

STRATEGIES FOR TRAUMA AWARENESS & RESILIENCE (STAR) LEVEL 2

PAX 640

Fall 2020 Tuesday and Friday, October 20-December 11, 2020, 3:30-6 p.m. EDT/EST*

*Note time changes due to change of season will mean a schedule shift locally in many places. See table for details.

There will be NO CLASS SESSION on Friday, 27 Nov, 2020.

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hours will be scheduled in small groups and 1-1s as desired.

Guest instructors' contact details will be shared as we move through the course.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience (STAR) Level 2 invites people who have started to bring trauma awareness into their life and work for greater resilience to deepen their knowledge and skills. In Level 2, participants have a chance to:

- review and deepen learning around trauma awareness and resilience
- grapple with the complex realities and implications of structural and historical harms
- practice and deepen capacity for trauma-informed facilitation, and
- share plans and questions, while connecting with others who are applying STAR learning in their lives and work.

STAR Level 1 provides foundational content for this course. In Level 2, we continue to focus on trauma's impacts on body, brain, beliefs and behavior; how those impacts often lead to cycles of violence; and possibilities for breaking free from cycles of violence and building resilience. Participants in STAR Level 2 will also have the opportunity to join the STAR Practitioner learning community for ongoing connection and exchange as well as conceptual and practical resources.

COURSE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

To build on STAR 1 learning, STAR 2 will focus on four key learning goals:

- 1. Review and deepen skills and concepts for working with trauma and building resilience.
- 2. Starting with self, deepen awareness of social identity and systems of power.
- 3. Engage with tools and frameworks for facing and healing historical and structural trauma.
- 4. Develop and articulate your own trauma-informed, healing-centered approach to community care, facilitation, teaching, and/or program design.

REQUIRED TEXTS AND OTHER RESOURCES:

- Anderson Hooker, David and Amy Potter Czajkowski, Transforming Historical Harms. Available free online at: https://justpeaceumc.org/product/transforming-historical-harms-by-david-anderson-hooker-amy-potter-czajkowski/
- Haines, Staci K. The Politics of Trauma. Berkeley, CA: North Atlantic Books, 2019. ISBN 1623173876. Retail \$20.
- Generation FIVE, Transformative Justice Handbook (PDF). Available free online (in English and Spanish) at: http://www.generationfive.org/resources/transformative-justice-documents/
- Mitchell, Sherri. Sacred Instructions: Indigenous Wisdom for Living Spirit-Based Change. Berkeley, CA: North Atlantic Books, 2018. ISBN 1623171954. Retail \$18.
- Van der Kolk, Bessel. The Body Keeps the Score.* New York, NY: Viking Penguin, 2014. ISBN 0143127748 Chapters 4,5,6. (to be read before class) retail \$11. Detailed background on impacts of trauma on body and brain. *Note this text includes some graphic discussions of traumatic events, including sexual violence.
- Van Dernoot Lipsky, Laura. Trauma Stewardship: An Everyday Guide to Caring for Self While Caring for Others. \$17. San Francisco: Berrett-Koehler Publishers, 2009. ISBN 978-1576759448

Plus ONE of the following books on historical and/or structural trauma: We ask that you do NOT select this book prior to the course. We will provide additional guidance in class on selecting a text especially suited to accompany your personal journey and professional practice in this area.

Emily Wanderer Cohen. From Generation to Generation. Healing Intergenerational Trauma through Storytelling (Morgan James Publishing, 2018). ISBN-10: 1683507576 ISBN-13: 978-1683507574

Tsitsi Dangarembga, *Nervous Conditions* (Ayebia Clarke Publishing, 2004) **ISBN-10**: 9780954702335 **ISBN-13**: 978-0954702335

Nadine Burke Harris, *The Deepest Well: Healing the Long-Term Effects of Childhood Adversity* (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2018). **ISBN-10:** 0544828704 **ISBN-13:** 978-0544828704

Resmaa Menakem, *My Grandmother's Hands: Racialized Trauma and the Pathway to Mending Our Hearts and Bodies* (Central Recovery Press, 2017) **ISBN-10:** 1942094477 **ISBN-13:** 978-1942094470

Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha, *Care Work: Dreaming Disability Justice* (Arsenal Pulp Press, 2018) **ISBN-10**: 9781551527383 **ISBN-13**: 978-1551527383

