Support Investigative Journalists in the U.S.

Updates and Deadlines

Read FIJ Board President Mark Greenblatt's letter on what you can do to support investigative journalists in the U.S. right now.

The deadline to apply for our regular grant period is May 4th.

Our Grantees' Most Recent Work

Unique Reporting Project Untangles Myths Behind the Land Grant University System

Nearly 11 million acres of indigenous land. Approximately 250 tribes, bands and communities. Over 160 violence-
backed treaties and land seizures. Fifty-two universities. From High Country News’ Indigenous Affairs desk comes “Land-Grab Universities,” a unique reporting project funded in part by FIJ that untangles the powerful and painful strains of myth and money behind the land-grant university system, largely credited with broadening access to higher education in the United States.

It was all part of President Abraham Lincoln’s creed: “The right to rise.” And though generations of land-grant graduates have exercised that right, reporters Robert Lee and Tristan Ahtone say few have thought to ask who actually paid for the opportunity, and how it was done. According to their reporting, it came through the transfer or violent seizure of indigenous land. But to this day, indigenous people remain largely absent from student populations, staff, faculty and curriculum.

In 1862, Lincoln signed the Morrill Act, which distributed public domain lands to raise funds for fledgling colleges across the nation. The act turned land taken from tribal nations into seed money for higher education.

You can read the full story here.

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**FIJ News**

**Texas Observer Names FIJ Grantee Editor-in-Chief**

The Texas Observer, an Austin-based nonprofit news organization, has selected FIJ grantee Tristan Ahtone as its new editor in chief. We want to congratulate Tristan on his new role.

**FIJ Grantee Publishes Book on a Toxic Spill in Montana**

Author and FIJ grantees RL Scholl has recently published his book detailing a 1996 chlorine spill in the mountains of Montana. Scholl documents the ensuing panic and the struggle to patch the largest ever breech of a

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**All of Our Coronavirus Webinars in One Place**

We have uploaded full recordings of our recent webinars regarding our coronavirus emergency grants to our website. These webinars feature panelists from FIJ and various other nonprofit organizations offering funds to journalists working on coronavirus-related stories. If you have questions about our emergency grants or need help finding resources, these webinars are a great place to start. Thanks to the Economic Hardship Reporting Project, PEN America, the National Association of Black Journalists and the Chicago COVID-19 Journalism Fund for participating as panelists!

[Watch now!](https://fij.dm.networkforgood.com/emails/draft)

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