

Reflections from a Minority Who is Not an Authority

Discussion on DEI in HCI and UX Research

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she/her/hers

Where am I?

The University of Washington acknowledges the Coast Salish peoples of this land, the land which touches the shared waters of all tribes and bands within the Duwamish, Puyallup, Suquamish, Tulalip and Muckleshoot nations.



Where are y'all?

The University of Arizona is on the land and territories of Indigenous peoples. Today, Arizona is home to 22 federally recognized tribes, with Tucson being home to the O'odham and the Yaqui.



Who am I ?

Personal History

worked as UX Specialist for
University of Michigan libraries
earned a PhD in Information
Science from UW
currently UX researcher for UW
ORIS

Social Identities

pronouns: she/her/hers
gender: cisgender female
race: Indian

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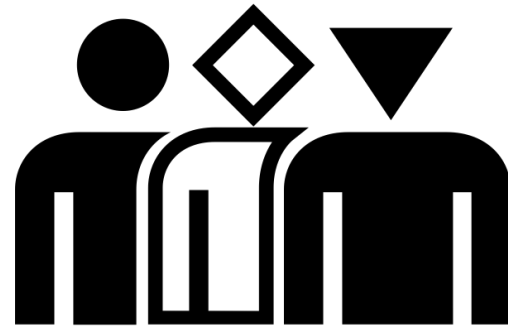
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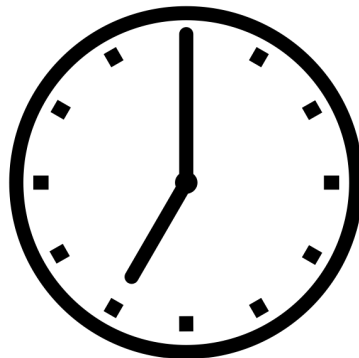
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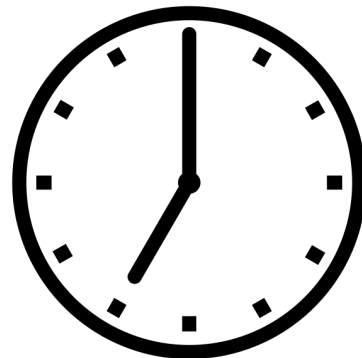
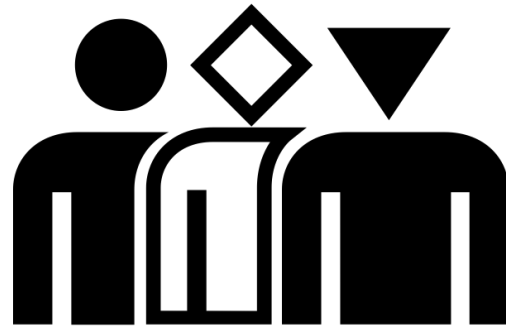


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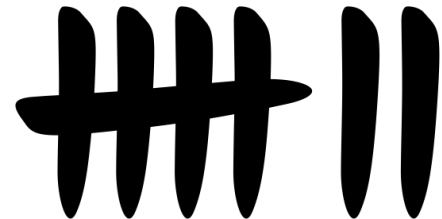
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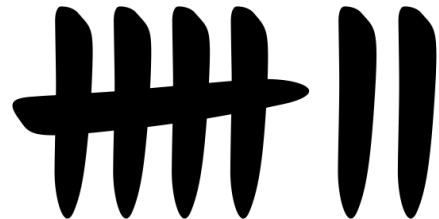
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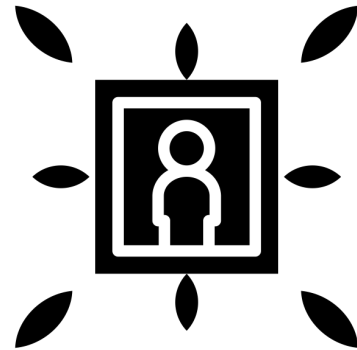
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Questions?

Thanks for inviting me!

(and thanks Jung Mee for listening to my practice talk!)

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