million acres taken from nearly 250 tribes, bands and communities through over 160 violence-backed land cessions, a legal term for the giving up of territory.

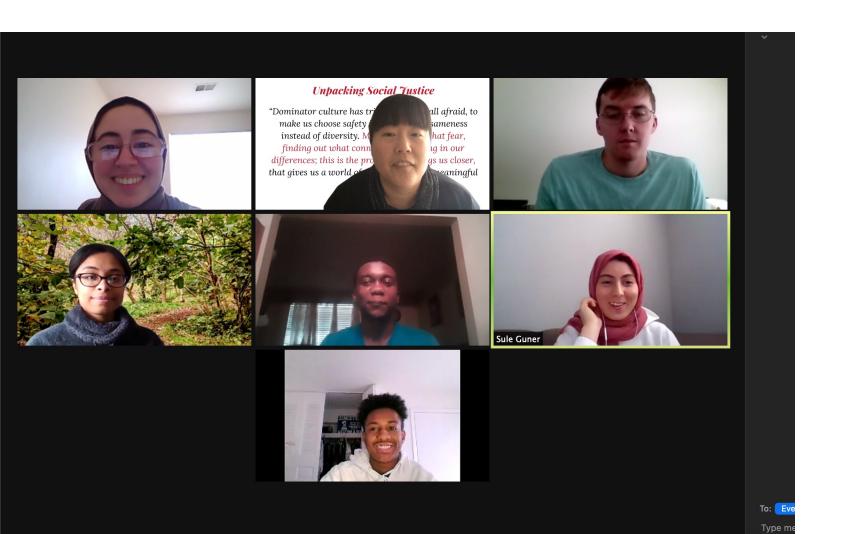
The Pigford Cases: USDA
Settlement of
Discrimination Suits by
Black Farmers







## WE are the gatekeepers





## Inclusive teaching

Co-creation:

Examples used: crops, scientists, notable aspects

Names: all European, gender neutral

Identity: the gender unicorn

Representation: who's there, who's not

Time to build community

What are 1-2 concrete things you can address short term?



Let's get comfortable being uncomfortable

## Inclusive teaching

Holidays: Muslim, Jewish, Persian, Asian Ce

Center the margins

Readings: who's the author, source

Adapt

Language: translation available

Inclusive modifications: CC, alt text, ADA

What if that student was 'the opposite?'

We know Carver, Whitney, & Bourlag but who are P. Roland, E. Southworth, & M.E. Pennington?

### THE PATH FORWARD

<u>Culturally competent:</u> someone who's willing to pay attention to & take action around social, economic & political differences & inequities that are attached to people

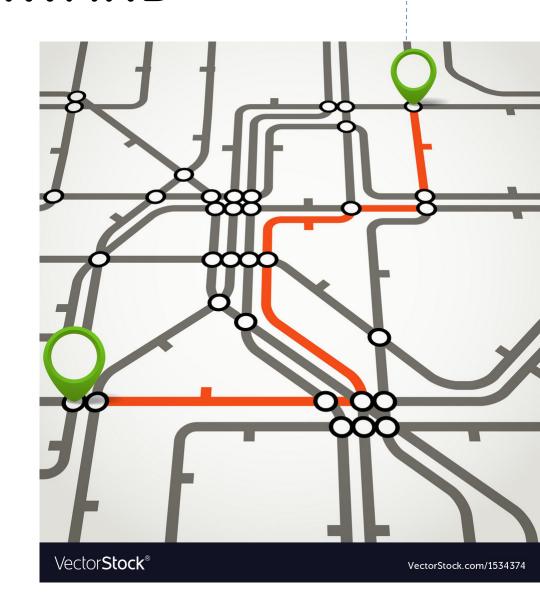
Understand how privilege has shaped your life & marginalized others

Relationships of reciprocity

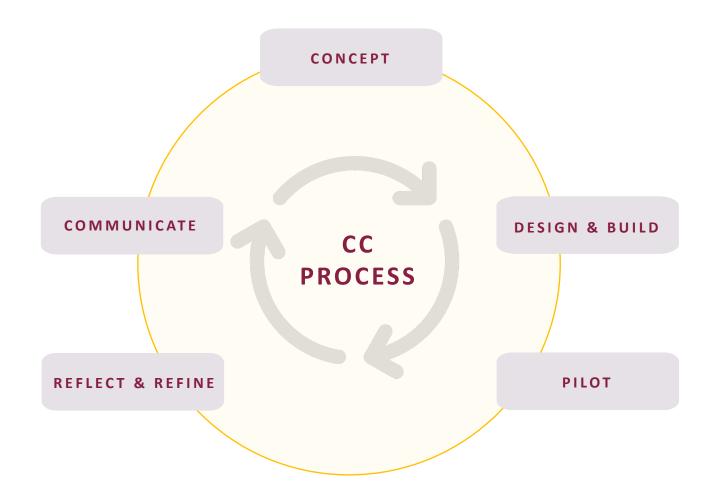
There will always be pushback

You will make mistakes

"It's how you recover, not how you cover up."



### Cultural competence is a life-long process



We all want to BELONG

The status quo is comfortable

Are you trying to change their mind or give them a path to investigate?



Equal treatment can be discriminatory. What people are asking for is equal access to opportunities.

Picture: livingingrace blog

