

# DECOLONIZATION BOOK & ACTIVISM CLUB

*Offered through the Teacher Institute of Western Colorado University*



## The Basics

- *Faculty:* Molly Murfee
- *Dates:* Thursdays, January 9 – May 1, 2025
- *Credits:* 2
- *Format:* hybrid
- *Cost:* \$380 total (\$190 / credit)
- *Eligibility:* Available for any educator (i.e. elementary, middle school, high school, etc.), in any subject (i.e. history, English, social studies, etc.) seeking continuing education credits

## About the Course

Having conversations about racism or taking direct action can be intimidating. What if you say or do the wrong thing? What if you have a gap in your knowledge on the subject? The Decolonization Book & Activism Club is a welcoming learning community designed to collectively unearth the foundations of our colonial history giving rise to the racism, inequities, and abuse we experience today both in our societies and in our environment. Emphasis is placed on open conversations and inquiry, active listening, and creative expression. As a supportive study group, we'll grow, learn, and engage together through books, literature, exploratory writing, and personal activism selected on your own challenge by choice.

This particular session focuses on indigenous cultures and history. Monthly activities include: reading books exploring our past and informing our present and future; bi-weekly Class Discussions (available in person or on Zoom); contemplative Journaling Prompts; and Activism Activities. A private, Online Forum facilitates sharing beneficial resources and chatting between Group Discussions. Through these activities, participants become educated and informed; identify personal habits; make tangible and sustainable personal goals for action; and move out into our families, communities, work places, and social arenas to incite positive, inclusive, and equitable change armed with knowledge and understanding. Participants drive the conversation by bringing in their topics and questions of interest, and deeply engage by bringing resources to the community learning group in response to questions raised in discussions. Guest speakers from indigenous activism and educational groups will join some Class Discussions.

## Registration & More Information

Contact faculty Molly Murfee at [mmurfee@western.edu](mailto:mmurfee@western.edu)

About Molly: [www.western.edu/people/molly-murfee/](http://www.western.edu/people/molly-murfee/),

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Course registration link: [Spring 2025 Teacher Institute Courses](#)

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**Registration deadline is Friday, December 20, 2024**



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