

### *Foreword\**

*To date, no one has prepared a research guide that would assist scholars, students and other in their desire and efforts to ascertain major issues dealing with Indian territoriality and land tenure or find data, maps, bibliographical sources, glossaries of terms, and related matters that pertain to Indian lands, past or present. In a brief bibliographical section, a few important sources that focus on specific aspects of Indian land history are identified. This guide hopefully will serve a broad audience, for which reason it has been put online as a public service.*

Source materials dealing with American Indian (Native American) lands, territory and related concerns may originate among any number of groups or individuals: tribes, academic scholars, independent writers, and officials at various levels of government. A large body of resources in print (as well as in manuscript) is housed with the *federal government* in various departments, bureaus, authorities, archives, and their regional or field offices. In addition, both houses of Congress generate reports and hearings. Many government documents, federal and otherwise, include maps, photos, documents, and bibliographies pertinent to Indian land matters. Scholarly literature also contains a vast amount of factual as well as theoretical information and maps, photos, bibliographies and other materials. This guide does not attempt to be inclusive, but hopefully does include a wide enough range of source materials to enable researchers to find just about anything. One caution: today countless land-related documents, maps and other materials are housed with the tribes. Much of this material may still be un-catalogued; in any event, researchers must contact tribes themselves. Included in this guide are selective websites that might help scholars locate tribes and hence request their assistance. The guide includes books, articles, documents, maps, and miscellaneous materials, some merely cited or listed, others included in discussions. User response to this guide will help in making editorial amendments not only to the content but to the structure of this guide.

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