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Critical Conversations

A space for informal, unfussy, intellectual dialogue

Having Difficult Conversations on Sensitive Issues in Three (Not So) Easy Steps



1. Take a Good Look at Yourself
2. Approach with Clear Goals and Positive Intent
3. Respond to Defensiveness (Yours and Theirs)

As we begin the academic year, let's consider how we can engage in meaningful critical conversations with one another, whether on sensitive issues involving diversity, social justice and social identity, or simply to foster positive, supportive and inclusive working and learning relationships. We won't always agree with one another, but we can engage in conversations that encourage dialogue, understanding and respect even amidst the strongest disagreements.

Dan Griffith, Director of Conflict Resolution and Dialogue Programs, will facilitate a very brief introductory workshop on the topic. You are then invited to add your insights, ask questions, share your challenges, push back or offer counter viewpoints. The point isn't to identify a one-size-fits-all approach, but to keep talking and explore how we can have authentic conversations to enrich our relationships and support an inclusive and welcoming campus culture.

Wednesday, September 4, 2019, Noon to 1:15 p.m.

University Library, Room UL1126

Open to all IUPUI faculty, staff and students - Light refreshments provided

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