Learning Circle on Power Privilege & Difference – Spring 2016

Allegheny College’s Office for Diversity & Inclusion, in conjunction with the Provost’s Office, invites tenured/tenure-track faculty, across divisions, to develop pedagogical strategies for courses meeting the new Power, Privilege, and Difference distribution requirement. This first Learning Circle in Spring 2016 will be co-facilitated by Courtney Bailey (Associate Professor, Comm. Arts) and John Christie-Searles (Assistant Professor, Political Science/Black Studies). The Learning Center dialogues will focus on pedagogy-based topics such as creating an inclusive learning culture, developing a shared vocabulary for addressing issues of diversity, intersectionality, and privilege, and working for social justice on campus. These discussions will draw from ongoing national debates, classroom experiences, and targeted readings, with the goal of generating concrete and pragmatic group outcomes.

Six Learning Circle sessions will take place from 12:20-1:15pm on Fridays throughout February, March and April in the Tippie Center Board Room. These dates are: Feb 12th, Feb 19th, Feb. 26th, March 4th, March 11th, and April 8th. These sessions will culminate in a workshop on Saturday, April 16th from 10am-2pm in CC 303 designed to help the group produce specific teaching resources and activities. Participation will be capped at 10 faculty members, and we ask that participants commit to attending all six sessions, plus the follow-up workshop. Lunch will be provided, and all participating faculty will have a formal letter from the Office for Diversity & Inclusion, recognizing this service to advance this strategic priority of the college, to be placed in their personnel files. If you are interested in participating, please apply by 5pm on Saturday, January 30th. You will be notified of your acceptance no later than Friday, Feb. 5th.

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