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Xavier Online Professional Development for Middle and High School Teachers Cultural Activism in the Classroom

New Orleans LA – As part of its recent enhancement of academic offerings, Xavier University of Louisiana is offering a new online professional development workshop on <u>Cultural Activism in the Classroom</u> for Middle and High School Teachers that takes place from October 3rd-November 13th.

Tuition is \$300 for the 6-week (50 hours) workshop, earning 5 Continuing Education Units or equivalent. The course is designed for Middle and High School Teachers in all subjects and in all 50 states to help increase students' capacities as learners and leaders through collaborations with artists and organizers in the community.

The curriculum is built around ideas, stories and activities found in *Beginner's Guide to Community-Based Arts 2nd Edition* by Keith Knight and Mathew Schwarzman, and translated for Common Core curricula in English/Language Arts, Science, Math, Social Studies, History and Health. Other texts include *The Teacher as Cultural Worker* by Paolo Freire and *Learning on Display* by Linda D'Acquisto.

Registration is open and available at <u>https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cultural-activism-in-the-classroom-online-program-tickets-36282998425</u>, or by contacting the Xavier University of Louisiana Center for Continuing Studies & Distance Education at <u>ccsde@xula.edu</u>, or calling 504-520-7669. A complete list of all online workshops and course offerings is available at <u>xula.edu/xulaonline</u>.

About Xavier University of Louisiana

Xavier was recently ranked as the nation's #2 HBCU (Historically Black College and University) by College Consensus, a unique college ratings website that aggregates publisher rankings and student reviews, in its newly released publication, *Best HBCUs for 2018.* Xavier was also among the four colleges selected by Beyonce and her *BeyGood Foundation* as the recipient of a Homecoming Scholars Scholarship Award announced after her much lauded performance at Coachella.

That's just the latest in national accolades Xavier has received as one of the best universities in the country. Most notably, XULA is ranked as the best value among southern regional colleges and universities in the 2018 edition of "Best Colleges" by the *U.S. News* Media Group. Xavier also ranked No.1 in its grouping, heading the list of only 15 schools that qualified for the Southern Region category listed under "Great Schools, Great Prices."

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