

**SYLLABUS FOR ALD 328: Applied Human Learning**  
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**SCHEDULE OF TOPICS AND ASSIGNMENTS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Assignment for this class</b>
Aug. 30	Introductions all around	
Sep. 6	Confidence, Emotions, and Motivation	(1 & 2) Chap. 1 & 2 in Johnston; (3) Ebbers, S. M.
Sep. 13	Fostering social and emotional learning and dealing with crises	(1 & 2) Chaps. 6 & 7 Johnston (3) Schallert, Reed, & Turner 2004
<b>Exercise 1: Draft of First Section of Philosophy of Learning paper is due by 11:59 pm Sep. 19</b>		
Sep. 20	The construction of meaning: Connecting what's known with what's new	(1 & 2) Chaps. 1 & 2 of Nieto (3) Chap. 3 of Johnston
Sep. 27	Sociocultural models of learning	(1) Chap. 3 of Nieto; (2) Neville, Awad, et al., 2013 (3) Smagorinsky, 2018
Oct. 4	The role of language in learning and the power of words	(1) Chap. 5 & 8 Johnston; (2) Noddings, 1999
<b>Applied Theory Paper is due by 11:59 pm Oct. 10</b>		
Oct. 11	Applying the social approach to learning: Making group work and classroom discussion work	(1) Chap. 4 of Nieto; (2) Barron 2003
Oct. 18	What it means to be a teacher and how it feels: The psychology of being a teacher	(1) Chap. 6 of Nieto (2) McLaughlin (3) Graves 2001
Oct. 25	Tools that reflect what society thinks about learning	(1) Sawyer 2004
Nov. 1	High-stakes assessments: What are they and what's the fuss	(1) Education NEXT (2) Smith (3) Palmer & Lynch
<b>First draft of Observation Project is due by 11:59 pm Nov. 7 (a Wednesday)</b>		
Nov. 8	How to make assessment useful to learners, their teachers, and their parents	(1) Chap. 4 of Johnston; (2) Shepard
Nov. 15	Communicating about assessment with parents and students; peer response to Observation Project	(1) Glazer (2) Faber & Mazlish Chap. 7
Dec. 6	Wrap-up and last words	(1) Chap. 9 of Johnston (2) Chap. 7 of Nieto
<b>Final draft of Observation Project is due by 11:59 pm Nov. 30</b>		
<b>Philosophy of Learning Paper is due by 5 pm on Dec. 14</b>		

## READINGS

There are two books assigned for this class, Peter Johnston's *Opening minds: Using language to change lives* and Nieto's *The light in their eyes: Creating multicultural learning communities*. You can get them most likely at the Co-Op but also (maybe for less money) on Amazon. Other readings that go along with our topics are taken from all sorts of sources, magazine articles, journals, edited volumes, etc., and will be posted at least one week in advance on Canvas under the Module tab.

## ATTENDANCE POLICY

It is very important that you attend all classes. In keeping with your goals for yourself, it is important that you make a commitment to 100% attendance for the semester and that you come to class ready to engage in the talking, thinking, and communicating that will happen. Because this class will not involve a typical lecture format from the readings, it will be difficult for you to make up any missed session. Many instructors have a policy (or an unwritten rule) of allowing students to take one or two unexcused absences before incurring any penalty. I do NOT have such a policy.

Should it happen that a very serious reason prevents you from coming to class, here is what you must do: I would love to hear from you in advance of your absence but sometimes that's simply impossible. If you miss a class, please let me or Molly know. **By the start of the next class meeting**, you must write and turn in a 5-page paper that outlines the readings from the week you missed and that shows you've read over the written discussion we will have had in class. The paper will be reviewed and sent back if it does not meet requirements. Remember, the paper substitutes for 3 hours of class time and your preparation for the class, so it should reflect that amount of work. It is incumbent upon you to remember this policy and to submit the paper within one week of your absence. **Failure to turn in the paper will result in a 5-point deduction** taken from the points that I reserve for Class Meeting Exercises (see below).

