

Spring 2019 ALD 118C: Distinguished Speaker Series Lecture

Wednesdays 3-4 PM

MEZ 1.306

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The objective of this Speaker Series is to provide a discussion forum on various contemporary issues with an emphasis on multidisciplinary perspectives and critical discourse.

CLASS EXPECTATIONS

1. Be in class on time. We will start promptly at 3:00 PM and end at 3:50 PM. ^[1]_[SEP]
2. Ask questions, be engaged, and use this as a platform to learn from highly successful leaders about the practical world.
3. Put away technology during class.

TEACHING ASSISTANT ASSIGNMENTS

Your grade for this course will also be based upon the criteria listed below and the instructor's judgment regarding the quality of your performance. You will be graded by the course's teaching assistants, which are assigned as follows. Please direct all grading questions to your assigned TA.

TA	Email	Break-Out Session Location
Alicia Moreno	alicia.moreno@utexas.edu	SZB 380
Enrique Aguayo	enriqueaguayo@utexas.edu	BUR 134
Hannah Hill	hannah.hill@utexas.edu	BEN 1.122
Javier Wallace	jlwallace@utexas.edu	SZB 422
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Nong Xiong	nxiong9@utexas.edu	PAR 101
Pablo Montes	pmontes@utexas.edu	PHR 2.116

GRADES

- 1) Participation (50%):** Students are expected to fully participate by engaging in discussions during each class. After each Wednesday class, there will be discussion questions posted to Canvas. You will have until 12 PM the next day to post your response. Late assignments will not be accepted. A few extra credit opportunities will be given throughout the class by your instructors and/or teaching assistants throughout the semester.
- 2) Attendance (15%):** Attendance will be taken at the end of each class. There will be no excused absences outside of medical emergencies. Each absence will deduct 1 point from the total attendance grade. More than three absences will lead to an automatic fail.
- 3) Reflection Paper (25%):** By the end of the course, students are expected to turn in a 1-page, no more or less, double spaced reflection paper. Some questions to consider are:
 - What did you learn from the speaker series? How does this apply to your life?
 - In what ways has your thinking changed or been influenced by the speaker series?
 - Why do you believe it's important for first-years to hear from multiple speakers?

- 4) **End of Semester Evaluation (10%):** Students are expected to complete and submit an end of semester evaluation for the course.

Tentative Course Outline and Assignment Schedule

*Topics and speakers may change

DATE	SPEAKER	TOPIC
1/23	Alicia Moreno & Jaylen Wright	Know Your Anchors
1/30	Hannah Hill & Nong Xiong	Inclusiveness for Tomorrow's Leaders
2/6	Clint Tuttle	What Motivates You, Does Not Motivate Everyone <i>Must complete exercise:</i> http://sites.utexas.edu/drivers/
2/13	<i>TA Break-Out</i>	
2/20	Alicia Moreno	Owning Your Resiliency
2/27	Dr. Devin Walker	Boost Part 1
3/6	Alicia Moreno & Jaylen Wright	Running Out of Time
3/13	Dr. James Brown	Who Wants to be Superhero?
3/20	SPRING BREAK	
3/27	Dr. Devin Walker	Boost Part II
4/3	Daron Roberts	Game Plan for Life
4/10	Pablo Montes & Taylor Payne	Demystifying Graduate School
4/17	<i>TA Break-Out</i>	
4/24	Dr. Ryan Sutton & Enrique Aguayo	Inside Out: Mind Over Matter
5/1	Javier Wallace	Global Citizenship
5/8	<i>TA Break-Out</i>	