Workshop Series: Approaching Sensitive Topics in the Classroom

This workshop series is developed collaboratively by the Office of the Provost, the Division of Human Resources, Diversity, and Multicultural Affairs, and the Center for Teaching & Learning.

The format for each workshop will be 20 minutes of presentation followed by questions, discussion, and brainstorming.

Registration is required: http://www.uvm.edu/ctl/events.

Designing and Implementing Assignments that Deal with Sensitive Topics

Tuesday, March 27 2018 10:00-11:00am Facilitated by Pablo Bose, Global & Regional Studies; Geography

This workshop will offer ideas for designing assignments that ask students to disclose opinions and experiences that may be deeply personal or controversial. The topics covered will include factors to consider when designing the assignment, providing clear instructions, and appropriate feedback to students on the assignment.

Preparing for Class Discussions on Sensitive Topics

Friday, April 13 2018 9:00 - 10:00am Facilitated by Ilyse Morgenstein Fuerst, Religion

How should you prepare to facilitate a class discussion of topics that are sensitive and where opinions can be diverse? This workshop will equip participants with concrete approaches to planning class discussions where students may have strong and differing reactions to the material.

How to Teach Sensitive Content Face-to-Face and Online

Friday, April 27 2018 10:00-11:00am Facilitated by Sarah E. Turner, English

This workshop will help participants think through how to incorporate and engage with content that may be upsetting for students but is a necessary component of your course. Techniques and experiences will be shared by the facilitator.