## GRADE CONTRACT

My philosophy of grading for this course is related to the purposes served by any form of assessment: (1) to help a learner and instructor know how much has been learned and how well, and (2) to cause the learner to synthesize and integrate information and ideas that have been presented. I am expecting the very best work from you, and I am hoping that you will feel encouraged always to keep striving to understand and learn.

Please note that the grading in this class will be criterion-referenced. I have no qualms in awarding the whole class A's, or C's, depending on the performance I see. In the end, the basis of evaluation is how much you learn and not how well you do in comparison to others in the class. However, I am looking to award A's when performance shows excellence, B's when the work is consistently of good quality, and C's for adequate work. Just to help you understand the standards I am using, in the past, very few students earned C's, one-fifth to one-fourth of the students earned B's, and most students earned A's.

Grades will be awarded as follows:

- 91 - 100 points = A (A- = 89 or 90 points)
- 81 - 87 points = B (B+ = 88; B- = 79-80)
- 70 - 78 points = C
- 60 - 69 points = D

## FORMS OF EVALUATION

Because this course is listed as having a substantial writing component, you will be doing lots of writing in this class, some of which will be formal and some informal. There will be five assignments for you to earn up to 100 points:

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| 1. One PHILOSOPHY OF LEARNING PAPER      | (30 pts)       |
| 2. One APPLIED THEORY PAPER              | (25 pts)       |
| 3. OBSERVATION PROJECT #1                | (25 pts)       |
| 4. Several short CLASS MEETING EXERCISES | (20 pts total) |

## Philosophy of Learning Paper

It is very common for people preparing to be teachers to be asked to develop their position on teaching, their “philosophy of teaching.” Thinking through what you believe about teaching is considered simply excellent in encouraging reflection on practice. Plus, you will be asked to say something about your approach, stand, or philosophy of teaching when you are being interviewed for teaching positions, and having worked on developing those ideas from the time you were in teacher preparation leads to much more thoughtful (and impressive!) answers.

In this class, however, we are focusing not so much on TEACHING but on LEARNING, on the experience of learners in classrooms and on all the conditions, factors, and influences that make learning either a joy and a success or a difficult, painful, humiliating experience (and of course, everything in between those two extremes). One of the substantive papers for this class will be a cumulative paper, one in which you describe your “philosophy of learning,” your manifesto as a learner, your beliefs about learning, or your theory or model of learning.

To help you get ready for that paper, I am suggesting that you keep in mind all along as the semester progresses, your task of reflecting on what it means truly to LEARN and what classroom learning is all about. Keeping a diary of learning events may be helpful, either in a small notebook or as a file on your laptop. In the end, your assignment will be to take FIVE of the ideas, constructs, or theories we will have discussed in class or you will have encountered in our readings, to explain them in your words, and to ILLUSTRATE them with examples from what you are seeing in your placement. As a final section of the paper, you will then produce a statement that represents your manifesto of learning, your answer to “This I believe about learning.” I am imagining that 8 to 10 pages should do it for this paper.

**The final version of the paper is due on Dec. 14 and is worth 30 points.** To get you ready for producing that final paper, and to help you get a sense for what I mean by taking an idea or construct from this class and applying it to learning, I am asking you to produce a draft of the FIRST construct you would use in your final paper, illustrated by something you observe or experience yourself. **This draft (about 1.5 to 2 pages altogether) will be due by midnight on Sep. 19** (bring a hard copy to class on Sep. 20) and worth 5 points on its own (taken out of the CLASS EXERCISE point total as a completion grade). Molly and I will give you feedback on this draft that you can incorporate into your final version of your Philosophy of Learning paper.