Recommended Texts

These texts supplement the course content and delve into one or more areas in greater depth. You might choose one or more to support your own learning and practice:

brown, adrienne maree. Emergent Strategy: Shaping Change, Changing Worlds. AK Press, 2017.
 (ISBN-10: 1849352607)

- Ginwright, Shawn. Hope and Healing in Urban Education: How Urban Activists and Teachers are Reclaiming Matters of the Heart. New York: Routledge, 2016. (ISBN 113879757X) If you did not engage this reading in STAR Level 1 or other classes, his work weaves together needs for justice and wellbeing.
- Steve Haines and Sophie Standing. *Trauma Is Really Strange*. (Singing Dragon, 2015). ISBN-10: 9781848192935 ISBN-13: 978-1848192935. \$12. This is now a required text for STAR Level 1, as it offers a visually oriented, simplified explanation of the impacts of trauma on the nervous system.
- Hicks, Donna. Dignity: Its Essential Role in Resolving Conflict. \$18. New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 2011. ISBN-10: 9780300188059
- Levins Morales, Aurora. *Medicine Stories: Essays for Radicals* (Duke University Press, 2019) ISBN-10: 147800309X ISBN-13: 978-1478003090.
- Pat Vivian and Shana Hormann, *Organizational Trauma and Healing.* \$30. North Charleston, SC: CreateSpace, 2013. ISBN 978-1479188512.

REQUIRED ASSIGNMENTS:

Engaging in a course focused on trauma, whether for academic credit or for training purposes, can be challenging. We invite all participants to

- **Show up to all sessions**, as the learning is designed as a cumulative and iterative and community-based experience. We value your presence and insights. We also understand personal commitments may conflict with the schedule on several occasions. For optimal learning, we would discourage missing more than two sessions. If you need to miss, we encourage you to connect with another class participant about what went on in class, before the next session.
- Commit to ongoing self-care during the 8 weeks. We will take time in the first sessions of the
 course to discuss what kind of commitments make sense for us as individuals and as a
 community.
- Identify and lean on your resilience network. We will take time early in the course to identify who are some of the resource people you might lean on as you take the STAR learning journey.

Taking the course for Professional Education/Training

Homework assignments are designed to complement and enhance the synchronous (in-person) course experience. These will be assigned each week in class (with assignment details also available on Moodle). These are not required of training participants, though you may find they enrich your experience. If you choose to do the assignments, they are just for you – no need to submit to instructor.

Taking the course for Credit

Note that assignments are designed to enhance the learning experience you get in the synchronous class sessions.

Please show up to all sessions of class. Presence in class (all eight weeks) will account for **40% of your grade**. Presentation portions of class will be recorded, but much of the learning happens in the exchanges among participants, and most of that will <u>not</u> be recorded. The learning is designed as a cumulative and iterative and community-based experience. We value your presence and insights. We also understand personal commitments may conflict with the schedule on several occasions. For optimal learning, we would discourage missing more than two sessions. If you need to miss, we encourage you to connect with another class participant about what went on in class, before the next session. Presence each week accounts for 5% of your grade (a total of 40% of the grade).

2-credit students: Ten small assignments add up to 60% of your grade. There is no final project.

3-credit students: In addition to weekly assignments (44% of your grade), there is a final project due about 3.5 weeks after the last session of class (16% of your grade). You may choose one of the options listed below or design your own final project.

