

The Department of Anthropology Presents:

# Claiming Space: Monumentalizing Nipmuc Heritage in Nipmuc Homelands

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Despite the continued presence of the Nipmuc people on their homelands in Southern New England, the heritage landscape there is dominated by Euro-American monuments to colonialism and industrial progress. Building on over a decade of collaborative research, this work critically examines the settler histories monumentalized on the Southern New England landscape and the representations of Indigenous pasts therein. It offers a revision and reclamation of Nipmuc heritage within Nipmuc homelands with a network of Nipmuc places, routes, and histories targeted not only to illustrate Nipmuc persistence despite colonial encroachment over the last 400 years, but also to combat the damage that settler narratives of puritanism, patriotism, and progress have done to the perception of Nipmuc identity. This initiative serves as a community-centered resource for Nipmuc heritage in the present and a model for identifying more diverse heritage landscapes in the future.



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