

Learning Community Culminating Creative Assignment

Hopefully in this learning community you will have established a greater sense of learning as a process. Learning is the personal and shared construction of knowledge by participants who are active seekers in their worlds creating personal meanings from their experiences. It is likely that much of your academic training up to now has operated within a framework of facts and figures and right or wrong answers on tests. In this way success is easy to measure. Equally important, if not more so, is to pursue and reward self-discovery and the ability to integrate new experiences, information and contradictions into your life. In this assignment you will reveal an expression of your learning by taking a creative risk.

We are asking you to try something new, shed the binds of formal academic structures, and feed your soul **with a work of creative expression that captures the greatest lesson you have obtained in this** Learning Community. Think broadly. Think about intersections, think about yourself. Elude the temptation to ask, “how do you want us to do this assignment” – a statement of uncertainty forged by a lifetime of structured, passive learning. Instead celebrate the knowledge you have created within yourselves by using the freedom granted you through artistic expression.

There is no “right” or wrong “creative expression”. The list is endless....visual art, dance, music, movement, song, mime, performance, painting, sculpture....if you can think it, it is fine.

The only true “requirement” is that you share your greatest LC lesson through a creative medium and that you are prepared, if colleagues or professors ask, to share some of the thinking behind it.

Due Monday, Dec 17th during our final, shared meal as a class, 2-4pm. (Note, this is the university scheduled final exam time for Prof. Schoen’s class. You should have no schedule conflicts as this time is set aside for this final exam.)