Assignment	Due date	2 credit students (% of grade)	3 credit students (% of grade)
SHOWING UP	8 weeks	40	40
1) Self-care journal (Name the people in your resilience network. Post before and after selfies 1x a week. Log daily/weekly practices. Use as desired as a support throughout the course.)	weekly	8	6
Related expectations: Set aside 10 minutes a day, at least 3 times a week (daily if possible), for self-care of your choosing. Set aside one hour, once a week, for a deeper dive/self-care session.			
2) Lead a centering or release activity* Each class will open/ close with a 1-2 minute activity to help center our energies (to welcome us into the learning space or prepare us to leave). Participants are invited to lead at least one of these.	At least once	5	3
*In addition to brief opening/closing activities, the course will include 3 circle processes (symbols of resilience, masks, and symbols of hope) and an opportunity to facilitate an emotional first aid/ recentering session after the Symbols of Resilience Circle (may run several of these concurrently).			
Participants will sign up for these in class. 3) Reading response From either brown's piece on fractals from Emergent Strategy or Haines' Individual and Systemic Trauma chapter (ch 3) in Politics of Trauma. Choose 3-4 sentences from one of these. Write what resonated with you, or raised questions for you, about each of these sentences/thoughts. Feel free to write in the form of questions or poetry.	Week 2	5	3
4) Reading response From either brown's piece on resilience from Emergent Strategy or Haines' Embodied Resilience chapter (ch 8) in Politics of Trauma. Choose 3-4 sentences from one of these. Write what resonated with you, or raised questions for you, about each of these sentences/thoughts. Feel free to write in the form of questions or poetry.	Week 2	5	3
5) "Haiku" autobiography Detailed assignment in class/on Moodle.	Week 3	5	3

6) Response to Practitioner Spotlight We will have two class sessions with a leader in Trauma-Informed Restorative Justice and Mindfulness working in schools, communities and national/international movements, who is applying STAR principles and practices (and often facilitates STAR and other trauma and resilience training). Write a 1-2 page letter (single-spaced) sharing with the practitioner what you learned during those sessions, questions you are chewing on, and any other appreciation you care to share.	Week 5	5	3
7) Write questions and observations about an acknowledgment initiative (choose from multiple options)	Week 5	6	5
8) Create a 2-sided mask	Week 7	6	5
9) Present draft project plan with questions for	Week 7/8	10	10
focus group			
10) Fill out Trauma-informed, resilience-oriented	Week 8	5	3
assessment worksheet			

11) Final project* (3 credit participants only)	DEC 18, 2020	NOT REQUIRED	16
*Project should <u>cite</u> and incorporate ideas from <u>five</u> of the required texts.10 pages minimum, 12 pages maximum, double-spaced.		FOR 2-CREDIT PARTICIPANTS	
Final project options (detailed notes will be distributed during syllabus meeting)			
 Project/funding proposal Healing Historical Harms project Appreciation, analysis and discussion of ways your organization/work/life can integrate trauma awareness and resilience. 			
4. Design your own assignment. You may choose another way to share how you have integrated the readings and experiential learning from this course. Please check with the instructor to clarify your plan during office hours.			

These are brief descriptions of required graded assignments for the course. More details for each assignment can be found on the "Guidance Notes" that will be provided in class.

SCHEDULE AND TOPICS: NOTE THIS MAY EVOLVE AS OUR JOURNEY UNFOLDS

DATE	Focus	ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS
(WEEK 1) Tu 20-Oct	Come together	Who's here and what resources and questions are we journeying with?
Fri 23-Oct	Orientation for the journey, our agendas	How will we go deeper? What are key practices we will
	and points of departure	engage on this journey (body-brain regulation and community building)?
(WEEK 2)	Resilience and Trauma: Sources/types	Review: What are the sources and types of trauma
Tu 27-Oct	of trauma	we're talking about? Deepening: How do the personal and systemic connect? (Guest?)
Fri 30-Oct	Trauma response/ Resilience response (in general)	Review: What are the impacts of trauma on body, brain, beliefs and behavior? Deepening/practice: How would you present ideas about the impacts of trauma and possibilities for resilience?
(WEEK 3)	Resilience and trauma in our lives:	How are we living our own resilience journeys? How
Tu 3-Nov	Symbols of resilience circle	can we practice listening and tending to our emotions and physical needs?
Fri 6-Nov	Cycles of violence 1	Review: How do impacts of trauma lead to/maintain cycles of violence? Deepening/practice: How would you present creatively: unhealed trauma, cycles of violence, or breaking free? (possibly drawing on artsbased approach or story telling)
(WEEK 4)	Cycles of violence 2: Sharing of	How do we bring creativity to our own stories (haiku
Tu 10-Nov	ourselves, looking at our micro-cultures and systems	autobiography as practice)? How do cycles of violence manifest in organizational systems?
Fri 13-Nov	Breaking free: safety and support, voice and choice	What do safety and support mean in our lives and in the larger systems we live in? How do we open ourselves and our communities to using voice (including to ask for help) and expanding choice/options? (Guest)
(WEEK 5) Tu 17-Nov	Acknowledgment 1: overview	Review: What are processes of acknowledgment? How do they support a journey toward health and justice? Deepen: What do we mean by historical harm and structural trauma?
Fri 20-Nov	Acknowledgment 2: Exploring examples of acknowledgment	Deepen: What are examples of acknowledgment and efforts to address historical and structural trauma? How can/do we practice acknowledgment even without a major event/gathering? (Guest)
(WEEK 6)	Reconnection 1: Addressing harms by	Review: How do we generate new possibilities?
Tu 24-Nov	generating new possibilities	Deepen: How does arts-based, embodied learning contribute to reconnection?
27-Nov	US THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY	NO CLASS
(WEEK 7)	Reconnection 2: Conflict transformation	Review/deepen: What do we learn from restorative and
Tu 1-Dec	and restorative justice	transformative justice processes designed to respond to harms, rebuild community and transform systems? Arts-based circle: How do we engage with the whole (of self/community/nation) - the pride points and the hidden/humbled/hated?
Fri 4-Dec	Roundtables sharing out project plans	What feedback and ideas do we have for each other?
(WEEK 8) Tu 8-Dec	Resilience through self-care and collective care	Deepen: What can we do to cultivate micro-cultures of resilience and to care for self and structures? (Guest)
Fri 11-Dec	Closing and expanding: closing	What are our challenges and capacities? What are we
	reflections and circle of hope	taking with us as we make the path from here?

