

Design Justice and Information Literacy Instruction: Re-Centering Our Instructional Design

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WHAT WE'LL DISCUSS

The principles of
Design Justice

Applying the
principles to reflect
on how we
approach
instructional design

A FEW THINGS OF NOTE

Designer = us / design = instructional lesson planning / community = students

This will not be a **holistic** view of how to apply the ten principles.

Framing around the one-shot

Principles act as a framework in-line with other pedagogical approaches: anti-racist pedagogy; inclusive teaching; participatory action design; feminist pedagogy; etc.



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- becoming part of the community

♥ Creating systems that build on the brilliance of those most affected

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"the collapse of power relationships in conventional design processes"

"designing with instead of for"

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"becoming/engaging ourselves as part of the community before problem solving"

"facilitating and enabling change rather than dictating or directing"

“Design justice is a method that centers structural and institutional analysis of power inequality and is interested in root causes”

SASHA COSTANZA-CHOCK, *DESIGN JUSTICE: COMMUNITY-LED PRACTICES TO BUILD THE WORLDS WE NEED*, 2020

Design Justice Network Principles

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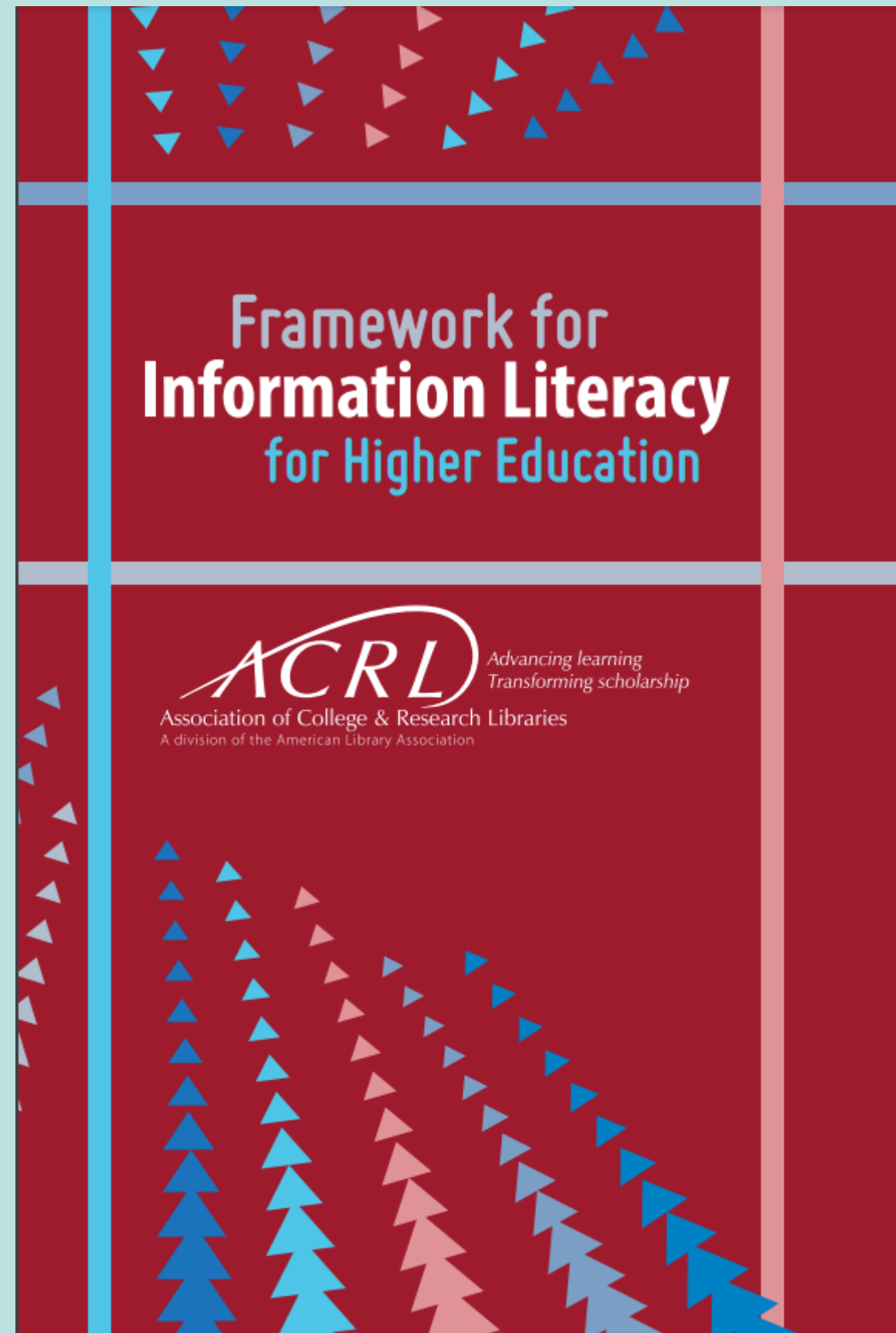
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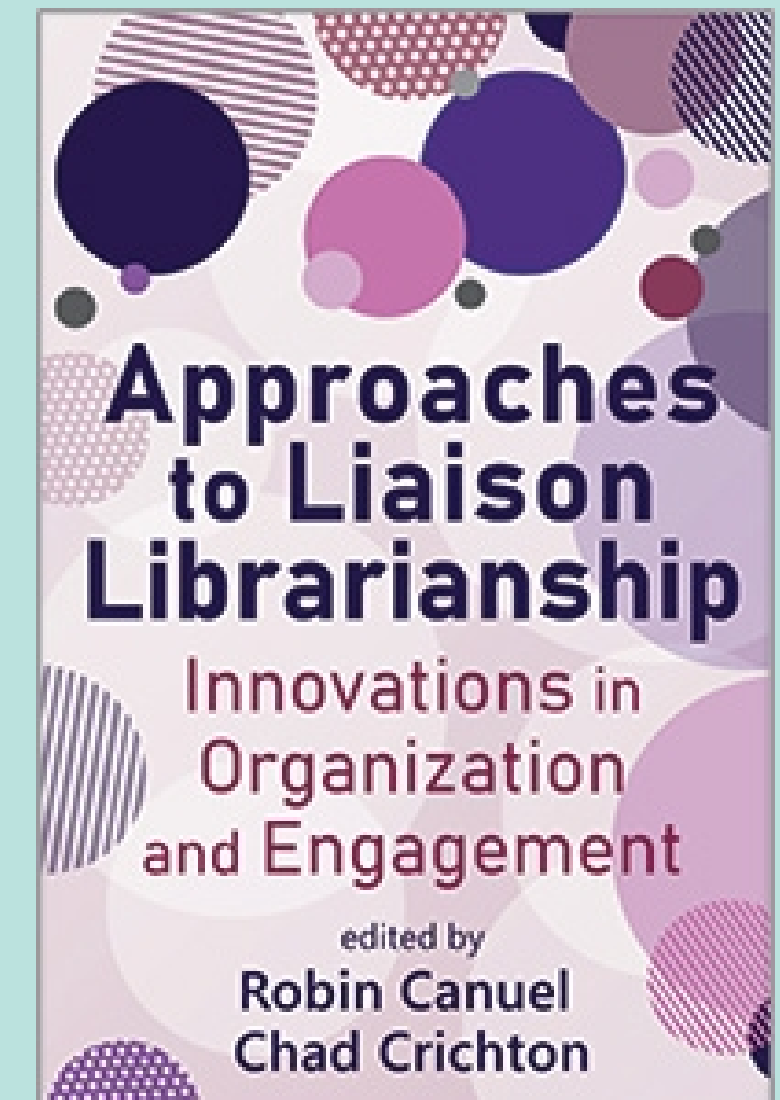
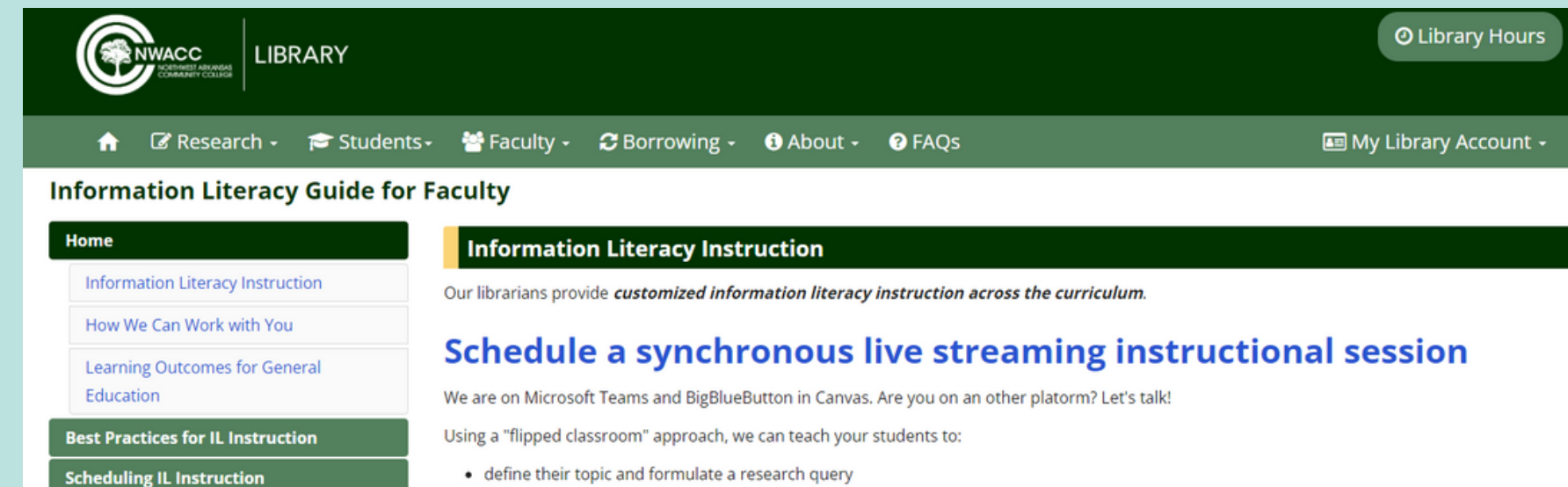
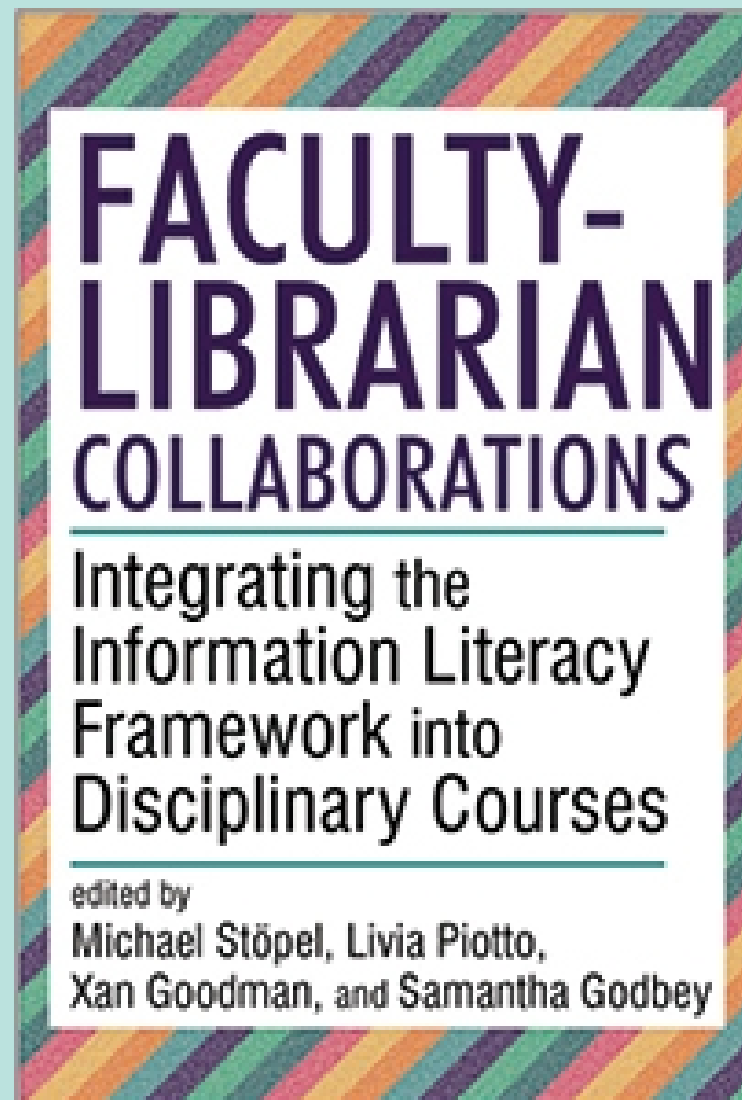
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**Who are we centering
in our information
literacy instructional
design?**



