



# Knapsack Institute: Transforming Teaching & Learning

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*“The workshops ended up being a “transformative” experience for me, professionally and personally. It left me stirring in one way, and peaceful in another. I walked away feeling re-energized and re-focused. It was so moving to find a “space” in the academy for intense, emotional, work like this. I hope to see KI friends again! Many, many, many Thanks!”*

For the third consecutive year, on a scale from 1-10, participants rated the institute a “10” in the following areas:

- This Institute was very useful and valuable to me
- I received many concrete tools & strategies that will help me in my teaching
- Speakers were knowledgeable & engaging

**The Knapsack Institute** supports educators across the nation as they create curriculum and pedagogy to build inclusive classrooms and organizations. The Institute is a program of *The Matrix Center for the Advancement of Social Equity and Inclusion*, the home of the *White Privilege Conference*.

**The Knapsack Institute** provides participants with a framework for teaching about the matrix of privilege and oppression. The Institute welcomes **all** educators (K-12, higher education, diversity trainers, non-profit staff, etc.). Alumni include K-12 and higher education faculty, and facilitators at many levels, from a wide range of disciplines, backgrounds, non-profit and business organizations. Participants spend three intensive days in an intimate setting with a team of highly trained and skilled facilitators.

### **The Knapsack Institute:**

- *Emphasizes pedagogical approaches to teaching diversity*
- *Provides professional growth and development, including CEUs & academic credits*
- *Provides mentoring and leadership development*
- *Supports curriculum building*
- *Provides hands-on activities, tools and practices that can be replicated to build inclusive classrooms*
- *Provides strategies for dealing with resistance*
- *Provides suggestions for creating institutional change in your organization*
- *Provides resources and networking opportunities to support on-going change*
- *Is a forum for sharing ideas and strategies*

**Special sessions for K-12 Educators** Breakout sessions examine issues such as: bullying, ally building, issues of safety for students, understanding microaggressions, creating inclusive environments, and culturally responsive practices.

**For more information and/or an application please call 719-255-4764 or visit: <http://www.uccs.edu/~knapsack/>**