Time change table*

*Note: once we know exactly who is participating, we will make a complete table. These are a few of the potentially affected time zones. Bold type indicates a change.

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	most of AZ	in US	Salvador	US		US/		Africa	Europe	Nairobi
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change"										
Times of	12:30pm-3pm	1:30pm		2:30pm		3:30pm-	7:30pm	8:30pm-	8:30pm-	9:30pm-
class		-4pm		-5pm		6pm	-10pm	11pm	11pm	12am
week of										
Oct 27,										
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Times of	12:30pm-3pm	1:30pm	2:30pm-	2:30pm	3:30pm-	3:30pm-	8:30pm	7:30pm-	9:30pm-	8:30pm-
class		-4pm	5pm	-5pm	6pm	6pm	-11pm	10pm	12am	11pm
Nov-Dec										

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FOR COURSE SYLLABI:

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Writing Guidelines:

Writing will be a factor in evaluation: EMU has adopted a set of writing guidelines for graduate programs that include six sets of criteria: content, structure, rhetoric & style, information literacy, source integrity, and conventions (see page 3). It is expected that graduates will be able to write at least a "good" level with 60% writing at an "excellent" level. For the course papers, please follow the APA style described in CJP's GUIDELINES for GRADUATE PAPERS (see CJP Student Resources Moodle page or request a copy from the Academic Program Coordinator), unless directed otherwise by the instructor.

Academic Integrity Policy (AIP):

EMU faculty and staff care about the integrity of their own work and the work of their students. They create assignments that promote interpretative thinking and work intentionally with students during the learning process. Honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility are characteristics of a community that is active in loving mercy and doing justice. EMU defines plagiarism as occurring when a person presents as one's own someone else's language, ideas, or other original (not common-knowledge) material without acknowledging its source (Adapted from the Council of Writing Program Administrators). This course will apply EMU"s AIP to any events of academic dishonesty. If you have doubts about what is appropriate, Indiana University's Plagiarism Tutorials and Tests may be a useful resource.

Turnitin:

Students are accountable for the integrity of the work they submit. Thus, you should be familiar with EMU's Academic Integrity Policy (see above) in order to meet the academic expectations concerning appropriate documentation of sources. In addition, EMU is using <u>Turnitin</u>, a learning tool and plagiarism prevention system. For CJP classes, you may be asked to submit your papers to Turnitin from Moodle.

Moodle:

<u>Moodle</u> is the online learning platform that EMU has chosen to provide to faculty, administrators and students. Students will have access to course information within Moodle for any class they are registered for in a given term. The amount of time a student has access to information before and after the class is somewhat dependent on the access given to students by the individual faculty member. However, please note that courses are not in Moodle permanently – after three years the class will no longer be accessible. <u>Please be sure to download resources from Moodle that you wish to have ongoing access to.</u>

Technology Requirements and Communication/Zoom Best Practices:

Communication will largely be accomplished via the Moodle platform utilized by EMU and your EMU email. Check both frequently during the semester. <u>Zoom</u> will be used for synchronous online course sessions. Please review these <u>best practices</u> for online classes!