ACRL'S FRAMEWORK FOR INFORMATION LITERACY FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

FACULTY



Faculty Perceptions of Plagiarism: Insight for Librarians' Information Literacy Programs

Russell Michalak, Monica Rysavy, Kevin Hunt,
Bernice Smith, and Joel Worden

What Role Do You Play? Faculty Perceptions of Librarian-led Information Literacy Instruction

Moddie V. Breland, *Mercy College*

A KEY TENET OF DESIGN JUSTICE IS

**“intentionally centering the
voices and experiences of the
people for whom you’re
designing”**

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HIS3308 Research Knowledge Survey

This survey is to help inform our library instruction session on the 28th.

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Not shared

Where do you go to begin your research? Any particular databases?

Your answer

What are your strengths when it comes to research?

Your answer

What do you think you could improve on when researching?

Your answer

How do you feel about research?

Your answer

Personal Research Reflection

Reflection is an important and iterative part of the research process. A good researcher is constantly reflecting on their information needs, their search keywords, where they are searching for sources, what sources and information they are finding, and any gaps that might be present. In a 1-2 page double-spaced paper, reflect on your own personal research process including:

- How you usually start researching for an assignment?
- Where do you search for sources and why?
- How do you determine a source is reliable and relevant?
- What do you think you do well when it comes to research?
- What are areas where you think you could improve?

This reflection can be based on how you've approached a previous research assignment or, if you have not yet engaged in college research, you can consider how you would approach a research assignment or how you have approached research in other aspects of your life (i.e. researching what college to attend). This reflection will be graded on a completion basis and will be used to inform upcoming library session around research.

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Breanne Crumpton • 1yr

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Answer the following by adding a comment.

What did you learn in Wednesday's library session?

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- Anonymous 1yr
How to find sources effectively
- Anonymous 1yr
I can rent a DSLR camera from the library
- Anonymous 1yr
how to find things in the library
- Daniel Hayes 1yr

What questions do you have about research?

