User Manual

The Understanding of trauma and reconciliation with research for AI/AN and 1st Nations Canada

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Introduction

This project aims to serve as a resource hub for students, The community, and the Native American Student Association at Eastern. As of now, the group does not have a source to provide to those looking for more information or knowledge about the AI/AN issues. This site aims to provide an easily accessible source for anyone looking to learn more.

It addresses the challenge the association faces of lacking a centralized, accessible resource for individuals to explore research on the everyday issues confronting the AI/AN community. We look to engage the site visitors by adding multimedia aspects, brief descriptions of different topics, and links to scholarly research.
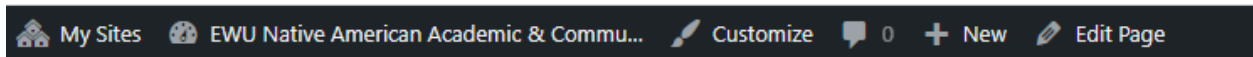
The target users for this site are mostly those wanting to know more about these issues, but it also opens up an all-in-one new resource for students wanting to write about these topics for research as well. By offering a centralized platform that features articles, studies, and personal narratives, we intend to enhance understanding and promote meaningful dialogue surrounding trauma and reconciliation. Our goal is to make an easy and maintainable site to encourage engagement and contribute to the greater good of the AI/AN community.

This site uses primarily WordPress with the exception of some small HTML code (primarily for just the slideshow in the main page). By the end of this manual, you should be able to update content, links and even create your own pages if need be.

Getting Started

To get started, you'll need to make sure you get access from Eastern Washington University's IT department. As of right now, only our team and Evanlene have access. Once granted access, you'll be able to dig into the world of WordPress!
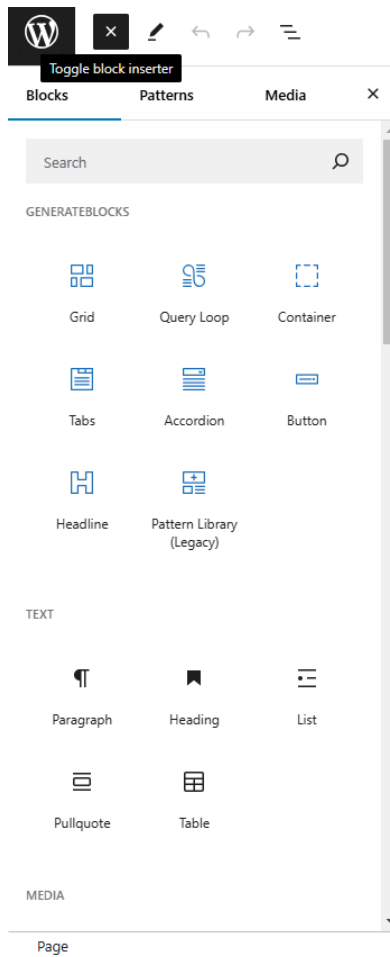
First, you'll want to navigate to our page: https://inside.ewu.edu/narss. With this link, you'll see a top bar with a few features (i.e. edit feature). See figure below.
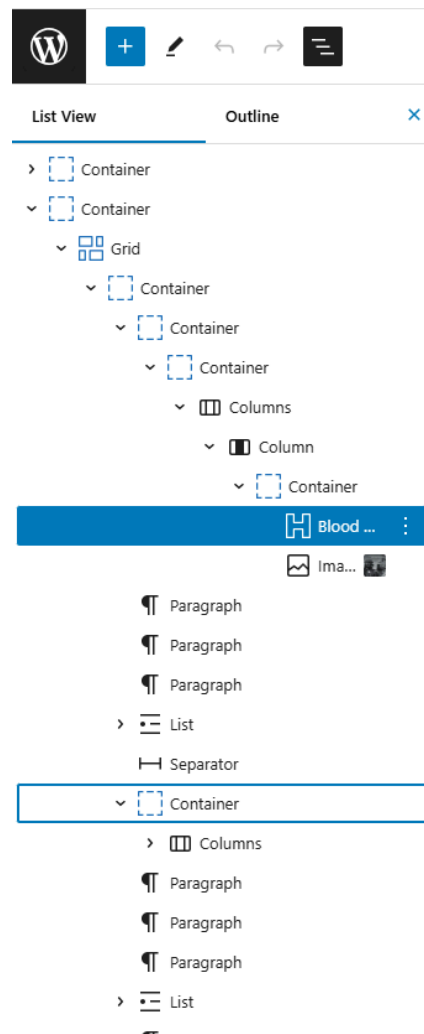

Next, you have two ways to access the WordPress site in order to edit your page. One simple option is to navigate to the page you want to edit, and click 'Edit Page' as shown in the above figure. The second option is to go straight into the 'EWU Native American Academic & Community' feature also shown in the above figure. If you choose this route, you'll be able to see a list of all the pages activity and even access the feedback we get on the feedback page. We will cover this later on. For now, click on the page you'd like to update and you're ready to get to editing!

Using the Software

Now that you're all set up, you should see the WordPress system. By clicking the '+' icon on the left, you'll see built in functions from WordPress such as text, grids, media and more.

By clicking the three horizontal lines on the left pane, you'll be able to see how we set up the page. Here, you should be able to copy and paste any format you like. For example, if you wanted to add an extra source on a topic on the Non-Scholarly page, it could be as simple as copying our list and description paragraph, pasting them under the last link on the topic and changing the description and links to fit your needs. We've grouped each topic and the children containers that follow on the Non-Scholarly and Scholarly resource pages so if you would like to add a new topic, you could also just copy and paste the group and edit the context to your liking. Although, you're free to create your own containers and make your own styles!

Troubleshooting

For the most part, once we made a page, we followed the layout we had set up. This way, we kept our pages concise and easy to follow when adding more links or resources. Nonetheless, WordPress can be tricky. For troubleshooting, some resources we used were:

- https://developer.wordpress.org/rest-api/reference/
- https://wordpress.com/learn/
- https://wordpress.com/learn/courses/getting-started/quick-start-guide/

We were also able to reach out to the Eastern Washington University IT department for guidance on publishing pages, getting access to the pages and common questions to which they gave us a canvas classroom with in depth tutorials and info for us to follow!

Contact Information

Please feel free to reach out with any questions you may have and we would be happy to help you get started!

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