Graduate & Professional Studies Writing Center:

Please utilize the <u>writing program</u>! They offer free individual tutoring from a graduate student tutor. Please visit the website to schedule an appointment or request additional information from CJP's Academic Program Coordinator.

Institutional Review Board (IRB):

All research conducted by or on EMU faculty, staff or students must be reviewed by the <u>Institutional</u> <u>Review Board</u> to assure participant safety.

Grading Scale & Feedback:

In most courses *grades* will be based on an accumulation of numerical points that will be converted to a letter grade at the end of the course (several CJP courses are graded pass/fail). Assignments will receive a score expressed as a fraction, with the points received over the total points possible (e.g. 18/20). The following is the basic scale used for evaluation. *Points may be subtracted for missed deadlines*.

95-100 = A outstanding 90-94 = A- excellent 85-89 = B+ very good 80-84 = B good 76-79 = B- satisfactory 73-75 = C+ passing 70-72 = C unsatisfactory 70-72 = C unsatisfactory 70-72 = C unsatisfactory 70-72 = C

Graduate students are expected to earn A's & B's. A GPA of 3.0 for MA students and 2.75 for GC students is the minimum requirement for graduation.

Regarding feedback on papers/projects: Students can expect to receive papers/assignments back in a class with faculty feedback before the next paper/assignment is due. This commitment from faculty assumes that the student has turned the paper in on the agreed upon due date.

Library

The <u>Hartzler Library</u> offers research support (via e-mail, chat, phone, or SSC campus) and the library home page offers subject guides to help start your research.

Office of Academic Access:

If you have a physical, psychological, medical or learning disability that may impact your work in this course, it is your responsibility to contact the Office of Academic Access. They will work with you to establish eligibility and to coordinate reasonable accommodations. All information and documentation is treated confidentially.

Class Attendance (for in-person and synchronous online courses):

Students are expected to attend all class meetings. If unusual or emergency circumstances prevent class attendance, the student should notify the professor in advance if possible. Multiple absences from class will result in lower grades. The student is responsible for the material presented in classes missed (from EMU Graduate Catalog). Students should be aware of the importance of regular class attendance, particularly in the case of CJP classes that only meet once a week or over several weekends. Being absent for more than one class leads to a student missing a large portion of the class content. In addition to consistent class attendance, students should make every effort to arrive to class on time out of respect for the learning process, fellow students and faculty.

Course Extensions and Outstanding Grades:

For fall and spring semesters, all coursework is due by the end of the semester. If a student will not be able to complete a course on time, the student must submit a request one week before the end of the semester for an extension (up to 6 months), by emailing the instructor, academic advisor and the Academic Program Coordinator. If the request is granted the student will receive an "I (incomplete) for the course which will later be replaced by a final grade when the work has been turned in on the agreed upon date. If the request for an extension is denied, the student will receive a grade for the work that has been completed up until the time the course was expected to have been completed. If no work has been submitted, the final grade will be an F (or W under unusual circumstances and with permission of the Program Director). Extensions will be given only for legitimate and unusual situations. Extensions are contracted by the student with the program for up to a maximum of 6 months after the deadline for the course work. PLEASE NOTE: Grades for coursework submitted late may be reduced at the instructor's discretion and in line with their course policy on turning in coursework after the due date. If the extension deadline is not met, the instructor will submit the final grade based on what has been received to date.

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Inclusive, Community-Creating Language Policy:

Eastern Mennonite University expects all its faculty, staff, and students to adopt <u>inclusive written and spoken language</u> that welcomes everyone regardless of race or ethnicity, gender, disabilities, age, and sexual orientation. We will use respectful and welcoming language in all our official departmental documents and correspondence, including those put forth by way of Internet communication, and throughout all academic coursework, inclusive of classroom presentations and conversations, course syllabi, and both written and oral student assessment materials (see CJP Student Resources moodle page or request a complete copy along with best practices from the Academic Program Coordinator).