## Applied Theory Paper

The Applied Theory Paper is meant for you to integrate and synthesize the information presented in class and in the readings with your observations from your placement experience. The general format of the paper will be to take 3 particular incidents or events and analyze them given some theory or construct we will have discussed in class. I will give you the first situation/scenario/event and I’ll even tell you which theoretical construct to use in its analysis. For the 2<sup>nd</sup> one, I’ll suggest a possible incident but allow you to replace it with one of your own collected from your placement if you’d like. For the 3<sup>rd</sup> incident, you will describe something you’ve observed in your placement and analyze it. By *analysis* is meant that you take apart the incident, choose an appropriate theory or construct, and show how the theory or construct explains what is going in the example you’ve provided. Note that the third incident you describe in your Applied Theory Paper could very well become one of the construct you use in your Philosophy of Learning paper. The whole paper should be about 5 to 6 pages (about 1.5 to 2 pages per incident).

Because I have a strong belief in a mastery-oriented approach to assessment and because this course is meant to help you improve your writing in your discipline, I will provide extensive feedback on the draft

of your paper that you turn in on Oct. 10, and I will assign grades to the paper at least in part based on how well it is written and not just on what you say! (More on the scoring rubric later). The second version of the paper, should you decide you want to improve your score, will be due within two weeks of receiving my feedback. Be sure to attach your first version with my feedback to your second version.

The number of points and due date for the first version of the Applied Theory Paper are as follows: (25 points) **Oct. 10** (due by 11:59 pm; bring a hard copy to class Oct. 11)

### **Observation Project: Focus on Talk in Schools**

One of the primary goals of this course is the “theory into practice” connection. Because I am very interested in the power of TALK wherever it occurs, in the classroom as well as in the teachers’ lounge, I’ve designed this project with a primary goal that you observe and analyze the talk that is taking place around you in your placement school: between you and your students, your mentor teacher and the students, your mentor teacher and you, other teachers you overhear, etc. For this project, my primary objective is that you strive to become aware of the complexity of influences that talk can have on how people feel and think in situations.

Here is how I am imagining you will proceed:

1. You will begin right away by becoming aware of the kinds of phrases, messages, and conversations that go on around you when you are at your placement school. To help you get started, I would suggest that you make a point to write down some sort of observation every time you are at your school about the **talk** around you.
2. After two or three weeks have passed, I want you to select three kinds of situations to observe more closely.
  - (1) Talk between an adult (this could be you) and one of the children in the classroom
  - (2) Talk between an adult (could be you) and a group of children, preferably the whole class
  - (3) Talk among adults (e.g., you and your mentor teacher, everyone in the teachers’ lounge)Your job is to observe closely and report exactly what was said for about a 5-minute period. An audio-recorder might be handy for this part.
3. You will then produce a report of what happened. The report will generally have three big sections:
  - (1) The first section will have 3 smaller subsections in which you describe what was said, how people reacted, how you felt either as a participant or observer, and how you imagine other participants felt in each of the three situations you observed.
  - (2) The second part will compare the three kinds of talk presented in Part 1 and how adults and children changed because of the changed interaction configuration (i.e., do adults and children talk differently one-on-one than in group, do adults talk differently when speaking to other adults than when speaking to children, how does the speech differ, etc.).
  - (3) The third part will take some idea from our readings and/or discussions in class to explain/describe/analyze/elucidate what was going on in the talk you observed.**Note that using a multimodal approach to presenting your ideas in this paper is encouraged!**
4. A DRAFT of your report is due by Nov. 7 (a WEDNESDAY). By draft I mean that you will have already conducted the observations and you will have made a good stab at producing the three big parts of the report. (By 11:59 pm of Nov. 7, I’d like at least a good idea of what you are doing so that I know how to group you with others who may be most useful to you).
5. On Nov. 8, BRING 3 copies of the DRAFT TO CLASS. I will group you with 2-3 others who will respond to your draft. These peer-response groups will be charged with reading each other’s drafts of the report and with responding with all the help they can to improving the drafts for the final version, both in terms of the ideas and in terms of the writing.

6. On Nov. 15, I will allocate a portion of class time during which you can share your reactions to each other's reports. Your job then will be to take your group's feedback and to use it to whatever degree you deem helpful in producing your final draft.

