



# Revised History

## Some Politically Correct (bad) History For Oklahoma

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Way back before I was married, I lived for part of one year in Oklahoma, in addition to having spent quite a bit of time over the years in and out of the state. Oklahoma has always been one of my favorite spots in the country. I always found the folks there warm and friendly.

The year we lived there my Dad and I went down to Oklahoma City to find out about getting work in the state park system. That didn't work out for us and it's probably good that it didn't, for had it done so I would not have gone back east and ended up marrying my wife. So, the Lord had a plan for us in leaving Oklahoma. That being said, I still remember Oklahoma with fondness and my wife, and I have visited it on more than one occasion as I wanted her to see one of the places in the West that I had learned to love.

So it was with a certain degree of sadness that I recently read an article by Allan Wall on <https://vdare.com/writers/allan-wall> abolishing the Oklahoma Land Run Monument from the community college in Oklahoma City.

Mr. Wall observed: "The land runs, which were actual races for land, are part of Oklahoma history. It's how a significant portion of the state was settled. The first land run was in 1889, settling an area of central Oklahoma called 'the unassigned lands' which was uninhabited and not belonging to any Indian tribe. that's the land run in which Oklahoma City was founded, jumping the population from zero to 10,000 in one day. In this era of Heritage Haters, the Land Runs are under attack. Now a monument at the Oklahoma City college has been removed...The large concrete slab, visible outside the main building on campus, depicted those who came to Oklahoma for the Land Run of 1889 as heroes and innovators, OCCC officials said. Executive Vice President Danita Rose, whose maternal grandfather was of Cherokee descent, said that the decision to remove the monument was a top priority for the executive leadership team." In other words, the politically correct element at the college wanted this monument gone regardless of its value to the heritage of the state.

Some noted that it was the old "I'm Cherokee" argument but Mr. Wall gives the lie to that foolishness when he notes: "The land settled in the 1889 land run was not Cherokee land, had never been Cherokee land and was never settled by the Cherokee." And, interestingly enough, it had been a Cherokee who, in 1879, suggested that these unassigned lands be opened up to white settlement!

Danita Rose commented that: "If our goal is to create a community that is inclusive and welcoming to everyone, a monument that depicts cruelty and oppression can't be on display here." Frankly, I am at a loss to see how a monument to a land rush for land that was uninhabited contributes to cruelty and oppression, but then that's just me. I'm sure the politically correct leftists among us can point to how any monument, anywhere, that they don't particularly like contributes to cruelty and oppression in their narrow minds. I suppose they'd like to see the Land Rush monument replaced with a statue of either Marx or Lenin, those compassionate champions of humanity whose followers killed millions. Now wouldn't such be a major contribution to "diversity"?

Actually, what it all comes down to is that, when it comes to monuments "no white folks need apply." In this day and age the definition of diversity means everybody *except* white folks. We are simply beyond the pale when it comes to diversity.

The Land Run of 1889 did not create oppression and/or cruelty but that doesn't matter. The leftists claim it did and that's all that matters. If you dare to question their historical knowledge or perspective, then you are nothing but a racist bigot—so sit down and shut up!

It would seem that the Community College of Oklahoma City has succumbed to the thrall of leftist dogma so prevalent on most campuses today. Now, even with community colleges you have to be careful where you send your kids as there are fewer and fewer places where they won't be bombarded with socialist doctrines. I wonder, with all that is going on today, how much Communist China has to do with what is being taught in many colleges.