

LTD Summer Institute 2021
June 2 - 4, 2021
Summary

The LTD Summer 2021 Institute assisted staff and faculty assisted faculty and staff of all disciplines in designing and redesigning their courses to embed engaged learning, social justice, and political activism. It supported faculty and staff in implementing the ethnic studies requirements of AB 1460, specifically focusing on the new GE Area F, Core Competency 5: *Describe and actively engage with anti-racist and anti-colonial issues and the practices and movements in Native American, African-American, Asian-American, and Latin/x communities and a just and equitable society.*

Guest facilitators Dr. Analena Hassberg and Dr. Kenjus Watson lead attendees on Zoom over the course of three days, enabling the participants to learn about the life-long practice of ethnic studies and develop a Signature Polytechnic Experience (PolyX) that actively engages students with anti-racist and anti-colonial practices within a community.

“It was an honor to co-facilitate this year’s LTD Institute with Dr. Kenjus Watson! We wanted the institute to be impactful in a holistic way, so we organized it around the natural elements -Earth, Water, and Fire- to represent grounding, self-reflection, flexibility, and transformation. I’m grateful that so many CPP faculty and staff showed up ready to create community, and to do the difficult, important work of building anti-racist, anti-colonial, and inclusive pedagogy and campus spaces.” – Dr. Analena Hassberg

“Each participant started from a different point. Our hope is that we all progressed in our understanding of ethnic studies---the history and the why; grew in our realization that ethnic studies is not a curriculum, but a practice that should infuse our teaching, scholarship and work; and gained practical tools to aid us in becoming life-long practitioners of ethnic studies.” – Dr. Olukemi Sawyerr