

Recognizing the Contributions of Minority Serving Institutions and Their Communities

MERLOT has been a free and open community and library for the past 25 years and the collection of online teaching and learning materials have been authored and shared by people around the world.

One of the many values of having a community build the collection of instructional materials is that every contribution to the collection brings with it the “voice” of the persons who authored the content and those who cataloged the content in the MERLOT collection.

To make the voices of MERLOT community members from U.S. minority serving institutions (MSI) more visible, we have added icons to the material descriptions and member profiles that makes it easy for everyone to recognize if

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The icons for minority serving institutions are:



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By making MERLOT materials authored by or cataloged by community members from minority servicing institutions visible with the icons, we hope to make it easier for faculty, teachers, staff, students, and many others to discover course materials that could be more inclusive of diverse perspectives in a variety of disciplines because they are authored by and/or used by members from minority serving institutions.