



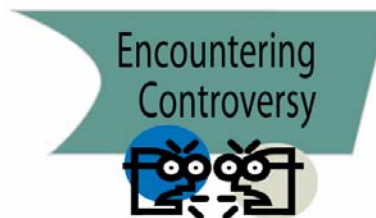
**Increase your effectiveness
at encountering controversy
in the classroom**



APPLY NOW

for the

Difficult Dialogues Faculty Fellows Program



MAY 15 - 19, 2006

or

MAY 22 - 26, 2006

UAA and APU invite all interested faculty to apply for Fellowships with the Encountering Controversy project, beginning this May. The 2-year project is one of 26 related efforts throughout the country supported by grants from the Ford Foundation as a part of their Difficult Dialogues initiative. The overall goal of the UAA/APU partnership is to engage faculty and students in constructive dialogue about sensitive political, religious, racial, and cultural issues.

The project kicks off with two week-long intensives in May 2006 to develop a cohort of faculty leaders with enhanced skills for encountering controversy in the classroom. The program will introduce faculty to a variety of approaches for fostering constructive classroom dialogues.

Faculty Fellows will receive:

- ▶ **the opportunity to publish in a nationally distributed handbook**
- ▶ **stipends of \$1600.**

Participation is limited.

Applications are due by Monday March 20, 2006 at 5 pm.



ELIGIBILITY

All UAA and APU faculty are eligible to apply, with the understanding that you must be able to:

- Attend a week-long intensive, either May 15-19 or May 22-26, 2006;
- Attend a January 2007 meeting to share experiences and assess progress;
- Attend a 3-day follow-up evaluation retreat in May 2007;
- Apply and document the outcome of one or more strategies in the classroom and as part of a university event; and
- Assist in the creation of a handbook of best practices, to be published and distributed to other campuses nationwide.



APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please follow these instructions in creating and submitting your Encountering Controversy application. An electronic copy of your application (e.g. Microsoft Word file) must be submitted to Libby Roderick at aner@uaa.alaska.edu by March 20, 2006 at 5 pm. Your application must include:

- Name of Applicant, Contact Phone, Contact Email, UAA/APU Identification Number
- Academic Department/Program/Faculty Status
- Experience and Goals (1/2 - 1 page). Describe your personal and/or professional experience grappling with controversial issues or trying to acquire the necessary skills to do so. Describe what it is you hope to accomplish by participating in the program and how you hope to apply new skills in the classroom. Please indicate roles or positions you currently occupy which require skills for encountering controversy
- Leadership Potential (1/2 page or less): Please describe ways in which your participation in the program might broadly impact teaching in your department/program, or might be used as a model by other faculty members.
- Your scheduling preference for the intensive (May 15-19, May 22-26, or no preference). Depending on the number of applicants, it may not be possible to schedule every Fellow for their preferred week. Your chances of being selected may be improved if you are available either week.
- Optional Letters of Support



SELECTION CRITERIA

Priority will be given to:

- Faculty with 1) demonstrated personal and/or professional experience grappling with controversial issues; or 2) the desire to acquire the necessary skills to do so; and 3) a clear interest in applying relevant skills in the classroom
- Faculty who indicate a potential to broadly impact teaching in their department/program, or be used as a model by other faculty members in this arena
- Tenured and tenure-track faculty
- Term faculty with three year (or longer) contracts
- Adjunct faculty with a six- or more year history with UAA or APU
- Appropriate balance of faculty across disciplines and between campuses



For more information:

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A copy of the complete Encountering Controversy proposal can be found on the CAFE website: <http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/cafef/>