The total number of points possible for the Observation Project will be 25. These 25 points will be earned in the following ways: 20 determined by my evaluation of your FINAL draft, including its writing quality, and 5 points determined by the average of your group members' evaluation of how helpful you were in your response to THEIR drafts. Thus, you will be earning a rather substantial portion of your grade by acting as a peer responder to the drafts of your group. Due date of final version: **Nov. 30**.

### **Class Meeting Exercises**

Throughout the semester, at several of the class meetings, I will give you an assignment asking you to do some sort of analysis or application of the constructs we will be discussing. My goal for these exercises is to encourage an application of theory into practice. These will be relatively easy and sometimes even fun, but more importantly, I am hoping they will be thought-provoking enough that they will encourage productive and worthwhile classroom interaction when we meet on Thursdays. Each exercise will be worth 2 to 5 points. I am assuming that it will not be difficult to earn these points for every exercise so long as I see that you have made a good-faith effort at engaging the task seriously.

One of these 5-point exercises involves the following: It is special because it is a Texas legislative REQUIREMENT for you to be allowed to teach in local schools. As such, UT's teacher preparation program has designated THIS class as the one to act as a gatekeeper-- You will not get credit for ALD 328 until you have emailed an electronic copy of your certificate of completion to our TA, Molly McManus, [mollymcmanus@utexas.edu](mailto:mollymcmanus@utexas.edu). The exercise involves an online module that deals with behavior management issues. Here is a short description and a way to access it:

### **Texas Behavior Support Initiative (TBSI)**

The Texas Behavior Support Initiative, or TBSI, is a legislatively mandated state level training by Senate Bill 1196 and the Texas Administrative Code. §89.1053. The TBSI training is designed to provide foundational knowledge for the use of Positive behavior Interventions and Supports for students with disabilities as well as with all students. While the TBSI training meets legislative requirements related to procedures for the use of restraint and time-out, it also provides a framework for sharing a wide range of foundational level behavior strategies and prevention based school wide, classroom, and individual interventions.

- Use the link [https://www.escweb.net/tx\\_esc\\_04/catalog/session.aspx?session\\_id=1410108](https://www.escweb.net/tx_esc_04/catalog/session.aspx?session_id=1410108) . You may have to copy and paste the link into your browser to make it work.
- Sign in (yellow button on top left)
- Create a new account (or enter your email and password, if you already have an account).
- On the TBSI page, click blue Register button on top right; then select Check Out; verify information; select Complete Check Out.
- You will receive a Registration Confirmation (and #) in e-mail immediately thereafter.
- Select Professional Development at the top of page. Select Registration/Certificate.
- Select Professional Development at the top of page.
- Click Online Sessions tab when ready to do the course. Select Play in the Session ID line.

Remember to send a copy of certificate of completion to Molly (our TA).

Total points for this first exercise: 5. Total points for ALL of these exercises: 20. Note that this source of points for your course grade is the one I will dock for absences that have not been redeemed by a paper (see above) or for obvious dereliction in being prepared or participating in all classroom activities.

## **ADDITIONAL MISCELLANY**

### **Course Evaluation**

You should feel free throughout the semester to let me know how things are going. I will be asking you to respond to the official course evaluation survey at the end of the semester but I AM interested as well in any interim feedback you'd like to share with me. In some ways, it is a little late to complain about some habit, or policy, or procedure of mine when the semester is long gone! I promise to take your comments and suggestions in the spirit that I would like you to take my evaluation of YOU, which is as informative feedback and guidance to improvement.

### **Writing Flag Criteria and Interpretation**

*The following criteria were developed by the Faculty Council. The interpretations for each of the criteria were developed by the faculty committee that oversees the Writing flag and were approved by the Undergraduate Studies Advisory Committee.*

#### **Criterion #1**

Require students to write regularly—several times during the semester—and to complete writing projects that are substantial. It is only through the practice of writing that students improve their writing.

**Interpretation.** “Substantial” writing projects will vary in purpose and scope, but their development and organization should reflect sustained intellectual work. Substantial writing may be built from a sequence of smaller projects. Overall, substantiality should be judged by looking at the writing projects within the context of the class.