Title IX:

The following policy applies to any incidents that occur (on or off campus or online) while you are a student registered at EMU. It does not apply if you are talking about incidents that happened prior your enrollment at EMU. It is important for you to know that all faculty and staff members are required to report known or alleged incidents of sexual violence (including sexual assault, domestic/relationship violence, stalking). That means that faculty and staff members cannot keep information about sexual violence confidential if you share that information with them. For example, if you inform a faculty or staff member of an issue of sexual harassment, sexual assault, or discrimination they will keep the information as private as they can, but is required to bring it to the attention of the institution's Title IX Coordinator. You can also report incidents or complaints through the online portal. You may report, confidentially, incidents of sexual violence if you speak to Counseling Services counselors, Campus Ministries' pastors, or Health Services personnel providing clinical care. These individuals, as well as the Title IX Coordinator, can provide you with information on both internal & external support resources. Please refer to the Student Handbook for additional policies, information, and resources available to you.

Academic Program Policies:

For EMU graduate program policies and more CJP-specific graduate program policies, please see the complete graduate catalog.

Writing Standards -Graduate Level (revised Spring 2016)

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<u>Criteria</u>	A excellent	B adequate expectations	C below expectations	Comments
Content (quality of the information, ideas and supporting details)	shows clarity of purpose offers depth of content applies insight and represents original thinking follows guidelines for content	shows some clarity of purpose offers some depth of content applies some insight and some original thinking mostly follows guidelines for content	shows minimal clarity of purpose offers minimal depth of content or incorrect content applies minimal insight and original thinking does not follow guidelines for content	
Structure (logical order or sequence of the writing)	shows coherence, and logically developed paragraphs uses very effective transitions between ideas and sections constructs appropriate introduction and conclusion	shows some coherence and some logically developed paragraphs uses some effective transitions between ideas & sections shows some construction of appropriate introduction and conclusion	shows minimal coherence and logically developed paragraphs uses minimal transitions between ideas and sections shows minimal construction of appropriate introduction and conclusion	
Rhetoric and Style (appropriate attention to audience)	is concise, eloquent and rhetorically effective effectively uses correct, varied and concise sentence structure is engaging to read writes appropriately for audience and purpose	is somewhat concise, eloquent, and rhetorically effective generally uses correct, varied, and concise sentence structure is somewhat engaging to read generally writes appropriately for audience and purpose	shows minimal conciseness, eloquence, and rhetorical effectiveness uses incorrect, monotonous or simplistic sentence structure is not engaging to read lacks appropriate writing for audience and purpose uses inappropriate jargon and clichés	
Information Literacy (locating, evaluating, and using effectively the needed information as appropriate to assignment)	uses academic and reliable sources chooses sources from many types of resources chooses timely resources for the topic integrates references and quotations to support ideas fully	uses mostly academic and reliable sources chooses sources from a moderate variety of types of resources chooses resources with mostly appropriate dates integrates references and quotations to provide some support for ideas	lacks academic and reliable sources chooses sources from a few types of resources chooses a few resources with inappropriate dates integrates references or quotations that are loosely linked to the ideas of the paper	
Source Integrity (appropriate acknowledgment of sources used in research)	correctly cites sources for all quotations cites paraphrases correctly and credibly includes reference page makes virtually no errors in documentation style makes virtually no errors in formatting incorporates feedback given in previous written assignments	correctly cites sources for most quotations usually cites paraphrases correctly and credibly includes reference page with some errors makes some errors in documentation style makes some errors in formatting incorporates some feedback given in previous written assignments	provides minimal sources for quotations sometimes cites paraphrases correctly and credibly, includes reference page with many errors makes many errors in documentation style makes many errors in formatting lacks incorporation of feedback given in previous written assignments	
Conventions (adherence to grammar rules: usage, spelling & mechanics of Standard	makes virtually no errors in SEE conventions makes accurate word choices	makes some errors SEE conventions almost always makes accurate word choices	makes many errors in SEE conventions makes many inaccurate word choices	

