Introduction
Welcome!

“The unexamined life is not worth living.” Plato.

You are to begin an educational journey. My goal is to be your guide and mentor in this process. My overall perspective is that we all learn from each other. My role is to guide the discussions and create a safe, enthusiastic, and provocative learning environment. Your role is to willingly share your personal wisdom, respect all your classmate’s viewpoints and grow as an intellectual person.

I am originally from Brazil, the youngest son of a family of five girls and two boys. I first came to the United States in June 1998 and I lived in Ashland, Oregon for seven years. After receiving a bachelor’s degree in Sociology at Southern Oregon University, I moved to San Diego where I attended San Diego State University and graduated in May 2010 with a Master’s degree in Sociology. Currently, I am a doctoral candidate in Higher Education at Claremont Graduate University.

On the personal level, I am a big fan of soccer, movies, music, and I prefer cats over dogs. I have a great passion for books and the academic life.

Course Description
This course presents the sociological analysis of race, ethnicity, and racism while examining the cultural, historical, political, and economic practices and institutions that support or challenge racism, racial and ethnic inequalities, and patterns of interaction between various racial and ethnic groups.

Course Information
The grade for this course will consist of the following activities: weekly assignments, midterm exam, a group project, and the final exam.

Textbook information
Race & Racisms: A Critical Approach
Authors: Tanya Maria & Golash-Boza
Additional Resources

Canvas
The course can be accessed via Canvas at cv.canyons.edu on the first day of the course. Follow the login instructions at the bottom of the screen to log in. Here, you can also access Canvas user guides with helpful tips for navigating and using Canvas. For any Canvas related issues please call the Canvas Student Support line at (661)362-3344 during college business hours, or (877)889-9052 for 24/7 support.

Distance Learning
Check out the Distance Learning website for more information on a variety of topics that can help you be a successful online student such as: exam proctoring, learning styles, computer skills, and tips for student success. If this is your first online course, feel free to take our online learning readiness assessment to assess your skills.

The Learning Center (TLC)
The TLC provides FREE tutoring resource to COC students including:
- Face-to-face & ONLINE tutoring
- Testing Center: offers test proctoring services for courses that have required proctored exams
- Study Jam Review Sessions
- Computers with over 300 software programs
For more information visit the TLC Website.

Disabled Students Program & Services (DSPS)
College of the Canyons DSPS provides educational services and access for eligible students with documented disabilities who intend to pursue coursework at COC. A variety of programs and services are available which afford eligible students with disabilities the opportunity to participate fully in all aspects of the college programs and activities through appropriate and reasonable accommodations. For more information on their services visit the Disabled Students Program & Services website.

Online Counseling
The Counseling Department offers appointments online. You can schedule an appointment by visiting the Online Counseling website. Counselors can help you map out a plan to reach your educational goals as well as advise you on course selection and registration.