

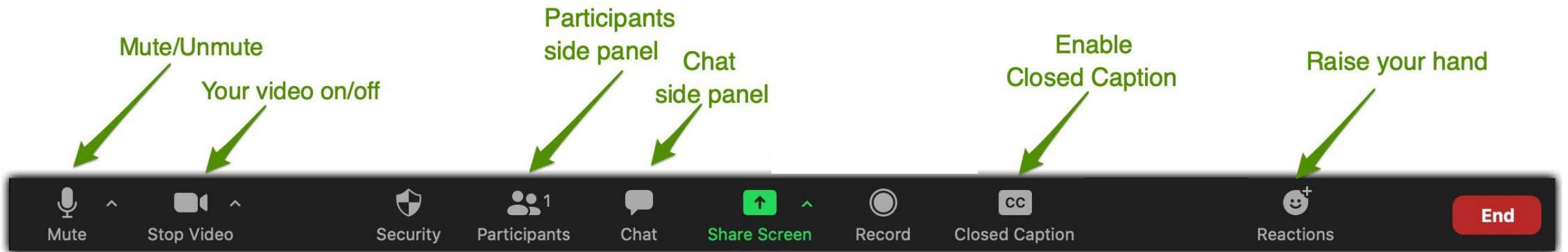


HONORING
LANGUAGE &
CULTURE AS
FUNDAMENTAL
HUMAN RIGHTS

SEPTEMBER 27, 2022

CONTROL PANEL

THIS WEBINAR IS BEING RECORDED



AGENDA

- OPENING CIRCLE
- TOPIC: HONORING LANGUAGE AND CULTURE AS FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS

Presenter:

- Mercedes Tune, Capacity Building Specialist



We acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory and homelands of California Native Peoples. These Nations include over 120 federally recognized tribes and many other non-recognized tribes that are all very culturally diverse. We thank these Nations for their generosity, and we keep them in our hearts and thoughts as we are in this space today, this week, and every day.

<https://native-land.ca/>



OPENING CIRCLE

Please type in your name, pronouns, agency and location

“the secrets of our
culture lie hidden
within our
language”

Joseph A. Elie Joubert.
Abenaki tribe

Language Justice



Central Sierra Me-Wuk

Agenda



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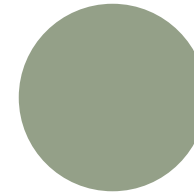
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EXCHANGE



