

End-of-Program Review 2007-08

Addressing Oppression, Privilege and Difference - Evening and Weekend Studies Programs

	Extensively	Moderately	A little	Not at All	Percentage of Programs addressed issues	Programs addressed issues (N)	Programs responded (N)
Evening and Weekend Studies	22.7%	31.8%	36.4%	9.1%	90.9%	20	22
All Programs	27.0%	28.7%	27.8%	16.5%	83.5%	96	115

EWS Programs that addressed issues of oppression, privilege and difference

	Extent	Strategies
Religion and Society	Extensively	We viewed several films, including Reel Bad Arabs and Kingdom of Heaven, and discussed the manner in which they portrayed Arabs and Moslems. We read discussed sacred texts in relation to each other and to the broader social and historical context within which they arose and have been understood. We had students do community service work (see below), and we presented a public forum that brought together speakers from Christian, Islamic, Jewish and Buddhist traditions.
Race Matters: The Dynamics of Diversity	Extensively	Workshops, seminars on cultural sensitivity
Justice at Work? Civic Rights, Labor Law and the Workplace	Extensively	Readings, workshops, guest speakers, films, all of which addressed primarily class and racial oppression.
The Fifties: Fab and Fraught	Extensively	Through literature, history, critical theory, film--this was a major focus--Again Rev. Lawson's work was a focal point as well. We did focus on those central areas: race, class, and gender
Liberty and Justice for All: Political Philosophy in Historical Context	Extensively	We read Mills, The Racial Contract, and used it as a basis for analyzing the social contract tradition through the lens of race as well as analyzing the nature (and invisibility, to whites) of white privilege. In this connection we viewed the film series The Rise and Fall of Jim Crow. We also read selections from Marx and discussed his accounts of alienation and exploitation. We read selections from the suffrage movement and discussed several feminist positions of political philosophy. Our discussions were focused on texts and thus undertaken with an intellectual, academic tone; at the same time, I aimed to lead seminar so as to allow students to draw upon their emotional responses in articulating and supporting their views.
Art and the Sacred	Moderately	Reading, writing, discussion.
Positive Psychology	Moderately	Lecture, video, drama/theatre/play project, website where they responded to each other, two field trips, in-class activities - ethical dilemmas.
American Literature of the 1850s: Shaping a Nation	Moderately	In our examination of each text for the program (almost all were fiction/poetry) we looked at how gender, race, and class were imaged, at what ideas, cultural constructs they illustrated--and at how we still live with some of them.

Language, Literature, and Schools	Moderately	Readings/seminars about social justice and schooling; about culture and language.
Public Management, Leadership and the Power of Inclusion	Moderately	Literature and activities regarding how to foster inclusion over differences both in and out of the workplace.
Group Dynamics	Moderately	MBTI is a tool to understand difference. Readings.
Leadership in Action: Transforming Self and Structure	Moderately	Direct instruction, reading and seminar about history of scientific racism and its relationship to modern psychological testing. We explored the biological impact of oppression related stressors. We studied the physiology of the stress response and its relationship to chronic degenerative disease.
Children and Education: A Silk Roads Perspective	A Little	Public forums, support of Native American learners, researched and supported an orphanage in China.
Why Businesses Succeed	A Little	One reading of Spiral Dynamics which looks at how economic groups evolve.
Cognition and Computation	A Little	Digital divide: effects on people without technology
The Authentic Self: Becoming an Instrument for Change	A Little	Readings, discussion, performance.
Developmental Psychology	A Little	Case studies, literature, seminar.
Modern Art and Bronze Casting	A Little	Lectures, readings, seminars.
Clinical Application of Mindfulness Meditation	A Little	Mindfulness-based interventions.
Politics, Performance, and the Public	A Little	We read and attended plays and viewed narrative and documentary films with these themes.