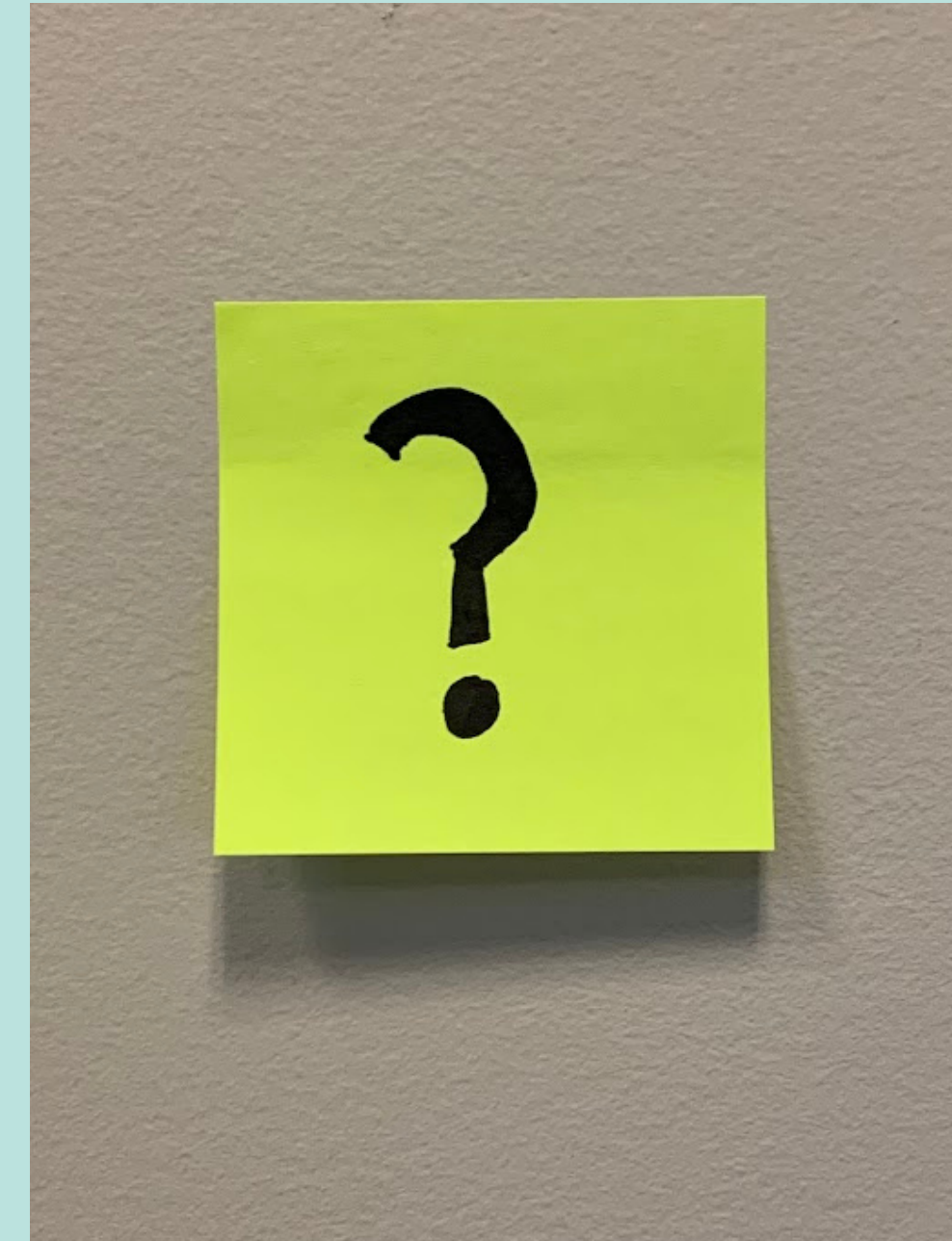
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- Anonymous 1yr
What are the best sources to research?
- Anonymous 1yr
How do I determine if a source is going to be useful for my research or if it's a waste of time
- Add comment

How do you determine if a source is good or not?

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- Anonymous 1yr
Read the intro/abstract, check when it was published and who it was published by, see what other works the source cites
- Anonymous 1yr
see what other sources were used
- Anonymous 1yr
You check the credibility of





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EXAMPLE LESSON PLAN

FACULTY ASK:

Teach students to search databases effectively

STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVE:

Students will "match information needs and search strategies with appropriate search tools" (SSE)

BASIC LESSON PLAN:

Hands-on activity developing keywords; Provide brief introduction to the discovery system and other databases; Have them practice searching

What might the impact be?

EXAMPLE LESSON PLAN (PT. 2)

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INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN IMPACT:

The instruction will validate and uplift students' approach to research and aid them in forming community among each other.

BASIC LESSON PLAN:

In small groups, students will develop a strategy for approaching research. Groups will then test each other's strategy and discuss the what they found in trying out multiple approaches.

How can I measure the impact?

