As we gather today it is important, or more accurately, imperative, that we acknowledge that we are gathering here today on traditional indigenous homeland. We recognize, respect and honor those indigenous peoples who are the traditional stewards of this land. We acknowledge the enduring relationship that exists between indigenous peoples and their traditional territories. We offer this expression of gratitude and appreciation of their persevering to protect this land for future generations.

The erasure of the relationship between indigenous peoples and their traditional homelands is an ongoing form of colonization and we need to build mindfulness of this and other indigenous protocols.
Racism hidden in Beauty

Cultural Appropriation is born out of stereotypes, marginalization, entitlement and racism.
Cultural Appropriation Defined:

- Cultural appropriation is the adoption or use of elements of one culture by members of another culture.
- The adoption of these cultural elements is done in a colonial manner: elements are copied from a minority culture by members of the dominant culture, and these elements are used outside of their original cultural context—sometimes even against the expressed, stated wishes of the representatives of the originating culture.
- Condensation – homogenization
We are CultureS—Not Costumes
Show me an American Indian
In Reality ...
“What’s The Harm We’re Trying to Show Respect”

- Trivialization of history trauma
- Spreads lies misconception about cultures
- Perpetuates Stereotypes
- Erases native voice and world view
- Religious Freedom - only for the privileged
Using “the Indian” to make a point
Products of the Colonial Lens

- The Off reservation Boarding School *
  - I do think that educating the Native American children was a good idea. If the Europeans had just told them that they were being educated I think they would’ve been on board with the idea.
  - we should look at what happened as a positive stepping stone, a method to the United States becoming a more integrated nation.
  - You have to give the “Friends of the Indians” credit for offering a way for Indian children to become more civilized.
  - It seems like learning English could only be good.
Why is this important to Libraries?

What is the Purpose of a Library?

The Purpose of a University Library. The Library Association believes that the purpose of a school library is: to provide a flexible space with a wide and inclusive range of resources to support learning and teaching.

The University of Utah’s Marriott Library Mission

The Marriott Library inspires the creation, discovery, and use of knowledge for Utah and the world.
A “Teachable Moment”
Plains Indian Culture
Northwest Coast Culture
PLEASE - Don’t Appropriate, Commodify, or Homogenize Native Cultures

- Brother Eagle, Sister Sky – Susan Jeffers
- Versus
- The Elders are Watching - David Bouchard & Roy Vickers
It is Possible to do the Right thing