

ABET, Ethics, and DEI

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DEI integrated into our teaching: is it possible?





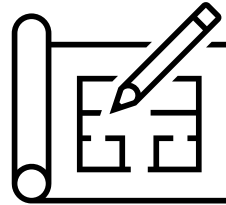
We can and we must: DEI is an integral part of our work

- Principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion are reflected in 2 guiding documents:
 - ABET Student Outcomes
 - ASCE Code of Ethics



DEI in ABET Student Outcomes

2. an ability to apply engineering design to produce solutions that meet specified needs with **consideration of** public health, safety, and welfare, as well as **global, cultural, social, environmental, and economic** factors.



~~Design~~

→ Design to meet societal needs



3. an ability to communicate effectively with a range of audiences.

~~Communicate~~

→ Inclusive communication

Inclusive Science Communication

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Microaggressions

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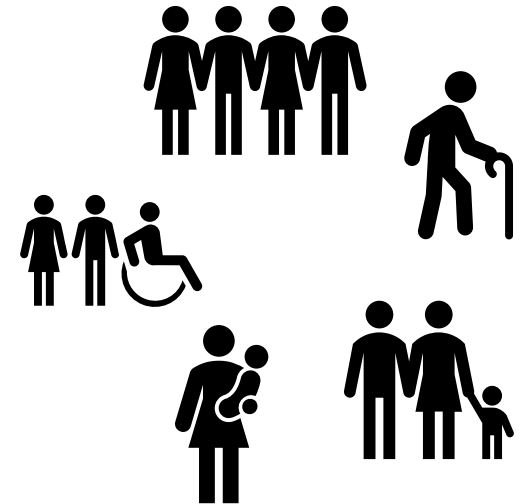
DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIVE TEACHING



4. an ability to recognize ethical and professional responsibilities in engineering situations and make informed judgments, which must consider the impact of engineering solutions in global, economic, environmental, and societal contexts.

~~Ethics~~

→ Social and economic impacts of engineering





5. an ability to function effectively on a team whose members together provide leadership, **create a collaborative and inclusive environment**, establish goals, plan tasks, and meet objectives.

~~Work in teams~~

→ Inclusive teamwork

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Teamwork



Engineers govern their professional careers on the following fundamental principles:

- create safe, resilient, and sustainable infrastructure;
- treat all persons with respect, dignity, and fairness in a manner that fosters equitable participation without regard to personal identity;
- consider the current and anticipated needs of society; and
- utilize their knowledge and skills to enhance the quality of life for humanity



DEI in ASCE Code of Ethics

SOCIETY

Engineers:

f. treat all persons with respect, dignity, and fairness, and reject all forms of discrimination and harassment;

g. acknowledge the diverse historical, social, and cultural needs of the community, and incorporate these considerations in their work;

NATURAL AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Engineers:

