



***Identity and Adjustment across the Disciplines:
Connecting Sustainability and Self***
InterAmerican Campus Fall 2016 GSELS Faculty Learning Community

Issues of identity are increasingly prevalent in today's world. Topics of culture, race, gender, sexual orientation, and more are shining a light on stressors within our society and how we define ourselves in relation to these. Included are themes of environmental sustainability. After all, environmental conservation/preservation, social equity, alternative measures of growth, and cultural preservation are all vital components of a resilient society; yet the politics of corporate "big money" often obscures the inequities entrenched within the dominant social paradigm. In order to achieve true sustainability, we must rethink how we define ourselves and how we relate to the social realities and living systems in which we are embedded. We must reexamine our connection to flora, fauna, ecosystems, and even the planet itself. Identity and sustainability are inexorably intertwined.

During the Fall 2016 term, Miami Dade College InterAmerican Campus' Global Sustainability and Earth Literacy Studies (GSELS) faculty learning community's theme will be "Identity and Adjustment across the Disciplines: Connecting Sustainability and Self." Faculty representing the various disciplines being taught at InterAmerican Campus will focus on issues connecting identity to the four pillars of sustainability: environment, social equity, economics, and culture—all through the lens of the faculty member's respective discipline. Additionally, the Earth Literacy paradigm will allow for deeper examination of identity in relation to the universe, Earth, the biosphere, and each other.

"Identity and Adjustment across the Disciplines" will culminate with a series of talks, presentations, panels, and more, taking place at InterAmerican Campus on November 28th through December 2nd. Participating faculty will include related content in their course curricula, and foster student engagement through class projects, service-learning, community outreach, and more.

Scheduled events for "Identity and Adjustment across the Disciplines" include:

Identity and Adjustment through the Lifespan

Professor Miriam Frances Abety

Monday, November 28 8:00 AM IAC Room 401

Descartes: The Self as Mind

Professor Albert Lenel

Monday, November 28 9:00 AM IAC Room 401

Who Am I?

Professor Renita Ferreira

Monday, November 28 11:00 AM IAC Room 401

Planetary Loyalty

Professor Rene Revuelta

Tuesday, November 29 7:00 AM IAC Room 1124

I Am Earth

Earth Ethics Institute's Mike Matthews

Tuesday, November 29 8:25 AM IAC Room 401

Identity Development from a Bioecological framework

Professor Arlen Garcia

Tuesday, November 29 9:50 AM IAC Room 401

SNCCER Water Justice Project Presentations

Professor Lesley Nadal

Tuesday, November 29 11:15 AM IAC Room 401

Je Pense, Donc Je Suis?

Professor Rene Revuelta

Wednesday, November 30 7:00 AM IAC Room 1124

Identity and Adjustment

Professor Miriam Frances Abety

Wednesday, November 30 8:00 AM IAC Room 3103

Identity, Adjustment, and GSELS

Professors Cynthia Schuemann and Adrienne Thompson

Wednesday, November 30 9:00 AM IAC Room 3103

Immigrant Identity

Professors Cynthia Schuemann and Adrienne Thompson

Wednesday, November 30 10:00 AM IAC Room 3103

SNCCER Water Justice Project Presentations

Professor Rene Revuelta

Wednesday, November 30 11:00 AM IAC Room 3103

The Blue Planet

Professor Rene Revuelta

Thursday, December 1 7:00 AM IAC Room 1124

Psychology of Identity and Adjustment

Professor Miriam Frances Abety

Thursday, December 1 8:25 AM IAC Room 3103

Globalization and Identity

Professor David Mahon

Thursday, December 1 9:50 AM IAC Room 3103

Examining Identity and Adjustment from a Social Science Perspective

Professor Eric Belokon

Thursday, December 1 11:15 AM IAC Room 3103

Meditation and Identity

Professor Alex Salinas

Thursday, December 1 12:40 PM IAC Room 3103

The Tree of Life

Professor Rene Revuelta

Friday, December 2 7:00 AM IAC Room 1124

Cultural Identity: What it is, how it develops, and why it's important to Understand

Professor Oneyda Paneque

Friday, December 2 9:00 AM IAC Room 401

Student Videos: Identity and Adjustment

Professor Miriam Frances Abety

Friday, December 2 10:00 AM IAC Room 401

Descartes: The Self as Mind

Professor Albert Lenel

Friday, December 2 11:00 AM IAC Room 401

Miami Dade College's Earth Ethics Institute (EEI) will sponsor the initiative, and will offer infrastructure of support through the GSELS Learning Network, professional development workshops, and other EEI resources. The Institute for Civic Engagement and Democracy (iCED) will coordinate service-learning and community outreach, and MDC Learning Resources will provide academic support through related lib guides and access to related media content.

To get involved or learn more, please contact InterAmerican EEI staff Mike Matthews (mmatthew@mdc.edu), Professor Miriam Frances Abety (mabety@mdc.edu), or Professor Rene Revuelta (rrevuelt@mdc.edu).

