UWSP's New Inclusive Pedagogy Project

2013-2014

Part 1: Reading Circles on "Stereotype Threat"

As part of a year-long series of events addressing diversity, inclusivity, and equity, UWSP's new *Inclusive Pedagogy Project* will be hosting fall semester reading circles on the concept of "Stereotype Threat" by reading *Whistling Vivaldi: How Stereotype Threat Affects Us and What We Can Do* by Claude M. Steele.

With the generous support of WW System's Office for Professional and Instructional Development (OPID), we can offer a free copy of the book to the first 30 faculty or staff members who register to participate.

The discussion format for these reading circles will include sessions with all participants gathered together, and then smaller breakout discussions. The reading circles will take place on the following **Fridays** from **12 noon - 1 p.m.** in **CCC 128**:

- > October 4th
- > October 18th
- November 1st
- > November 15th

Open to all faculty and staff, the first 30 participants to register will receive a free copy of Dr. Steele's book courtesy of OPID. If you already own the book, you are certainly welcome to register and participate. Participants are expected to attend each session and will be invited to assist with further efforts to continue the Stereotype Threat discussion for other members in the UWSP community.

Please register by using the following link:

http://survey.uwsp.edu/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=86LH6m85

More about <u>Whistling Vivaldi</u> and <u>Claude M. Steele</u>:

Formerly the Provost at Columbia University, Claude M. Steele has been called "one of the few great social psychologists," and offers a vivid first-person account of the research that supports his groundbreaking conclusions on stereotypes and identity. *Whistling Vivaldi* sheds new light on American social phenomena from racial and gender gaps in test scores to the belief in the superior athletic prowess of black men, and lays out a plan for mitigating these "stereotype threats" and reshaping American identities.

If you have any questions about the *Whistling Vivaldi* reading circles or the new *Inclusive Pedagogy Project*, please feel free to contact: David Hastings: <u>David.Hastings@uwsp.edu</u> or 715-346-4046.

