Leading for Racial Equity: Examining Structural Issues of Race and Class
SPHG 690 (section 001) 2.0 credits, Fall 2014

This professional interdisciplinary seminar is partnering with the Racial Equity Institute (REI), a national anti-racism training organization, to prepare graduate students from professional degree programs to become effective leaders in an increasingly diverse world. The goal is to provide them with a framework that directs them to critically analyze institutions, rather than characteristics of individuals and groups, in order to understand institutional legacy, response, and accountability to different populations. This course also involves local community members as a key element of the pedagogy, so that the interactive nature of the course will allow all participants to learn from the perspectives of others with different backgrounds and in different stages of life.

Participants will complete an intensive 2-day training, August 29-30, 2014, with REI trainers and course instructors on the explicit and subtle ways that racialized patterns in American culture, policies, and practices permeate political, economic, and social structures. At two and four weeks following this initial training, students will meet to discuss, evaluate, and analyze completed readings and group-work assignments to be submitted for critique/grading and credit.

“It’s not about Diversity Training. It’s not a whiner session. It’s not a vent and ‘feel good’ session. Racial Equity work is critical, meaningful, engaging, and paradigm shifting. If you want to discover, learn, and share with others - please experience this workshop with us.” [Past participant]

Course Instructors:
Eugenia Eng, Gillings School of Global Public Health (Lead Instructor)
Tye Hunter, School of Law
Bay Love, Kenan-Flagler Business School
Deborah Stroman, Frank Hawkins Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise

Course Schedule: Full day sessions -August 29 & 30 and September 13 & 27

Course Materials: No pre-readings. Course resources and assignments will be provided to participants.

Student Enrollment: Limited to 24 graduate students (Permission Required by Lead Instructor). Send your name, UNC department affiliation, PID, and email address to eugenia_eng@unc.edu

COMMUNITY MEMBERS! We are also seeking community members, who have not participated in a Phase I REI workshop, who would like to audit this course at no charge. This would require attending all four days. If interested, please contact Wanda Hunter at whunter@racialequityinstitute.org or 919-929-9655.