

4th Annual Seminar Place, Identity, Culture, Home: Meanings of times and places in our lives. Jemez Springs, NM.

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*Saturday, December 9, 4 pm MST to
Wednesday, December 13, 12 pm MST*

OUTLINE

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We all learn differently. Some people prefer engaging in not knowing what's next while others appreciate step-by-step description of what to expect. This outline is created for all of us to meet in the middle of our learning preferences. Our seminar includes attendance of a number of unique events in the area as a way to explore various layers of cultures and identities. It also incorporates deep learning built on a principle of the emerging design, which is driven by a group composition. We have had participants coming more than once and having completely new experiences.

Learning Process:

Participants engage in large group discussions, small group activities and individual reflections. Seminar facilitators emphasize balanced approach to learning by balancing visual, auditory, and kinesthetic techniques. Experiential learning approach is significantly strengthened by incorporating cultural exploration events.

Main Topics – driven by a composition of a group, both personal and professional.

Cultural Identity (previous groups discussed race and ethnicity, gender, generation, national, multicultural, LGBTQ, and various other identities)

Sense of Place (previous groups discussed transitions and adjustments, belonging, intersection of place and identity, what makes it home, etc.)

Cultural Exploration (previous groups discussed insider/outsider experiences, dominant/non-dominant cultures, role of history in current events, etc.)

Cultural Exploration Events:

December 9: Visit 14th Century site of Giusewa of the original Jemez Pueblo on the most beautiful night (luminarias) of the year in this historic site.

December 12: Visit Jemez Pueblo for a traditional feast at the house of local artist and to observe the ritual matachines dance. No pictures or videos are allowed. This event can be only experienced in person and only if you are invited.

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Bodhi Manda Zen Center plays an integral part in the learning process.

Participants engage with its unique culture in a variety of ways, including communal meal rituals, service learning projects, meditation, and hot springs soaks.



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