

University of Northern Iowa  
 American Democracy Project (ADP)  
 (A Project of the Provost's Office)

*FACULTY AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP*

**“It’s Just Your Opinion?”: Critical Thinking in the Classroom**

Tuesday and Wednesday  
 May 19 and 20, 2009

Center for Multicultural Education

**PROGRAM OUTCOMES**

1. Identification of a common critical thinking language and foundation concepts.
2. Awareness of barriers to critical thinking.
3. Ability to help students recognize effective and ineffective thinking.
4. Identification of a variety of classroom applications and materials.
5. Appreciation for how critical thinking abilities can contribute to civil dialogue in the classroom

**SCHEDULE**

**Tuesday, May 19, 2009**

8:30-4:45 p.m.	WELCOME
8:45-9:45 a.m.	INTRODUCTION TO CRITICAL THINKING – --Mark Martenson, education consultant, Iowa Department of Education, and Co-Chair of ADP --Gerri Perreault, Director of Leadership Studies, Co-Chair of ADP
9:45-10:00 a.m.	BREAK
10:00–11:30 a.m.	IT’S JUST YOUR OPINION: FOUNDATIONS OF CRITICAL THINKING] – Jerry Smith, Professor of Management
11:30-Noon	LUNCH
12:00-1:30	REASONING, ARGUMENTATION, FALLACIES --Jerry Smith, Professor of Management
1:30-1:45	BREAK
1:45-2:45	<i>DISSOI LOGOI—Arguing from Different Sides</i> – David Grant , Assistant Professor of English
2:45 -3:00	WRAP-UP

**Wednesday, May 20, 2009**

8:30-8:45 a.m.	<i>REFLECTIONS</i>
8:45-10:00 a.m.	<i>CONSTRUCTING ARGUMENTS</i> --Catherine Palczewski, Professor of Communication Studies
10:00-10:15 a.m.	BREAK
10:15-11:30 a.m.	<i>CRITICAL READING</i> --Karen Agee, Reading and Learning Coordinator in Academic Learning Center
11:30-noon	LUNCH
Noon-1:30 p.m.	<i>SELF-DECEPTION &amp; BARRIERS TO CRITICAL THINKING</i> --Francis Degnin, Bioethicist and Assistant Professor, Philosophy and World Religions --Gerri Perreault, Director of Leadership Studies and Co-Chair of ADP
1:30-1:45 p.m.	BREAK
1:45-2:45	RUBRICS AND EVALUATING STUDENT WORK --David Grant, Assistant Professor of English --Donna Vinton, Director of Academic Assessment
2:45-3:00 p.m.	WRAP-UP

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### WORKSHOP PLANNING COMMITTEE

- o Katheryn East, Assistant Professor, Educational Psychology and Foundations
- o Mark Mortenson, Educator and Consultant with Iowa Department of Education and Co-Chair of ADP
- o Lauren Pellemounter, Executive Director, Cedar Valley Volunteer Center
- o Gerri Perreault, Director of Leadership Studies and Co-Chair of ADP
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### WHAT IS THE AMERICAN DEMOCRACY PROJECT?

UNI is one of the participating campuses in The American Democracy Project, a multi-campus initiative of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU). AASCU began the project out of a concern about decreasing rates of participation in the civic life of America in voting, in advocacy, in local grassroots associations, and in other forms of civic engagement that are necessary for the vitality of our democracy. The goal of the project is to produce graduates who understand and are committed to engaging in meaningful actions as citizens in a democracy. (See longer explanation in packet.)

### UNI ADP COMMITTEE 2008-2009

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*I know of no safe depository of the ultimate powers of the society but the people themselves; and if we think them not enlightened enough to exercise their control with a wholesome discretion, the remedy is not to take it from them, but to inform their discretion by education. --Thomas Jefferson, 1820*