



SUGGESTED SCRIPT FOR INTRODUCING YOUR SPEAKERS BUREAU PRESENTER

***Note:** At the beginning of each event, prior to introducing your Speakers Bureau presenter, please take a moment to first acknowledge the traditional land from which you are presenting, followed by a brief mention of the sponsorship of Humanities Washington. You can find an unofficial map of native lands [here](#), but please be sure to contact the nations in question to identify definitive boundaries. You are welcome to use or customize the **suggested** verbiage below. Thank you!*

Welcome!

We would like to begin by acknowledging that we present this program from the traditional lands of the _____ Peoples. We ask those in attendance, wherever you may be, to reflect on the traditional lands that you inhabit, to pay respect to the original stewards of those lands, and to recognize their continuing connection to them.

[See alternative articulations of land acknowledgements and further resources here: [Honor Native Land Guide](#)]

The presentation you are about to enjoy is part of Humanities Washington's Speakers Bureau program.

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A note on civil discourse: The Speakers Bureau program is designed to generate an open and honest conversation on many topics, some of which may be controversial. We encourage differing points of view, and we ask that you to treat this topic, the speaker, and each other, with respect.

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