#### **Criterion #2**

Structure writing assignments around the principle that good writing requires rewriting and that careful reading and analysis of the writing of others is a valuable part of the learning process. Students must receive meaningful feedback from the instructor (or teaching assistant) so they can improve successive drafts. Instructors are encouraged to have students read each other's work in order to offer constructive criticism.

**Interpretation.** At least one writing project should involve revision. “Rewriting” goes beyond the correction of grammar, mechanics, and usage. It typically involves the re-thinking of major arguments, organizational elements, perspectives, or stylistic choices in the project. “Meaningful” feedback guides revision and improvement. It does more than point out error or sum up overall performance. Feedback need not consist solely of written comments; student-instructor conferences, for example, are an excellent means of providing meaningful feedback.

#### **Criterion #3**

Include writing assignments that constitute at least one-third of the final grade in the course. These assignments must be graded on writing quality as well as content.

**Interpretation.** Writing quality and content are often inseparable. This requirement simply holds students accountable for both their ideas and the clarity with which they express them.

### **Student Rights & Responsibilities**

- You have a right to a learning environment that supports mental and physical wellness.
- You have a right to respect.
- You have a right to be assessed and graded fairly.
- You have a right to freedom of opinion and expression.
- You have a right to privacy and confidentiality.
- You have a right to meaningful and equal participation, to self-organize groups to improve your learning environment.
- You have a right to learn in an environment that is welcoming to all people. No student shall be isolated, excluded or diminished in any way.

With these rights come responsibilities:

- You are responsible for taking care of yourself, managing your time, and communicating with the teaching team and with others if things start to feel out of control or overwhelming.
- You are responsible for acting in a way that is worthy of respect and always respectful of others. • Your experience with this course is directly related to the quality of the energy that you bring to it, and your energy shapes the quality of your peers' experiences.
- You are responsible for creating an inclusive environment and for speaking up when someone is excluded.
- You are responsible for holding yourself accountable to these standards, holding each other to these standards, and holding the teaching team accountable as well.

### **Personal Pronoun Preference**

Professional courtesy and sensitivity are especially important with respect to individuals and topics dealing with differences of race, culture, religion, politics, sexual orientation, gender, gender variance, and nationalities. Class rosters are provided to the instructor with the student's legal name. I will gladly honor your request to address you by a name different than what appears on the roster, and by the gender pronouns you use. Please advise me of this preference early in the semester so that I may make appropriate changes to my records.

### **University Policies**

#### **Academic Integrity**

Each student in the course is expected to abide by the University of Texas Honor Code: "As a student of The University of Texas at Austin, I shall abide by the core values of the University and uphold academic integrity." **Plagiarism is taken very seriously at UT.** Therefore, if you use words or ideas that are not your own (or that you have used in previous class), you must cite your sources. Otherwise you will be guilty of plagiarism and subject to academic disciplinary action, including failure of the course. You are responsible for understanding UT's Academic Honesty and the University Honor Code which can be found at the following web address:  
[http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/sjs/acint\\_student.php](http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/sjs/acint_student.php)

#### **Q Drop Policy**

If you want to drop a class after the 12th class day, you'll need to execute a Q drop before the Q-drop deadline, which typically occurs near the middle of the semester. Under Texas law, you are only allowed six Q drops while you are in college at any public Texas institution. For more information, see:  
<http://www.utexas.edu/ugs/csacc/academic/adddrop/qdrop>

### **University Resources for Students**

Your success in this class is important to me. We will all need accommodations because we all learn differently. If there are aspects of this course that prevent you from learning or exclude you, please let me know as soon as possible. Together we'll develop strategies to meet both your needs and the requirements of the course. There are also a range of resources on campus:

#### *Services for Students with Disabilities*

This class respects and welcomes students of all backgrounds, identities, and abilities. If there are circumstances that make our learning environment and activities difficult, if you have medical information that you need to share with me, or if you need specific arrangements in case the building needs to be evacuated, please let me know. I am committed to creating an effective learning environment for all students, but I can only do so if you discuss your needs with me as early as possible. I promise to maintain the confidentiality of these discussions. If appropriate, also contact Services for Students with Disabilities, 512-471-6259 (voice) or 1-866-329- 3986 (video phone). <http://ddce.utexas.edu/disability/about/>

#### *Counseling and Mental Health Center*

Do your best to maintain a healthy lifestyle this semester by eating well, exercising, avoiding drugs and alcohol, getting enough sleep and taking some time to relax. This will help you achieve your goals and cope with stress.

