

Decolonizing the Academy Committee

Last year, Decolonizing the Academy re-grouped after several years away from meeting. We were excited to come together again and worked on building community with each other and our colleagues inside and outside of campus to imagine and discuss our goals.

We hosted Dr. Shannon Speed from the UCLA American Indian Studies Center at SMC, and collaborated with Dr. Speed and Dr. Zrinka Stahuljak, Director of the Center for Early Global Studies at UCLA, to re-imagine indigenous ways of learning from students using new technologies. We have continued to grow our repository of discipline-specific materials to inspire decolonizing classrooms and pedagogy.

Additionally, we began working on updating the land acknowledgement by working with several interested parties across campus including two student-led groups, Indigenous Scholars and Oaxacans at SMC. Currently, we are continuing with the revision of the land acknowledgement as well as growing our community with more education and workshops.