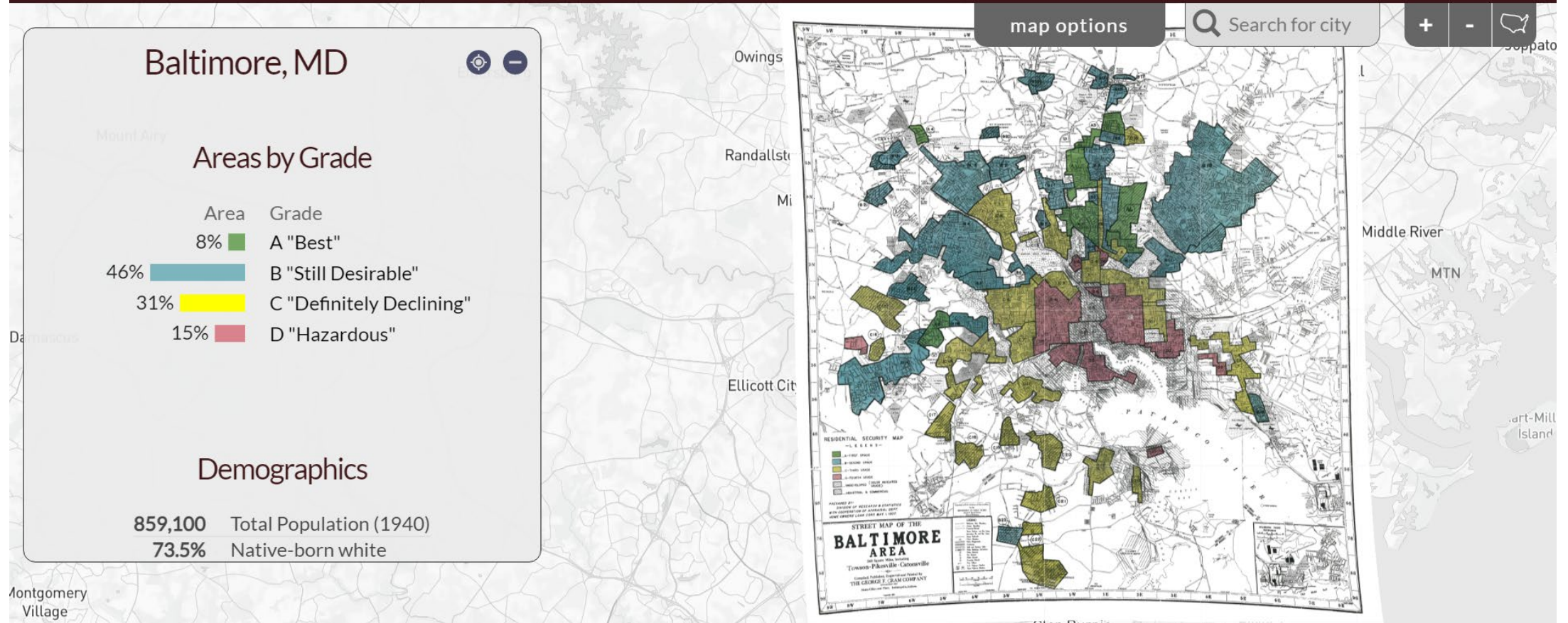
b. consider and balance societal, environmental, and economic impacts, along with opportunities for improvement, in their work;

c. mitigate adverse societal, environmental, and economic effects;



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DEI in ASCE Code of Ethics

PROFESSION

Engineers:

e. promote mentorship and knowledge-sharing **equitably** with current and future engineers;

f. **educate the public** on the role of civil engineering in society; and

g. continue professional development to enhance their technical and **non-technical** competencies.

PEERS

Engineers:

d. **promote and exhibit inclusive, equitable, and ethical behavior** in all engagements with colleagues;

f. **encourage and enable** the education and development of other engineers and prospective members of the profession;



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1. [Diversity in Education and the Workplace Bibliography](#)

... Discrimination in the Workplace **Diversity** ... annotated list of websites, books and articles looking at **diversity** in education and the workplace. ... goals is to address the benefits and challenges of **diversity**, inclusivity and culture within mentoring ...

2. [Diversity Subject Aid](#)

... Discrimination in the Workplace **Diversity Diversity** in Research Design and Practice ... guide to some key resources and readings on the topic of **diversity** in the STEM disciplines. ...

3. [Chapter 6: Underrepresented Groups in Physics](#)



But really – can it work? Curricular reform at Rowan

Strategies for Improving Diversity and Inclusion in an Engineering Department

Harriet Hartman, Ph.D.¹; Tiago Forin²; Beena Sukumaran, Ph.D.³; Stephanie Farrell, Ph.D.⁴;
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What: "CEE Department's initial efforts to increase class and curricular inclusion focused on **situating technical content within a broader context**, drawing connections to other disciplines, recognizing the impact of technical solutions on different segments of society, and recognizing the importance of contributions of individuals from diverse groups to the field of civil and environmental engineering."

How: "**Courses are being revised to include concepts from the humanities** such as history of civilizations, ethics, gender/racial biases, social injustices, and public policy... using a multipronged approach."

Specifics: "Students are assigned **case studies, readings, movies, and documentaries** that expose them to social and cultural issues."



