

Semesterly Seminar IDE Discussion Program

Fall Semesters

Early in the semester the Department Chair, Associate Chair for Diversity and Inclusion, and members of the Committee on Diversity and Inclusion (CDI) generate topics and articles for discussions. Subsequently, one topical article is chosen for all members of the five departmental areas to read and discuss. Guiding questions for the discussions are developed by the members of the CDI. The Associate Chair for Diversity and Inclusion coordinates with the seminar coordinators to schedule and organize the discussions within each area. At each area seminar, the Chair, Associate Chair, one member of the CDI, and the seminar coordinator lead the discussions, first within small breakout groups and then among the entire area.

Spring Semesters

Seminar coordinators ask their graduate and postdoctoral students to generate IDE-related topics and articles that they would like to discuss during a Spring seminar meeting. The seminar coordinators collect these topics and articles and send back to the students. Subsequently, the students in the area rank their top 3 to 5 choices. The coordinators collate the responses and send the “consensus” top 3 to 5 choices to the Associate Chair. The members of the CDI review topics and rankings, with the goal of identifying common themes and top choices. One topical article will be chosen, and discussion of the article will proceed in the same manner as in the Fall semesters.