

# Instructionally Related Activities Report Form

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ACTIVITY TITLE: "Nevertheless She Persisted"

DATE (S) OF ACTIVITY: FALL SEMESTER 2017

### (1) PROVIDE A DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITY:

"Nevertheless She Persisted" is a campus-wide event hosting 3 guest speakers who will address issues of gender equality, culture and voice. Each presenter spoke on their area of expertise and addressed ways students can locally organize for gender equality and voice. Each presentation was followed by a Q&A from participants.

(2) HOW DID THE ACTIVITY RELATE TO A COURSE(S) AND/OR LEARNING OBJECTIVES?

Presentations related specifically to identified communication courses:

## Language, Strategy, and Persistence: Gender and Culture

Dr. Mara Berkland, Professor at North Central College in Illinois focused on gender and culture and the ways the laws and customs perpetuate gendered inequity through their execution (specifically in the US, Morocco, and India). This related to COMM 321: Intercultural Communication as it addressed dynamics of culture and communication. Specific course learning outcomes this event related to include:

- Identity barriers such as racism or systems of privilege that arise from histories
  of colonization, exploitation, and discrimination and learn ways to creatively
  address these inequities;
- Gain a critical perspective on local/global issues and contemporary events by examining the historical and political dimensions of intercultural relations that illustrate the need for improved cross-cultural understanding and communication.

# <u>Victimization in Marginalized Communities: Mediation, Advocacy and Giving Voice to the Silenced</u>

Brittany James, Professor at Rio Salado College and a Community Mediator in Seattle, Washington spoke about victimization in marginalized communities and how processes such as mediation and advocacy programs can give voice to the traditionally silenced. This related to COMM 340: Conflict Management & Mediation as it relates to community peace-building and empowerment. Specific course learning outcomes this event related to include:



 Convey how issues relevant to social, cultural, political, and historical realities interact with each other and support the resolution of interpersonal, organizational and community conflict.

Understanding Ecoculture & Ecofeminism: Moving from Privilege to Permeability

Dr. Tema Milstein, Associate Professor of Communication at University of New Mexico
presented on critical elements of environmental communication such as ecofeminism,
centralized discourse and ways to combat hierarchical structures that oppress our more
than human world. This presentation specifically related to COMM 443: Environmental
Communication as it relates to environmental justice and ecoculture. Specific course
learning outcomes this event related to include:

- Identify how language and other symbols influence our perception of and interactions with nature;
- Explore the interplay between culture and nature as well as the charges and implications of environmental justice;
- Articulate a critical perspective on local/global environmental issues and contemporary events by examining the rhetorical mechanisms used in oral, written, and visual arguments about the environment.
- (3) WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE STRENGTHS OF THE ACTIVITY?

Feedback from students was very positive. They found the topics engaging and related to course content.

(4) What would you say are/were the activity's weaknesses?

Although we had a good turn out, we would like future events to be better attended.

(5) HOW WOULD YOU IMPROVE THIS ACTIVITY FOR NEXT TIME?

Coordination of presenter schedules to visit our campus at the same time and interact with each other. This would provide an even richer experience for the students.

(6) WHAT DID YOU LEARN FROM THE PROCESS?

We (the students and myself) learned that it was invaluable for students to hear from practitioners with extensive experience in different fields of communication.



(7) WHAT ARE STUDENT RESPONSES TO THE ACTIVITY? ATTACH STUDENT EVALUATIONS OR ASSESSMENTS (IN ACCORDANCE WITH FERPA RESTRICTIONS YOU MUST REMOVE ALL PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE STUDENT INFORMATION)

Student response was very positive. This was an opportunity for them to network and engage with experts in the field. Their assessment was a verbal Q&A after each session on ways to repeat this opportunity in the future and engage more students.

8) GIVE A SUMMARY OF EXPENSES FOR THE ACTIVITY.

Honorariums for the guest speaker which covered their travel.

