

Assignment

Central Question(s): Develop and share a narrative on your experiences with your agency and the population it serves— what do you want people to know?

Assignment: Introduce your agency, the issue area it addresses, the population it serves, etc. Recall our discussions in class around storytelling, voice, and advocacy. Use both critical and charitable lenses on your own experiences and writing to develop a narrative-employing reflective piece about your engagement in the [region] this term.

Pre-Writing Tool: Consider using the questions below as a pre-writing tool to help you examine more deeply your own thoughts before you begin composing your response. One method for doing this is to set a timer (10-20 minutes) and focus on exploring these questions for the duration of the time.

- Who is your target audience? Why? What strategies might you use to communicate with them on complex issues of inclusion, equity, and justice?
- Why is this story important? What do you want others to take away?
- How is the way you tell this story important with respect to the particular individuals with whom you have interacted?

Post-Draft Considerations: Once you have completed your initial draft of this paper, return to your pre-writing method to consider the following:

- What are the things that are *not* being said in your draft? In what assumptions might they be tied up?
- How are you addressing "the danger of the single story"?
- Does your draft clearly demonstrate your considerations around how to respectfully and responsibly share your story of engagement?
- How can you call to the center of your narrative some of your liminal experiences?

Organization: You need to integrate anecdotes from your own work and your studies (including relevant statistics and quotations from 101 and 102 readings or other research).

Citation: Use parenthetical citations for any POV101 or POV102 course readings or other research.

Title: Include a title that is both interesting & relevant to the paper topic/thesis.

Format: 4-6 pages, typed, double-spaced, 12 pt. Times New Roman word document

Research: POV101 & POV102 readings & community-based anecdotes.