

**First Year Seminar (Dr. Kille, Fall 2005)**

**Paper Assignment #4: Hybrid Identities**

\* Paper Due and Presentations Begin Thursday November 3

Writing Assignment (6% of total course grade)

Identity categories are not always clear-cut. In the material covered since the midterm, we examined a range of ways that people approach mixed, hyphenated, and potentially competing identities based on race, ethnicity, and citizenship. In your opinion, what is the overarching question that emerges from reviewing this material? Clearly provide the question in your opening paragraph, and then employ the rest of the paper answering this question.

The paper should be a minimum of 3 pages in length and include a title page and references list. Be sure to build relevant class material - from readings, news journal, Ambassador presentations, and class discussion. Remember that students may choose to re-write up to two short papers to improve the paper. Revised papers will be re-graded, with the final grade reflecting an average of the two grades awarded.

Presentation Assignment (3% of total course grade)

In class we will be holding our own mini-Forum event. Each student will be provided with a 5 minute time slot to make their most convincing argument based out of their papers. The exact topic focus is up to the student, but speakers are encouraged to have a clear thesis statement, supporting arguments, and strong conclusion. Note that your grade for this part of the assignment will be based on both the quality of the written preparation and oral (and possibly visual, for example: posters, handouts, power point) presentation. As such, at the beginning of class on November 3, provide the instructor with a written copy of the material that you prepared for your presentation. Note that there is not a "re-write" option as part of the presentation assignment.

Assignment Reminders:

- Students are encouraged to share their question idea with the instructor or TA in advance of writing the paper
- If you do not provide a presentation you will receive no points for this assignment. If you have a pressing reason why you cannot attend class and make your presentation, be sure to contact the instructor in advance and a make-up presentation time will be scheduled
- A laptop and projector is available if students wish to do a power point presentation. Please notify the instructor by November 1 if you plan to undertake such a presentation so the equipment may be checked out and we can ensure that the files are properly loaded