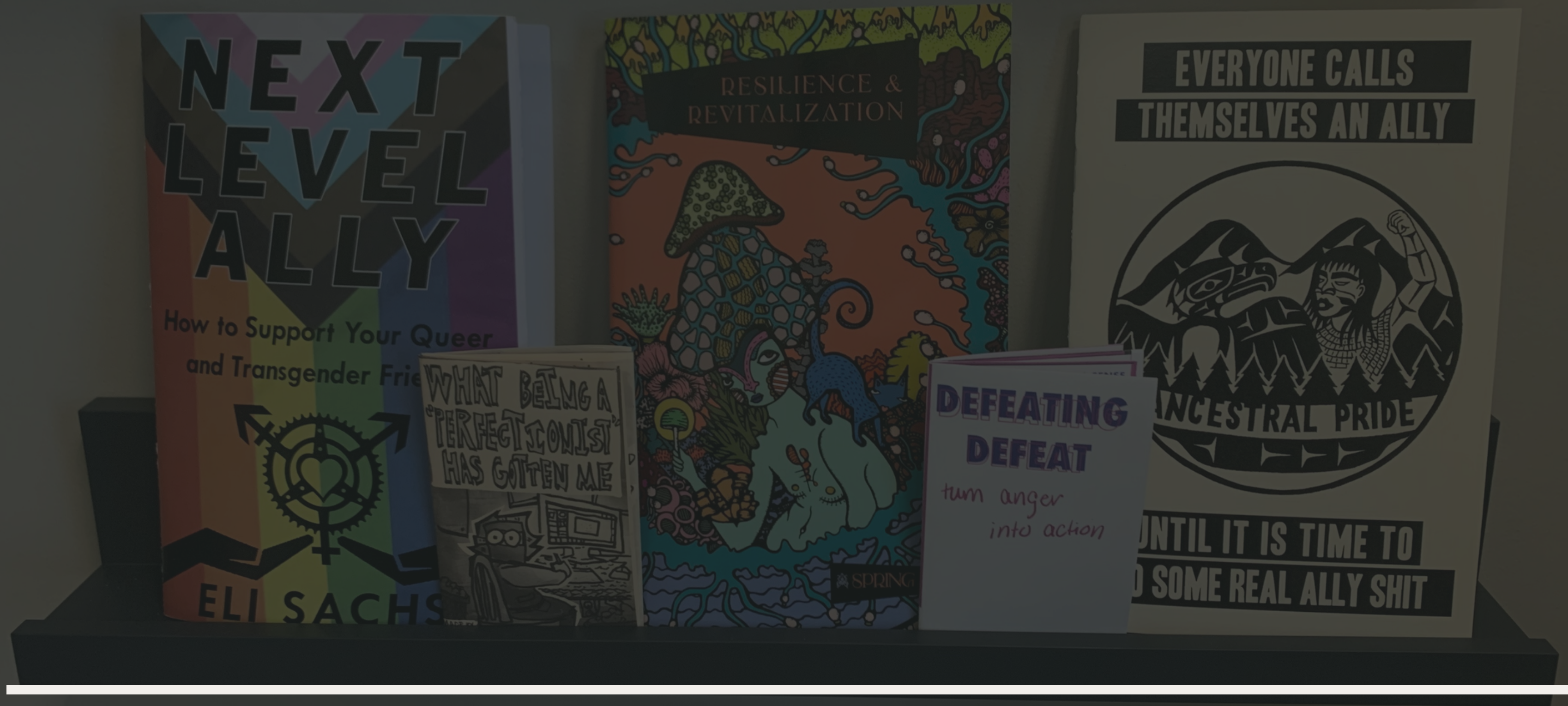
Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
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The subject matter was presented in a clear, understandable, and organized manner.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		
The librarian encouraged student participation (If applicable)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		
After receiving Library Instruction, I am more likely to use the library for my research.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		
After receiving Library Instruction I feel more comfortable accessing and searching the library's resources.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		

What was the most useful thing you learned?

Please include any additional comments or feedback.

What does it take to be a good researcher?



Questions so far?