B. ON SEPARATE DOCUMENT, PLEASE ATTACH ATTENDEE LIST (PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFO REMOVED)

Please see attached

C. PLEASE INCLUDE UP TO 6 IMAGES AS ATTACHMENTS TO YOUR EMAIL SUBMISSION

See attached publicity images.

## Nevertheless She Persisted! Communication Program Speaker Series Fall 2017

#### Language, Strategy, and Persistence: Gender and Culture

Dr. Mara Berkland Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> 3:00 – 4:00 PM Bell Tower 1352

Ammenhauser, Lara Aung, Kaumon Barakat, Neda Barcena Jr, Reggie De Leon Blohm, Melina Nathalie Emanuelle Brown, Angelica Shannise Chason, Kevin Daniel Cole, James Austin Cummings, Madison Irene Ferrer.Brian Francisco Gagliardino, Vincent Angelo Grafmann, Nastasja Griffin, Lyric Chenier Hall.Connor James Hanci, Can Devin Harper, Jenna Marie Hildebrandt, Katharina Hipple, James Patrick Hoffman, Felix Benedikt Hoffmann, Alexander Rudiger Dietrich Alfred House, Evan Jarret Hyman, Cody Charles Jolitz, Philipp Sebastian Martinez, Heidy Catalina Nesci, Gina Marie Orellana, Sophie Marcella Polovnikova, Arina Radzinski.Emily Elizabeth Rodriguez Rivas, Cristina Rodriguez, Jessica Alicia Roias.Andrea Santos-Orozco, Jasmine Staben, Paul Anthony Tillman, Chase Montgomery Tona, Sabrina Kayla Torres, Elijah Nathan

## Victimization in Marginalized Communities: Mediation Advocacy & Giving Voice to the Silenced

Ms. Brittany James Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> 10:30 -11:30 AM Bell Tower 1422

Alvarez, Tyler Gunner Barakat, Neda Behluli, Valdrin Cao.Tri Minh Cossette, Maria Helena Dellacort, Amanda Else Duenez, Taylor Michelle Encino Casillas, Karen Foscue, James Armfield Fought, Sean Michael Hermosillo, Marla Nicole Hernandez Bautista, Rosa Martinez, Jazzmyn Desirrae Ordonez, Rudy Anthony Pflaum, Christian Alexander Redondo I, Renee Michelle Rehorn, Madelyn Jane Riffel, Jacob Aaron Rojo, Don-Joseph Rosales, Alejandra Sheaffer, Hallie Catalina Sotelo, Christina Eve Spence, Dominique Staben, Paul Anthony Tallchief.Emily Marie Travis,Luke White, Gerrick Wayne Younes, Dimitri Sylvain de Witte.Sebastiaan Frans

Understanding
Ecoculture &
Ecofeminism: Moving
from Privilege to
Permeability
Dr. Tema Milstein

Dr. Tema Milstein Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> Noon – 1:00 PM Bell Tower 1422

Arias, Alexandria Auxiliadora Ashley, Adrienne Michele Beckman, Tori Rachelle Calderon, Aaron Ray Carella, Jan Marie Fernandez, Mia Valerie Garcia, Bradley Robert Gorecki, Robyn Nichole King, Nicole Marie Lefay, Christian Clyde Maddux, Kaylee Jean Nolte, Hailee Rose Patino, Philip Alexander Pierce I, Weston Trov Riegert, Hunter James Rogers, Cassandra Joy Sami, Abdala Tuitama, Leimasina L Ullrich, Ashley Marie Velasco, Sophia Elizabeth Williams, Noah Cline Yasukochi.Rachel Zaragoza, Juan Pablo Zepf, Maximilian William







Language, Strategy, and
Persistence: Gender and Culture
Professor of Communication
North Central College
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3RD
3:00 - 4:00 PM
Bell Tower 1352



Victimization in Marginalized Communities: Mediation and Advocacy & Giving Voice to the Silenced Rio Salado College Community Mediator (Seattle, WA) TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10TH

10:30 -11:30 AM Bell Tower 1422



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