OPAL has had a wonderfully active summer and looking forward to an equally productive fall when the new class arrives. This summer newsletter is showcasing some of our new and upcoming programs and we hope to see you soon.

-Alysson Satterlунд, Ph.D.
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A closer look:

Summer DPP

The Diversity Peer Leadership Program 2013 Summer Experience is taking place this Saturday! DPP is a series of workshops aimed at building personal narratives of identity, understanding privilege and fostering perspective taking skills. This term, participants will work together to explore the uniqueness of our community and the nuances of our shared experience. A day of growth and engagement is just on the 13X horizon!

OPAL's 2013-2014 Faculty Fellow

Pati Hernández

Pati Hernández is the founder, facilitator and executive director of Telling My Story Inc. She started developing the program in 1995, at the University Settlement on the Lower East Side of Manhattan, to teach literacy to Latin-American women through theater. In 1999, Ms. Hernández began using the Telling My Story approach to create a platform for self-empowerment through listening and speaking with populations in crisis, which has included inmates, people on parole, and victims of domestic violence. Since 2005, students from Dartmouth College joined Telling My Story as volunteers, and since 2007, the program has a new venue as a course at Dartmouth College. Currently Pati is an adjunct professor at the Women's and Gender Studies Program. In addition to directing a range of Telling My Story productions she has directed Dance-Theater productions since 1988 at the University of Puerto Rico as well as productions with FOMMA (Strength of the Mayan Women) in Chiapas, Mexico, and University Settlement in New York City.

OPAL will be supporting Ms. Hernández's work cultivating meaningful relationships between complex communities and Dartmouth students. To many students, her “Telling my Story” course is one of the most formative experiences of their Dartmouth career; OPAL is looking forward to helping her continue with her passions.

“Taking the “Telling Stories for Social Change” course was one of the most transformative experiences I’ve had at Dartmouth. It exposed me to a sector of society that I would not have interacted with otherwise and forced me to re-evaluate my understandings of social justice.”

-Sutton Higgins, Class of 2015
Our newest program:  

**Intergroup Dialogue**

**Intergroup Dialogue (IGD)** is a cognitive, affective, and experiential pedagogical approach to learning. The program uses a sustained, structured process that engages students in face-to-face, faculty/staff-facilitated meetings across social identity groups. Participants indicate increased personal and social awareness with regard to identity and difference, increased knowledge about other groups and social inequalities, improved communication skills, greater ability to manage and navigate conflict, and a greater commitment to social responsibility and action.

Multiple dialogue sections are offered each term, with each concentrating on a different facet of identity. A pilot dialogue on race was conducted with Residential Education Undergraduate Advisers (UGAs) this summer, with feedback from participants helping to inform the program’s upcoming fall launch. The goal is to offer 2-3 dialogue sections this fall, focusing on race, sexual orientation, and social class respectively.

**Get Involved:** Along with setting up the program’s new website and curriculum, we’re currently recruiting facilitators for the upcoming year, so we encourage anyone interested to email us at intergroupdialogue@dartmouth.edu.

**OPAL’s NAP Advisor Search**

OPAL is currently searching for a new Native American Program director to be committed to Native students’ academic and social success. We have put together a search committee consisting of students, an alumni liaison from NAAAD, OPAL colleagues, colleagues from Admissions, Off-Campus Programs, and the Academic Skills Center.

The search committee is planning on conducting interviews with candidates the week of August 12th. There are presentations and student sessions scheduled for each candidate so students can familiarize themselves with advisors-to-be and provide feedback. Attendance is encouraged!

**Welcome to OPAL’s Newest Interns!**

- **Bridget Lynn**
  I’m a 15 from Middletown, New Jersey. I am a Psychology major and Spanish minor at Dartmouth. This term at OPAL I’m one of the DPP interns.

- **Joe Ramsawak**
  I’m a 14 from Westchester NY. I’m a psychology major, and this term at OPAL I’m working on DPP and a few research projects!

- **Gillian O’Connell**
  I’m a 15 from Kansas City. I’m studying Pre-Health and Government at Dartmouth. This summer, I’m working as a Communications Intern for OPAL.

**Don’t Forget!**

The OBSA team is here! Look for Dean Mosley during Friday office hours from 10 am to 2 pm in the Cutter Shabazz Library.