PRINCIPLE FIVE

We see the role of the **designer as a facilitator rather than an expert.**

“framing oneself as a facilitator
and a **fellow learner** rather than
an expert, breaks the
traditional, hierarchical
structures”

ELIZABETH GRUMBACH AND SPENCER D. C. KERALIS, 2023, P. 152

“rather than asking “what do you hope to learn today?” ask “what do you bring to the table?”... Framing questions as assets rather than deficits can reduce hierarchy”

ELIZABETH GRUMBACH AND SPENCER D. C. KERALIS, 2023, P. 152

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“the deficit model of education focuses on learners' weaknesses, including the knowledge, motivation, or cultural values that they presumably lack”

EAMON TEWELL, 2020, P. 138




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Remaining Principles

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Read this definition of indigenous knowledge by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) from Joseph, B. (n.d.). *What does indigenous knowledge mean? A compilation of attributes*. Retrieved February 26, 2020, from <https://www.ictinc.ca/blog/what-does-indigenous-knowledge-mean>

“Local and indigenous knowledge refers to the understandings, skills and philosophies developed by societies with long histories of interaction with their natural surroundings. For rural and indigenous peoples, local knowledge informs decision-making about fundamental aspects of day-to-day life.”

Read the excerpt from “The Politics Of Citation: Is The Peer Review Process Biased Against Indigenous Academics?”:

"But for Indigenous academics whose work focuses on Indigenous issues, the peer review process can be difficult to go through. Peer reviewing is when an anonymous jury of academics working in the same field review an article submitted for publication, and decide whether or not it's a fit for the publication. The reviewers, who often don't know the identity of the author, will provide feedback on the article — ranging from praise to criticism. "I actually know many scholars who decided to end their careers in academia because of the discrimination they faced in the peer review system," said Kyle Powys Whyte, professor of philosophy at Michigan State University. He is from the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Even if the research in question is written from an Indigenous perspective, Powys Whyte said Indigenous academics are often asked to cite the work of white male scholars, even if it is unrelated to the topic. This is something Sarah Hunt, a professor at UBC's First Nation and Indigenous Studies program, said she's seen first hand. She is from the Kwakwaka'wakw nation. "I recently received three peer reviews on an article for a journal based in Europe — two were positive, and one just felt like I was being lectured and talked down to," said Hunt. "[The review stated] I should be referencing all these white male scholars ... in order to legitimize my work." The reviewer also insinuated that Hunt's work does not add anything new to the canon, because previous non-Indigenous scholars have written similar ideas. "It can be quite demoralizing, especially when you're writing about issues in your own community that you really care about."

According to the reading, what are some reviewers telling indigenous scholars to do to have their work published via peer review?

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- Anonymous 12mo To quote white male authors, even if their work is not relevant
- Anonymous 12mo Cute white authors, or the same indigenous author whose work is over 20 years old
- Anonymous 12mo Cite white male authors, even if their work is not on topic
- Anonymous 12mo Value the White male canon over knowledge gained through non-Western approaches
- Anonymous 12mo add white, male authors to their works cited
- Anonymous 12mo Very biased
- Anonymous 12mo Cite white male authors because their work is considered more

Why is it important for researchers (including students) to seek out and include historically excluded perspectives in academic work?

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- Anonymous 12mo Good scholarship requires a wide range of sources
- Anonymous 12mo More knowledgeable than predominantly white authors
- Anonymous 12mo To get a more broad perspective of an issue, rather than the historically white male perspective
- Anonymous 12mo To ensure validation and legitimization of current scholars from historically excluded groups.
- Anonymous 12mo Reality is not reflected from only one point of view
- Anonymous 12mo To contextualize what has been missing in the scholarly

Do you have any ideas about how you might make your Works Cited page more diverse?

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- Anonymous 12mo Read more diverse authors
- Anonymous 12mo Include diverse types of info, such as oral histories
- Anonymous 12mo Consider different epistemologies, different ways of knowing
- Anonymous 12mo This is what I need help with, HOW do we distinguish??
- Anonymous 12mo Look at newer papers that cite classic texts
- Anonymous 12mo I think it's important to consider that some cultures don't want to share with outsiders
- Anonymous 12mo Look up the authors of the papers that you're reading. Don't just assume legitimacy based on institutional affiliation

“Design can be seen as a permanent **striving toward**, an ongoing process of ideation, iteration, and revision toward the ideal”

SASHA COSTANZA-CHOCK, *DESIGN JUSTICE: COMMUNITY-LED PRACTICES TO BUILD THE WORLDS WE NEED*, 2020, P. 202



<https://tinyurl.com/designjusticeLL>

Questions?

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