Connecting the Dots of Your Life
Experience through Critical Reflection

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WELCOME!!
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Roadmap

- Welcome, agenda, introductions, icebreaker
- What is public engagement and community-engaged learning
- A Framework of Critical Reflection
- Being Knowing Doing
- Breakouts
- Personal reflection
A Trip Through Ithaca

• For each of the following questions, if your answer is yes, put up a finger. At the end, we will ask how many fingers you still have up.

Poll! At the end of this exercise - How many fingers do you have up?
Answers: 1-10
Community-engaged learning

- **Community-engaged learning (CEL)** at Cornell is just what it sounds like: learning that takes place in and with communities. In community-engaged learning, community partners are equal players, and projects are created, developed and carried out collaboratively with students from the start.

- **These powerful partnerships** – the very heart of community-engaged learning – create opportunities to research, teach and learn at home and around the world.

- **CEL projects and programs** can look very different, but they all share four important elements. They:
  1. Address a specific community interest, problem or public concern;
  2. Include working with and learning from a community partner;
  3. Connect and integrate community-engaged experiences with educational content; and
  4. Include structured, documented critical reflection.
What is Critical Reflection?

- Community-engaged leaders are lifelong learners, and critical reflection is the way to self-directed learning. Critical reflection – interrogating the “why?” – addresses power and positionality inherent in community-engaged work.

- Some people prefer terms like "analysis" "meaning-making" or "integration."

- There is a common general principle across all these approaches: a pause in action to make sense of what's going on by connecting experience, theory and multiple forms of knowledge.
  - Most theorists and practitioners of engagement and experiential learning agree: it's not the doing, it's the THINKING about the doing that we learn from.
The practice of critical reflection

Remember: Critical reflection is the method by which we connect our thoughts and behaviors to systems and culture, because it pushes us to challenge our biases and assumptions.

When it comes to practicing critical reflection, there are many models and frameworks to follow. At OEI, we primarily use the What-So What (Why)-Now What model.
In academic institutions, we tend to value *generalized knowing*, such as theories, best practices, concepts that come from multiple experiments.

Throughout the Certificate, we invite students to challenge that assumption, and explore the value other types of knowledge carry.

*Ways of being* provide us with our mindsets or motivations for community engagement.

Image from “Multiple Ways of Knowing: Expanding How We Know” by Elissa Sloane Perry and Aja Couchois Duncan
Helping/Fixing/Serving – Rachel Remen

5 minutes to read
-What are your noticings?
-Which mindset is closest to your mindset?

Breakouts

Talia Bailes ’20, founder of Ballet and Books, leads a class at Ithaca’s Southside Community Center in 2019
Thank you to our small group facilitators!

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Welcome back!

- So What: How will you integrate this model of critical reflection into your own personal or professional actions?
Call to Actions

- Attend the Partnerships workshop
- Take the follow up survey
- Mentor through CUeLINKS: ensure your profile includes “positive social impact”
- Help AAD-OEI think about how to move this initiative ahead
- Participate in Cornell giving day and support OEI
- Connect with the Engaged Cornell SIG
Thank You

Want more? Have questions? Be in touch!

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