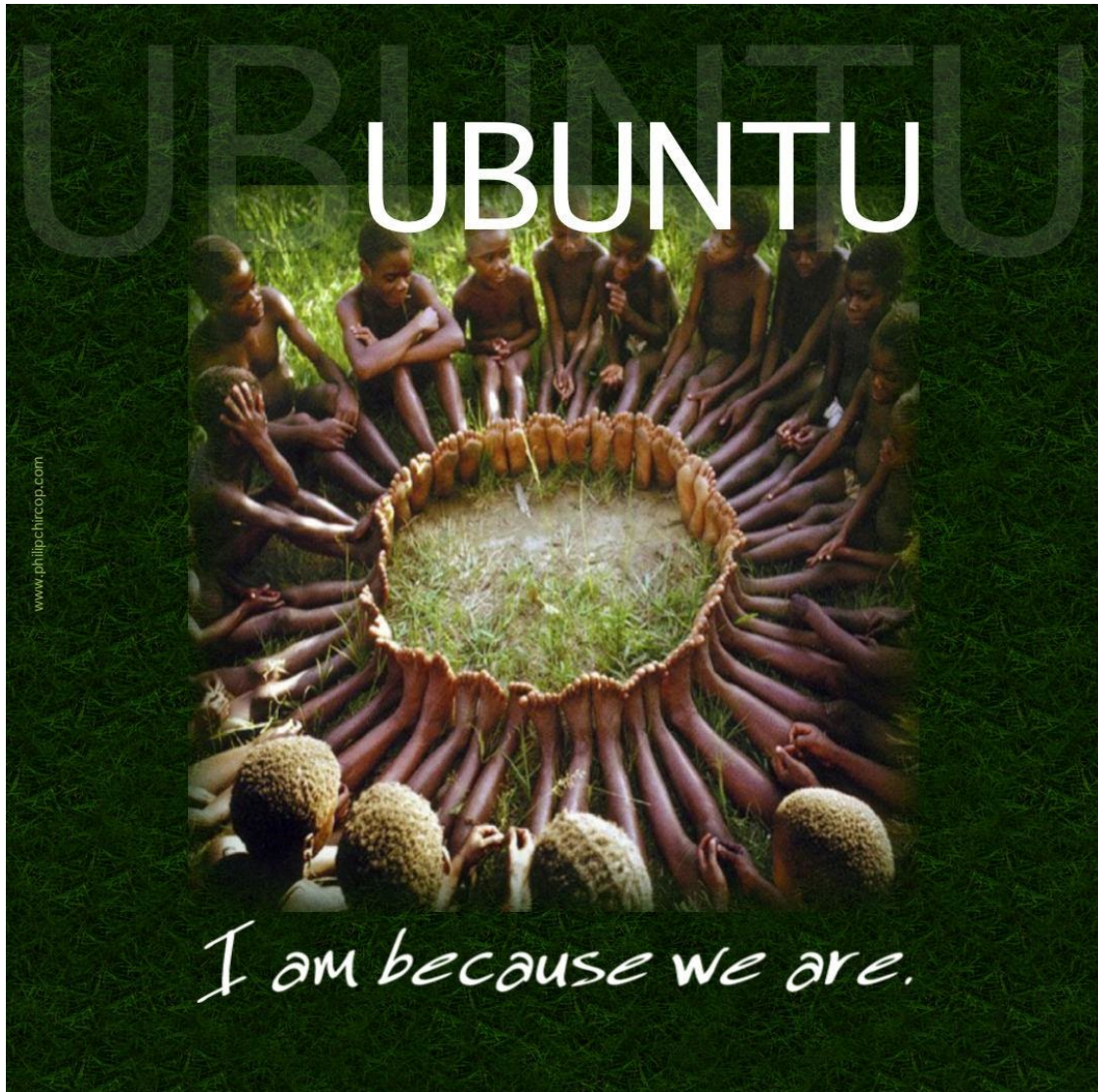
SMALL GROUPS



BIG GROUP
CONVERSATION



RESOURCES



Ubuntu –
It speaks about our interconnectedness

You can't be human all by yourself.

“when you have this quality - Ubuntu - you are known for your humanity and generosity.”

- Bishop Desmond Tutu

Check-In

One Word for what emotion this picture touches for you?

Storytelling



love

support

family

patriarchy

colonialism

racism

classism



Social History
Personal
Experiences
Context
Values
Beliefs
Assumptions

Language is personal, visceral, and powerful;

It is tied to our lands, to our bodies, to our relationships, and to our knowledge.

Every time we speak or sign in our particular accents, syntax and rhythms, cadences and inflections, we identify ourselves and bring social history and personal experience with us.

**Acknowledging the social
& political dimensions of
language access**

**Honoring language &
culture as fundamental
human rights.**

**Language Justice as a
process of organizing &
advocating.**



Historic Context

Colonization gave rise to language hierarchy.

*The language of the colonizer was inscribed as most prestigious.**

*Of 7,500 world languages, over half will be extinct by 2050***

*Languages are important in the construction of identity, & people's collective memory ****

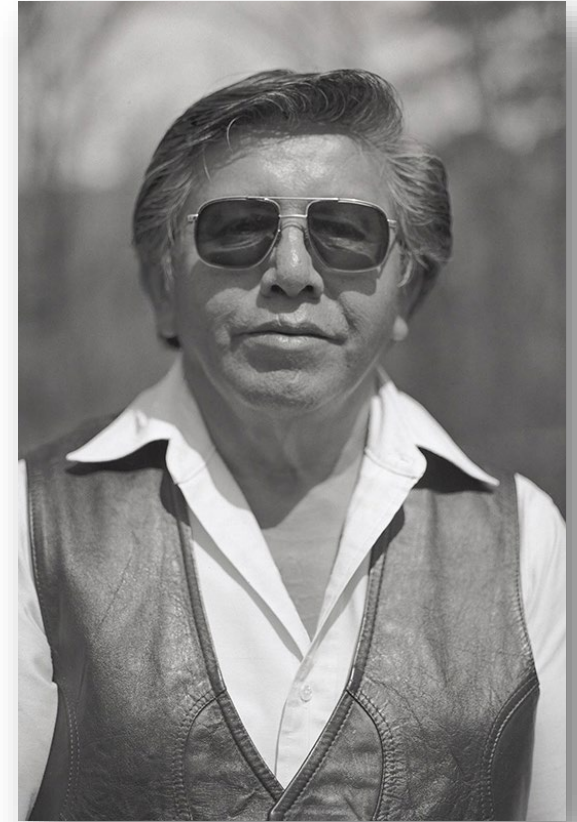
Sonny Hendricks presented this to the Native Language Preservation Committee on January 11, 2005.

“Up until the 1950s, the Central Sierra Miwok language was spoken fluently by a majority of the Elders of the Tribe. Those Elders, however, were part of about two generations between about 1890 and 1930 who, as young children, were forcibly taken away from their families at a very early age and were sent to government Indian Schools.

This was an attempt by the federal government to assimilate them into the non-Indian society and remove all traces of Indian-ness from them...

The effect of the Indian School was the greatest loss of culture that anyone could imagine...

Today most tribes are trying to remember, retrieve and preserve as much of their fragmented culture as they can...”





In 2008, the Mississippi Department of Human Services took away the newborn daughter of ***Cirila Baltazar Cruz***, a Chatino speaking immigrant from Oaxaca, demanding that ***“Ms. Baltazar Cruz learn English before she could reunify with her daughter.”***

Baltazar Cruz ***was not provided with an interpreter during the investigation*** and was only reunified with her daughter after receiving legal assistance from the Southern Poverty Law Center.

Legal Context

Civil Right Act 1964

Federal Law (Title VI) requires that any organization receiving federal funds provide language access to DV survivors, and their children/dependents.

“No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance”. Civil Rights Act of 1964. Title VI, 42 U.S.C. & 2000d.

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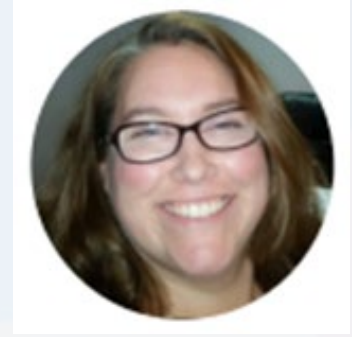


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