All of us benefit from support during times of struggle. You are not alone. There are many helpful resources available on campus and an important part of the college experience is learning how to ask for help. Asking for support sooner rather than later is often helpful.



If you or anyone you know experiences any academic stress, difficult life events, or feelings like anxiety or depression, we strongly encourage you to seek support. <http://www.cmhc.utexas.edu/individualcounseling.html>

### *The Sanger Learning Center*

Did you know that more than one-third of UT undergraduate students use the Sanger Learning Center each year to improve their academic performance? All students are welcome to take advantage of Sanger Center's classes and workshops, private learning specialist appointments, peer academic coaching, and tutoring for more than 70 courses in 15 different subject areas. For more information, please visit <http://www.utexas.edu/ugs/slc> or call 512-471-3614 (JES A332).

*Undergraduate Writing Center:* <http://uwc.utexas.edu/>

*Libraries:* <http://www.lib.utexas.edu/>

*ITS:* <http://www.utexas.edu/its/>

*Student Emergency Services:* <http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/emergency/>

### **Important Safety Information:**

If you have concerns about the safety or behavior of fellow students, TAs or Professors, call BCAL (the Behavior Concerns Advice Line): 512-232-5050. Your call can be anonymous. If something doesn't feel right – it probably isn't. Trust your instincts and share your concerns.

### **Title IX Reporting**

Title IX is a federal law that protects against sex and gender-based discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual assault, sexual misconduct, dating/domestic violence and stalking at federally funded educational institutions. UT Austin is committed to fostering a learning and working environment free from discrimination in all its forms. When sexual misconduct occurs in our community, the university can:

1. Intervene to prevent harmful behavior from continuing or escalating.
2. Provide support and remedies to students and employees who have experienced harm or have become involved in a Title IX investigation.
3. Investigate and discipline violations of the university's relevant policies.

Faculty members and certain staff members are considered "Responsible Employees" or "Mandatory Reporters," which means that they are required to report violations of Title IX to the Title IX Coordinator. **I am a Responsible Employee and must report any Title IX related incidents** that are disclosed in writing, discussion, or one-on-one. Before talking with me, or with any faculty or staff member about a Title IX related incident, be sure to ask whether they are a responsible employee. If you want to speak with someone for support or remedies without making an official report to the university, email [advocate@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:advocate@austin.utexas.edu) For more information about reporting options and resources, visit [titleix.utexas.edu](http://titleix.utexas.edu) or contact the Title IX Office at [titleix@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:titleix@austin.utexas.edu).

The following recommendations regarding emergency evacuation from the Office of Campus Safety and Security, 512-471-5767, <http://www.utexas.edu/safety/>

Occupants of buildings on The University of Texas at Austin campus are required to evacuate buildings when a fire alarm is activated. Alarm activation or announcement requires exiting and assembling outside.

- Familiarize yourself with all exit doors of each classroom and building you may occupy. Remember that the nearest exit door may not be the one you used when entering the building.
- Students requiring assistance in evacuation shall inform their instructor in writing during the first week of class.
- In the event of an evacuation, follow the instruction of faculty or class instructors. Do not re-enter a building unless given instructions by the following: Austin Fire Department, The University of Texas at Austin Police Department, or Fire Prevention Services office.
- Link to information regarding emergency evacuation routes and emergency procedures can be found at:

[www.utexas.edu/emergency](http://www.utexas.edu/emergency)



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**Readings (somewhat tentative; may still change)**

These are the references for your reading assignments. The chapters of the Johnston and the Nieto books are also listed for your convenience. One thing you should know is that it is a strong habit for faculty members to refer to journal articles and even textbook excerpts by the authors' names. So here are those names and full citation information in case you need them.

