

ESSAY 3: FINDING THE WAY FORWARD

The Central Topic

In this essay, you will reflect on our readings and discussions this semester to propose an answer to the central question of our course: “Is there a way forward for Chicana/os in academia that does not reproduce the racial ideologies and inequities of the past?” If so, what are ways of moving forward, and what differences can they make? If not, explain what leads you to doubt whether there is a way forward. Your essay should explain both the challenges Chicana/os face in graduate school and the assets that they bring in pursuit of advanced degrees. Of course, you should draw from the readings for argumentative and illustrative support of your argument.

Essential Information

- 8 – 10 pages in length
- 25% of overall grade
- Due Dates: First Draft: December 9 (an optional writing workshop; attendance is not required)
 Final Version: December 16 (submitted electronically via email)
- Your submitted version must be
 - Formatted with 1” margins all around
 - Double-spaced
 - Printed in 12-point Times New Roman
 - Numbered on all pages
 - Spell-checked
 - Carefully edited and proof-read
 - Compatible with a standard academic style of citation (MLA, APA or Chicago)