



Teaching for Inclusion & Equity Foundational Badge Artifact

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Course description

Denver Publishing Institute is a four-week, graduate-level program dedicated to helping book lovers launch their publishing careers anywhere in the country. We introduce you to the process of book publishing: from editing, marketing, and production to the bigger picture of publishing in a constantly changing world. Each summer, we bring students together with industry leaders who represent all aspects of book publishing—from small independent trade houses to large global media companies, from companies in the hub of book publishing in New York City to publishers from across the country.

DPI teaches a market-centered approach to publishing and helps you to develop awareness of internal biases that could limit how you approach the manuscripts that you are working on, whether you pursue a career in editorial, marketing, or sales.

Inclusive Community Syllabus Statement

In this class, we will work together to develop a learning community that is inclusive and respectful. We will keep in mind that the world of publishing is confronting the effects of a lack of diversity in what is published and by which authors. There are so many ways that our diversity is reflected: differences in race, culture, age, religion, sexual orientation, socioeconomic background and myriad other social identities and life experiences. As a cohort learning about publishing and seeking careers in that field, we will bring the spirit of inclusiveness to the classroom through our engagement with each other and the materials that we are learning.

Respecting one another's individual differences is critical to creating an inclusive, collaborative, and excellent learning community. Please use the canvas profile assignment to share about yourself, so that we may get to know you better. We want to learn and understand how your experiences have shaped your personal motivations for entering the world of publishing.

In this spirit, we want to refer to you with the pronouns and name you prefer. Please make note of these in your Canvas profiles. If you are a remote student, you can modify your Zoom name and include your preferred pronouns, which will show up during live classes.