**For Sep. 6: Confidence, Emotions, and Motivation**

Johnston, P. H. (2012). Chapters 1 & 2. *Opening minds: Using language to change lives*. Portland, ME: Steinhouse Publishers

Ebbers, S. M. (2011). How to generate interest so reading comprehension improves.

Bergin, C. (2018). Chapter 1: What is prosocial behavior? In *Designing a prosocial classroom: Fostering collaboration in students from Pre-K- 12 with the curriculum you already use* (pp. 13-35). New York: Norton & Company.

**For Sep. 13: Fostering social and emotional learning and dealing with crises**

Johnston, P. H. (2012). Chapters 6 & 7.

Bergin, C. (2018). Chapter 2: Prosocial behavior increases your students' learning. In *Designing a prosocial classroom: Fostering collaboration in students from Pre-K- 12 with the curriculum you already use* (pp. 36-50). New York: Norton & Company.

**For Sep. 20: The construction of meaning: Connecting what's known with what's new**

Nieto, S. (1999, 2009). Chapters 1 & 2. *The light in their eyes: Creating multicultural learning communities*. New York: Teachers College Press.

Johnston, P. H. (2012). Chapter 3.

**For Sep. 27: Sociocultural models of learning**

Nieto, S. (1999, 2009). Chapter 3.

Neville, H. A., Awad, G. H., Brooks, J. E., Flores, M. P., & Bluemel, J. (2013). Color-blind racial ideology. *American Psychologist*, 68(6), 455-466.

Smagorinsky, P. (2018). Literacy in teacher education: "It's the context, stupid!" *Journal of Literacy Research*, 50(3), 281-303.

**For Oct. 4: The role of language in learning and the power of words**

Johnston, P. H. (2012). Chapter 5

Noddings, N. (1999). Stories and conversation in schools. In J. Kane (Ed.), *Education, information, and transformation: Essays on learning and thinking* (p. 319-336). Upper Saddle River, NJ: Merrill.

**For Oct. 11: Applying the social approach to learning: Making group work and classroom discussion work!**

Nieto, S. (1999, 2009). Chapter 4.

Johnston, P. H. (2012). Chapter 8.

Barron, B. (2003). When smart groups fail. *Journal of the Learning Sciences*, 12(3), 307-359.

**For Oct. 18: The psychology of being a teacher**

Nieto, S. (1999, 2009). Chapter 6.

McLaughlin, H. (1991). Reconciling care and control: Authority in classroom relationships. *Journal of Teacher Education*, 42, May-June, 182-195.

Bergin, C. (2018). Chapter 5: Positive Teacher-student relationships. In *Designing a prosocial classroom: Fostering collaboration in students from Pre-K- 12 with the curriculum you already use* (pp. 117-145). New York: Norton & Company.

**For Oct. 25: Tools that show what society thinks about learning**

Sawyer, R. K. (2004). Improvised lessons: Collaborative discussion in the constructivist classroom. *Teaching Education*, 15, 189-201.

**For Nov. 1: High-stakes Assessment: What are they and what's the fuss**

Education Next. (2014). Examining high-stakes testing: *Education Next* talks with Joshua P. Starr and Margaret Spellings. *Education Next*. Retrieved from educationnext.org

Smith, M. L. (1991). Put to the test: The effect of external testing on teachers. *Educational Researcher*, 20(5), 8-11.

Palmer, D., & Lynch, A. W. (2008). A bilingual education for a monolingual test?: The pressure to prepare for AKS and its influence on choices for language of instruction in Texas elementary bilingual classrooms. *Language Policy*, 7, 217-235.

**For Nov. 8: How to make assessment useful to learners, their teachers, & their parents**

Johnston, P. H. (2012). Chapter 4.

Shepard, L. (1995). Using assessment to improve learning. *Educational Leadership*, 52(5), 38-43.

**For Nov. 15: Communicating about assessment with parents and students**

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