**Instructor Guide**

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| Course title and brief description | Contemporary Moral Issues: looking at moral issues in the contemporary world. |
| Major course topics of the course | Racism, sexism, implicit bias, epistemic injustice, issues in immigration, health care, and education. |
| What course topics or subtopics did you address in this social justice assignment? | Epistemic injustice and education. |
| What social justice issue was addressed in this assignment? | Latinx underrepresentation in philosophy majors and in the humanities profession more generally. |
| What do you want students to learn and think about with this assignment? | Students will learn and think about the reasons why such underrepresentation exists and persists by considering the role of epistemic injustice, the colonial gaze, and the coloniality of power at work in the everyday life of Latinx people in the US. |
| What are the learning activities in which students will engage? | There will be three discussion posts and one “reaction” paper. |
| What is the assignment or performance task? | **Discussion Posts**:   1. What do you notice about the number of Latinx with PHDs in philosophy? Why do you think this is? What do you think about the efforts to introduce students to philosophy at an early age? Do you think these efforts will reach Latinx students? Why or why not? 2. How do you think that the coloniality of power is at work when it comes to encouraging students of color to pursue disciplines like philosophy or the arts? 3. Is not being exposed to philosophy at an early age an instance of epistemic injustice? Why or why not?   **Reaction Paper**:   1. What other social, political, economic, or structural factors do you think are at play? |
| What resources (readings, data, etc) will students access to complete the assignment? | Readings:   1. [Why the humanities have a diversity problem](https://www.theguardian.com/global/2020/jan/27/im-used-to-being-the-only-brown-person-in-the-room-why-the-humanities-have-a-diversity-problem). 2. [What is Philosophy](https://1000wordphilosophy.com/2020/10/10/philosophy/)? 3. [The Racial, Ethnic Diversity of Philosophy](http://www.faculty.ucr.edu/~eschwitz/SchwitzPapers/RaceGender-210504.htm). 4. [Why Philosophy is Not Taught in Public Schools](https://theapeiron.co.uk/this-is-why-philosophy-isnt-taught-in-schools-26af0c48287d). 5. [Epistemic Injustice](https://1000wordphilosophy.com/2020/07/21/epistemic-injustice/). 6. [The Colonial Gaze](https://www.encyclopedia.com/social-sciences/applied-and-social-sciences-magazines/gaze-colonial). 7. [On the Coloniality of Power](https://globalsocialtheory.org/thinkers/quijano-anibal/#:~:text=Quijano%20(2000)%20conceives%20of%20the,sex%2C%20subjectivity%2C%20and%20authority). |
| How will the learning be assessed (What rubric or other assessment tools will be used)? | Use the discussion post rubric and the reaction paper/paper assignment rubric. |
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