Humanity 101 on the Homefront: Parenting Across Cultures Event Report

Event Details-
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019
Time: 12-2pm
Venue: ASU West
Facilitator: Dr. Nicole Roberts
Panelists: Lauren Van Huisstede
           Sonia Vega Lopez
           Denise Bodman
           Brittany Romanello
           Catalina Cayetano
           Yasaman Parsi
           Lolan Lauvao
           Isaac Joslin

Total Attendees: 52
Feedback Responses: 24

What are three words that describe your experience from this event?
Three most used words: interesting, informative
- Engaging, interesting, empowering
- Encouraged, learned, humbled
- Contemplative, consciousness, intentionality
- Informational, interesting, engaging
- Eye-opening, thought-provoking
- Interesting, warm, supportive
- Thought-provoking, powerful
- Respect, informative, network
- Helpful, exchange of knowledge, conversational
- Informative, enlightening, humbled
- Informing, organized, inviting
- Interesting, cool, long
- Interesting, informative, diverse
- Humbling, interesting, informative
- Knowledgeable, illuminating, necessary
- Interested, thought-provoking, curious
- Awareness building, educational
- Informative, diverse, fair
- Validating, informative, collaborative
- Interesting, enlightening
- Open, diverse, focused
- Enlightening, thoughtful, self-reflection
Organized, genuine, reflective
Culture is individual and particular, parenting has universal values and we should live with those. I take the pledge.

What new awareness did you gain or what is your takeaway from this experience?
- The richness of parenting across cultures can be viewed from different points of view but there are many commonalities.
- Roles vs. function of parenting.
- Takeaway: education. The more I can learn about others and their perspectives/beliefs, the more I can reach out/connect to people I know.
- Cultural awareness how identity affects parenting.
- The impact of culture on parenting is a very strong force.
- Multicultural parenting as survival. Maintaining cultural values in the face of pressure to assimilate.
- Importance of this topic as an ongoing conversation.
- Ideas from other people.
- Being aware of parent’s cultures and not projecting biases.
- Lots of wonderful information. Loved learning about parenting. Multiculturally as resistance.
- Conscious parenting and its connection to Humanity 101.
- The impact of cultural differences in parenting practices.
- I learned important points that different does not mean wrong and praise works for harder than punishment.
- There are different perceptions of culture and different definitions within specific cultures.
- No right way to parent but there are universal ethics that need to be considered.
- Universal truths- regardless of culture and presuming positive intentions about parents/parenting who are “different”
- The value of multiculturalism within the wide subject of parenting.
- Parenting styles (in-depth)
- Thinking about intersection of culture and role of parent.
- Intercultural. Sometimes even the “experts” get it wrong.
- Self-awareness is needed to transfer knowledge to another being. Compassion and kindness is never wrong. I must re-parent myself before being a parent.
- Parenting competency is subjective.
- The broad interest in in culture and family across academic disciplines.
- How diverse parenting is in our conversations about Japanese and Chinese parenting- I was like “what?”

How might this event impact your life and work?
- I loved the term “intercultural”
- More research on services for non-traditional parenting roles.
- Have discussions with my partner, my kids, my parents, my friends
● Change in perspective in raising my children.
● When I eventually have kids I’ll keep this seminar in mind.
● I do training for high school teachers and would like to incorporate some of the concepts discussed today.
● Yes, it helps me understand more about other perspectives.
● Helpful in regards to framing my reflective questions to parents.
● I love learning so I have a higher level of awareness with regards to multicultural issues in parenting.
● Allowed me to refine my research area and moment of self-reflection in my own parenting.
● Interesting ideas for future parenting research.
● I would utilize this in communicating more efficiently with my own parents and family.
● Very reflective with how I may parent my kids and how I interact with my parents.
● Open-mindedness with differences.
● I’d like to think through talk/training teachers on their interactions and work with parents.
● Broadened understanding.
● Change the way I look at/ expect from parents.
● New teaching material for my parenting class.
● Teaching.
● Taught me the struggles academics are doing to spread a maternal consciousness.
● As a new mentor it will help me to understand ideologies being reflected n /through my mentee.
● Connections with other intellectuals.
● It makes me rethink the way I perceive the way I live and plan things.

Other comments about this event:
● The format allowed for having greater involvement than a traditional panel setting.
● I would have liked more data/research to structure the conversation!
● This event was very informative and gaining knowledge on how our values in immigrants plays a role in with cultures.
● All the panelists are really knowledgeable and thought provoking.
● A list of resources for further reading/study would be great.
● I hope there will be more like this!
● 1st timer, I will be returning.
● Maybe a different seating arrangement. Not conducive/neck-friendly to turn.
● I really enjoyed the diversity of backgrounds of everyone.
● Cool discussion.
● I appreciated the idea of the worksheets but I do with the group members had more time to learn from one another alongside the info from panelist perspectives.
What other topics would you be interested in learning about?

- Humanities principles in the work setting.
- More psychological topics?
- Open mind.
- Biases/cultural projections especially to migrant families or anyone.
- Maybe an event with students from high school and middle schools talking about their biggest challenges?
- Morality discussion focused on parenting.
- How can we better recognize and respond to potential warning signs of mental pain/ shootings/ etc.
- Stress
- School pressures.
- Multicultural acceptance of LGBTQA+ people.
- Sibling/other family dynamics (extended?)
- Dietary routes
- Communities and multicultural spaces
- Environmental issues in the southwest from the humanistic perspective

Participant Feedback Demographic:
- ASU Student: 7
- ASU Staff: 6
- Community: 8
- Student-Other:

Media and Promotion:

ASU Now, Family matters to ASU’s Project Humanities
https://asunow.asu.edu/20190823-arizona-impact-family-matters-asu-project-humanities

AZ Culture: ASU Project Humanities Announces Fall Events
http://www.azculture.com/asu-project-humanities-announces-fall-events/?utm_source=AZCultur