Meet KU’s Diversity Scholars for 2016-17

Twelve KU faculty members have been chosen for the inaugural Diversity Scholars Program, which will promote broader faculty adoption of teaching methods, strategies, and course materials that enhance inclusivity and respect for diversity in KU classes. The program is funded by the Offices of Faculty Development and Academic Affairs and is working in consultation with the Office of Diversity and Equity.

Program goals include improving the retention, progression and academic success of students from underrepresented groups, as well as increasing all students’ understanding and respect for diversity. Faculty members leading the program are Marta Caminero-Santangelo and Darren Canady, Department of English, and Shannon Portillo, School of Public Affairs and Administration.

The Diversity Scholars will work together on incorporating greater attention to diversity and more inclusive practices in their classes. Scholars will also discuss department- or unit-specific strategies for working with colleagues in their areas to promote and facilitate inclusive teaching and mentoring strategies.

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