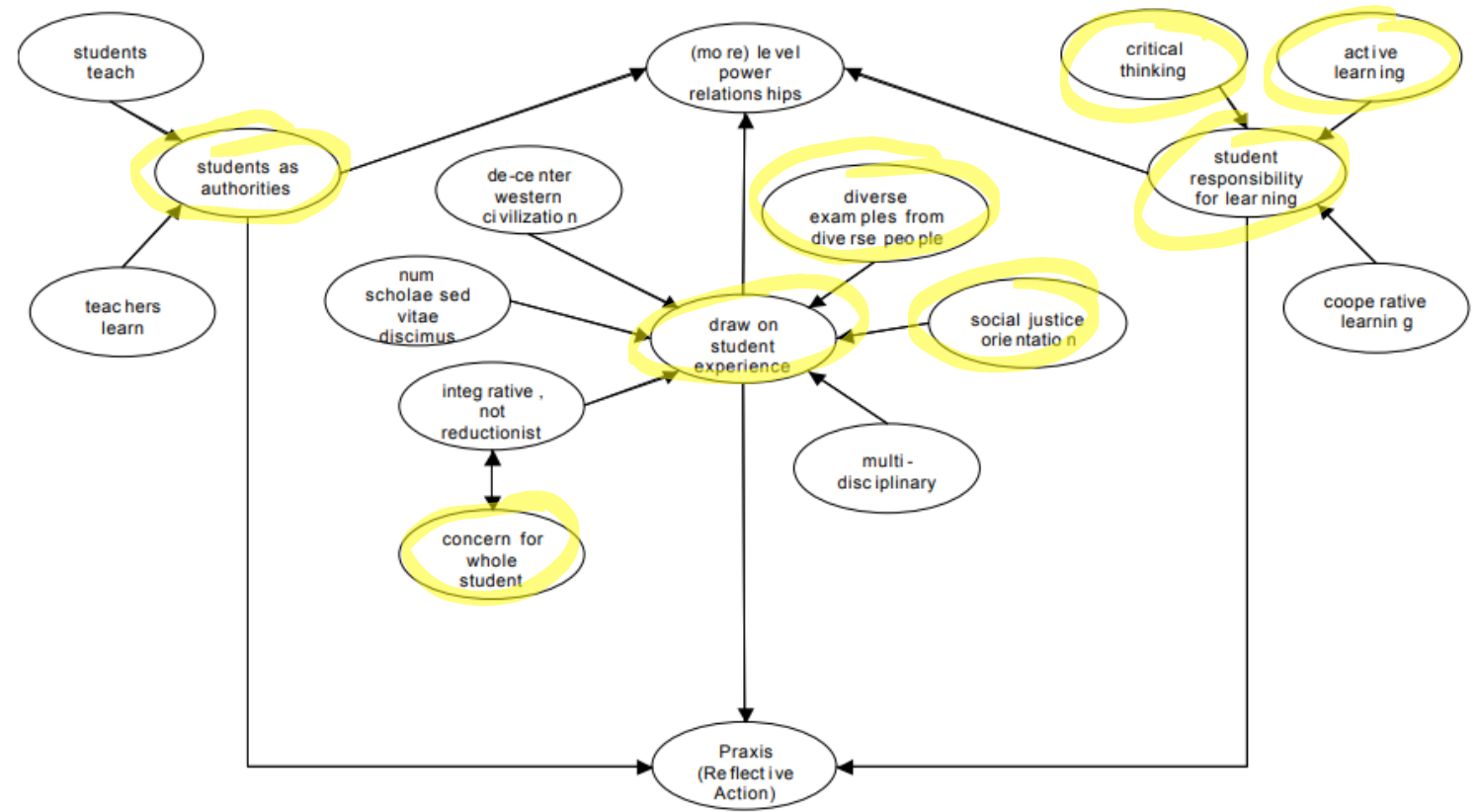
But really – can it work? Teaching thermo at Smith

Pedagogies of Liberation in an Engineering Thermodynamics Class

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Approach:

- Connect to the known to motivate & build confidence
- Have students teach content to another
- Arrange the room in a circle
- Open-ended student reflections
- De-center Western experiences
- Make student work on ethics, diversity, and inclusion matter (it should be worth credit)





Inclusive teaching

<https://ctal.udel.edu/resources-2/inclusive-teaching/>

CoE inclusive teaching series

<https://resources.engr.udel.edu/faculty/inclusive-teaching/>

Mapping Inequality

<https://dsl.richmond.edu/panorama/redlining/#loc=5/39.1/-94.58>

Online Ethics Center

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