EXPLORATION 1 > MAPPING IDENTITY: PURPOSE & LEARNING GOALS

To develop theoretical perspectives from diversity and visual cultural studies.
To focus on aspects of identity development (especially your own identity) and politics of identity.
To reflect upon your life history so as to become aware of the forces shaping your personal perspectives on various issues.

IDENTITY: Issues of Power & Privilege in relation to Diversity

**privilege** - A special advantage or benefit not enjoyed by all. Privilege typically results from who a person is and what social groups s/he is a part of rather than anything s/he has done. Privilege changes according to context. Each of us have been in situations where privilege has affected our life in one way or another, both positive and negative.

**power** - The ability to cause things to happen, whether for oneself or others. Personal power is often the result of privilege.

Privilege Walk Questions for AED 225: Diversity, Pedagogy, & Visual Culture

1. Please take one-step back: If your ancestors were forced to come to the USA not by choice.
2. Please take one-step forward: If your primary ethnic identity is White and born a citizen of the United States.
3. Please take one-step back: If you were ever called names because of your race, class, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation.
4. Please take one-step forward: If there were people of color who worked in your school, workplace, or household in low wage positions.
5. Please take one-step back: If you were ever ashamed or embarrassed of your clothes, house, car, etc.
6. Please take one-step forward: If one or both of your parents has a college degree.
7. Please take one-step back: If you were raised in an area, where there was prostitution, drug activity, etc.
8. Please take one-step back: If you ever tried to change your appearance, mannerisms, or behavior to avoid being judged or ridiculed.
9. Please take one-step forward: If you studied the culture of your ancestors in elementary school.
10. Please take one-step back: If you went to school speaking a language other than English.
11. Please take one-step forward: if there were more than 50 books in your house when you grew up.
12. Please take one-step back: If you ever had to skip a meal or were hungry because there was not enough money to buy food when you were growing up.
13. Please take one-step back: If one of your parents was unemployed or laid off, not by choice.
14. Please take one step forward: If you attended private school or summer camp.

15. Please take one step back: If your family ever had to move because they could not afford the rent.

16. Please take one step back: If you were ever discouraged from academics or jobs because of race, class, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation.

17. Please take one step forward: If you were encouraged to attend college by your parents.

18. Please take one step back: If you were raised in a single parent household.

19. Please take one step forward: If your family owned the house, where you grew up.

20. Please take one step forward: If you were ever offered a good job because of your association with a friend or family member.

21. Please take one step back: If you were ever denied employment because of your race, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation.

22. Please take one step back: If you were paid less, treated fairly because of race, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation.

23. Please take one step back: If you were ever accused of cheating or lying because of your race, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation.

24. Please take one step forward: If you ever inherited money or property.

25. Please take one step back: If you had to rely primarily on public transportation.

26. Please take one step back: If you were ever stopped or questioned by the police because of your race, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation.

27. Please take one step back: If you were ever afraid of violence because of your race, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation.

28. Please take one step back: If you were ever uncomfortable about a joke related to your race, ethnicity, gender or sexual orientation but felt unsafe to confront the situation.

29. Please take one step back: If you were ever the victim of violence related to your race, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation.

30. Please take one step back: If your parents did not grow up in the United States.

31. Please take one step forward: If your parents told you could be anything, you wanted to be.