

**A Dialogue Approach to Diversity and Oppression**

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**Abstract:** The proposed text for students will discuss theoretical perspectives that are essential to learning about and engaging in complex dynamics related to diversity and oppression. The organization of the text is premised on four stages of intergroup dialogue and includes decision cases, reflection activities and discussion points as a focus for class activities. The text also includes content on Interactive Theatre/Theatre of the Oppressed as a resource for advancing oppression learning.