Criteria for Evaluating Arts-Based Peacebuilding Projects

CRITERIA	A – Excellent	B – Minimal expectations	C – Below expectations	Comments
Goals & Audience Are the goals or learning objectives of the project clear? Have they been met? Is the intended audience clearly specified? Is the project appropriate for this audience? Does the project communicate to the intended audience?	-audience & goals/learning objectives clearly identifiedproject appropriate for, and likely to meet, its goals -project is appropriate for specified audience -project understandable to & likely to engage and/or communicate to audience	-audience and goals identified though not as clearly as they could be - project may meet its goals but this is not entirely clear - project is at least somewhat appropriate for, and likely to communicate to audience.	-audience and goals inappropriate or inadequately identified -project unlikely to meet its goals and/or communicate to the audience	
Methodology Is the overall methodology clear and appropriately used? Has the project incorporated specific methods required by the assignment? If intended as a form of intervention, has thought be given to how it will be implemented?	-project incorporates inquiry methods required by the assignment -all methodologies & technologies have been appropriately used, with attention to ethical and methodological issues -if intended as intervention or advocacy, project has given adequate thought to implementation -sources & methods are adequately identified	- methodology basically appropriate to the project and appropriately used, but could be strengthened -sources and methods identified but not as fully as they could be -more thought should be given to implementation issues	-methodology inadequate and/or inadequately articulatedsources not appropriately identified -inadequate attention to implementation issues	
Analysis Is there evidence of critical thinking and analysis? Craft & Coherence	- evidence of critical thinking about methods, sources, information and analysis or editinguses analysis/editing methods appropriate for the project -method of analysis or editing is adequately articulated - level of craft is clearly adequate for	- some evidence of critical thinking but could be stronger -analytical approach and the analysis itself is basically appropriate but could be stronger and/or articulated better. -level of craft is minimally adequate for	-inadequate evidence of critical thinking -analysis lacking or inadequate -analytic approach inappropriate or inadequately specified	
Is the level of artistic and/or technical craft adequate for the specified goals and audience?	the audience & to meet project goals (whether or not it meets "artistic" standards) -project is coherent & likely to resonate	the audience and goals -project coherence could be stronger	inadequate for purposes and/or audience -project is not coherent	

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Content Is the content appropriate & adequate, given the goals, audience & assignment? Is there evidence of insight, originality &/or creativity?	- information conveyed is clearly adequate for goals, audience & assignment -shows depth & breadth of content -shows insight, originality &/or creativity	-information conveyed is adequate but could be strengthened -some evidence of insight, originality, or creativity	-inadequate information -little or no evidence of insight, originality and/or creativity	
Did it involve an appropriate amount of work? Does the final product have coherence and "resonance?"	with the intended audience -product shows an appropriate amount of effort for this assignment			

Criteria for Evaluating Arts-Based Peacebuilding Projects

Background notes:

- Arts approaches can be used in several different stages of a project:
 - 1. To gain or create knowledge. (For example, research "subjects" or participants might be engaged in an arts-based project as a way of soliciting information or encouraging insight.)
 - 2. To add complexity or nuance to created knowledge. (For example, an arts practice may serve as one method in a multi-method research project, creating an integrated, reflective methodology for the project. Alternatively, an arts practice could be used to analyze and/or interpret data collected by conventional methods.)
 - 3. To test knowledge. (For example, researchers might verify their interpretation of findings from a more traditional research process by creating a play or exhibit and testing it for resonance with their subjects.)
 - 4. To share findings. (For example, a play or exhibit might be created to (re)-present data collected or analyzed via conventional methods in order to impart the particular kinds of meaning the researcher considers important, and as a way to reach and engage a broader audience.)
 - 5. As a form of intervention. (For example, a project might be designed to raise awareness of an issue or conflict, to promote dialogue on a contested issue, or to advocate for a cause.)
- Arts-based products often do not specify methodologies used. Thus it may be important for a project to be accompanied by a short paper discussing analysis, theory of change, audience, goals, and methods used.
- Patricia Leavy, in "Method Meets Art: Arts-based Research Practice" (New York: Guilford Press) 2009, argues that "[t]raditional conceptions of validity and reliability, which developed out of positivism, are inappropriate for evaluating artistic inquiry." (p. 15). She suggests that authenticity, trustworthiness, and validity can be assessed through attention to such elements as aesthetics, resonance, and vigor.
- For a discussion of standards, see "Method Meets Art" (Leavy, 2009: 15ff and Chapter 8).