

Feminist Foundations

Settler Colonialism

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Unsettling Ourselves:

Reflections and Resources for Deconstructing Colonial Mentality



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Settler Colonialism Primer

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By Laura Hurwitz & Shawn Bourque, *Unsettling Klamath River Coyuntura*

Unsettling...a step toward decolonization



- **Define:** the types of colonization to the end of understanding settler colonialism in the US.
- **Investigate:** some of the arguments laid out in today's readings.
- **Question :** what Settler Colonialism has to do with shaping feminist inquiry and developing a feminist perspective?
- **Question:** how participants in WGSS can better critique **white supremacist capitalist heteropatriarchy** by understanding and problematizing settler colonialism.

Pocahontas Revisited





"THE WHITE MAN'S BURDEN."

(Apologue by Rudyard Kipling.)

Settler Colonial White Supremacist Capitalist CisHeteroPatriarchy

In other words, the social-political-economic structure of the United States.

Imperialism

- Imperialism: the policy, practice, or advocacy of **extending the power and dominion of a nation especially by direct territorial acquisitions** or by gaining indirect control over the political or economic life of other areas; broadly : the extension or imposition of power, authority, or influence (Merriam Webster)
 - Manifest destiny, White man's burden

Colonialism

- domination of one nation/group over another, usually to the end of economic gains through extraction or production to the end of bolstering the colonizing home country. (Significant physical presence.) (Dr. Devlin O'Sullivan's lecture)

White Supremacy

- The **belief** or theory that **white people are superior** to other peoples, and should therefore have greater power, authority, or status. Also: a social system based on or perpetuating the political, economic, and cultural **dominance of white people** (OED)

Settler Colonialism

- **structure not an event;** destruction of Indigenous people and governments to access indigenous land and resources. Settlers come and stay; creating a new nation after eliminating and erasing Indigenous ones. (Dr. Devlin O'Sullivan's lecture)

INDIAN LAND FOR SALE

GET A HOME
OF
YOUR OWN
*
EASY PAYMENTS



PERFECT TITLE
*
POSSESSION
WITHIN
THIRTY DAYS

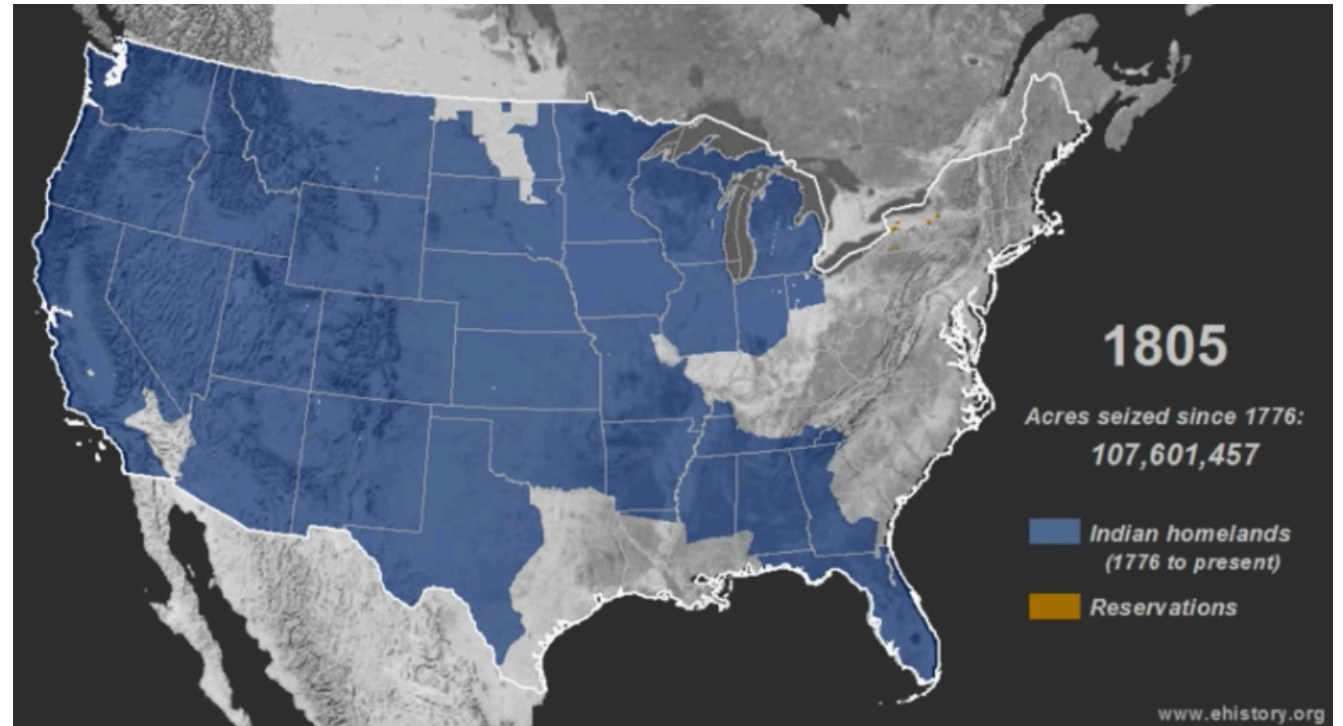
FINE LANDS IN THE WEST

IRRIGATED IRRIGABLE GRAZING AGRICULTURAL DRY FARMING

IN 1910 THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR SOLD UNDER SEALED BIDS ALLOTTED INDIAN LAND AS FOLLOWS:

Location	Acres	Average Price per Acre	Location	Acres	Average Price per Acre
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The Invasion of America -Claudio Saunt



Source: invasionofamerica.ehistory.org

Settlers Gonna Settle

WHO IS A SETTLER?

- Anyone not Indigenous, living in a settler colonial situation is a settler. Therefore all non-Indigenous people living in what is today called the “U.S.” are settlers living on stolen land. (Hurwitz & Bourque 2014)

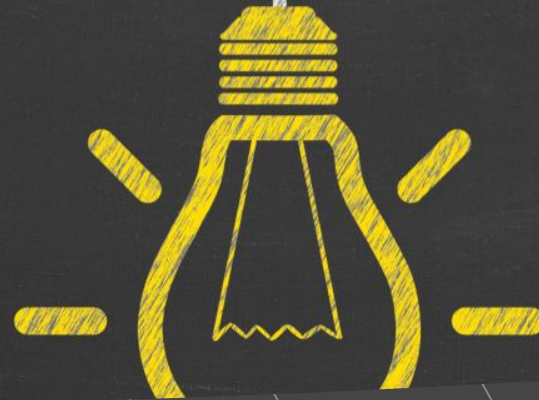
WHAT DO SETTLERS DO?

- Dispossess
- Steal
- Extract
- Disappear the Indigenous
- Exploit
- Stay
- Claim Innocence

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Colonial Triad

The Settler Colonial Triad

- **What does Settler Colonialism have to do with shaping feminist inquiry and developing a feminist perspective?**





**How can WGSS can better critique
white supremacist capitalist
cisheteropatriarchy by
understanding and problematizing
settler colonialism?**